



## **Santa Clara Valley Water District Environmental and Water Resources Committee Meeting**

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California  
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### **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Monday, January 26, 2026  
6:00 PM**

**District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.**

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Arthur M. Keller, Committee Vice Chair

Director Shiloh Ballard, District 2  
Director Nai Hsueh, District 5  
Director Tony Estremera, District 6

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

1.1. Roll Call.

**2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

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### 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 3.1. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

[25-0953](#)

Recommendation: Elect 2026 Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 4.1. Approval of October 20, 2025 Environmental and Water Resources Committee Minutes.

[26-0110](#)

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 10202025 EWRC minutes](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

### 5. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 5.1. Receive an Update on the Desalination Engineering Feasibility Study.

[26-0063](#)

Recommendation: Receive an Update on the Desalination Engineering Feasibility Study.

Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes

- 5.2. Receive Update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and Incorporation of Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Conservation Measures for Coyote Creek.

[26-0112](#)

Recommendation: Receive update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and incorporation of FAHCE conservation measures for Coyote Creek.

Manager: Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes

- 5.3. Review and Approve 2025 Annual Accomplishments Report for Presentation to the Board (Committee Chair). [25-0956](#)

Recommendation:     A. Approve the 2025 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board; and  
                              B. Provide comments to the Committee Chair to share with the Board as part of the Accomplishments Report presentation pertaining to the purpose, structure, and function of the Committee.

Manager:             Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments:        [Attachment 1: EWRC 2025 Accomplishments Report](#)

Est. Staff Time:     5 Minutes

- 5.4. Review and Receive Updates on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups. [26-0068](#)

Recommendation:     A. Review and receive updates on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups, and  
                              B. Provide comments to the Board on implementation of Valley Water's mission applicable to working groups' recommendations.

Manager:             Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments:        [Attachment 1: EWRC Working Groups January 2026](#)  
                              [Attachment 2: EWRC FINAL Working Group Restructure](#)

Est. Staff Time:     5 Minutes

- 5.5. Review and Approve Environmental and Water Resources Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests, the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda, and Recommend the Proposed 2026 EWRC Work Plan to the Board. [26-0067](#)

Recommendation:     Review and Approve the Committee work plan to guide the committee's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation; and recommend the proposed 2026 EWRC Work Plan to the Board.

Manager:             Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments:        [Attachment 1: 2026 EWRC Work Plan](#)

Est. Staff Time:     5 Minutes

## **6.     STANDING ITEMS**

- 6.1.     Director's Reports.
- 6.2.     Manager's Reports.
- 6.3.     Announcements.

**7. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**

*This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.*

**8. ADJOURN:**

8.1. Adjourn. The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026.