BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
11:00 AM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A Closed Session and Regular Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference.

1.1. ROLL CALL.

Board members in attendance were Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Nai Hsueh, John L. Varela, and Richard P. Santos presiding, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Director Rebecca Eisenberg and Chairperson Estremera arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance were Melanie Richardson, Interim Chief Executive Officer; C. Orellana, District Counsel: Candice Kwok-Smith, Clerk, Board of Directors; E. Aryee, A. Baker, L. Bankosh, A. Beaman, M. Bilski, J. Bourgeois, R. Chan, O. El-Qoulaq, R. Gibson, V. Gin, J. Golka, A. Gschwind, C. Hakes, S. Inda, C. Lawson, A. Lee, L. Mason, R. McCarter, P. McElroy, T. Ndah, L. Penilla, M. Poole, M. Richardson, R. Ruiz, K. Struve, D. Taylor, and T. Yoke.

2. 11:00 AM - CLOSED SESSION:

Vice Chair Santos confirmed that the Board would adjourn to Closed Session to consider Items 2.1 and 2.2.

Director Eisenberg and Chairperson Estremera arrived.

2.1. CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a)
Agency Designated Representatives: M. Richardson, T. Yoke, P. McElroy, A. Lee, E. Meeks, J. Carlos Orellana, L. Mason, E. Kreisberg
Employee Organizations: Employees Association, Engineers Society, Professional

Managers Association
Unrepresented Employees: All Valley Water Unclassified Positions

2.2. CLOSED SESSION
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Title: District Counsel
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

2.3. District Counsel Report on Closed Session.

Carlos Orellana, District Counsel, reported that in regard to Item 2.1, the Board met in Closed Session with all members participating and took no reportable action.

Chairperson Estremera, reported that in regard to Item 2.2, the Board met in Closed Session with all members participating and took no reportable action.

3. 1:00 PM - TIME CERTAIN:

3.1. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

Director Varela led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.2. Orders of the Day.

Chairperson Estremera confirmed that there were no changes to the Orders of the Day.

3.3. Time Open for Public Comment on any Item not on the Agenda.

Chairperson Estremera declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. No one was present who wished to speak.

Chairperson Estremera read the Board Meeting Decorum document into the record which provides guidelines for respectful and professional conduct during the board meeting.

Move to Approve:	Richard Santos
Second:	John L. Varela
Yeas:	Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Rebecca Eisenberg, Tony Estremera, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Nai Hsueh
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None
Recuses:	None
Absent:	None
Summary:	7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

3.4. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program Master Agreements, Credit Agreements, Term Sheets and Certain Other Documents with Respect to the Water Utility, and Authorizing Certain Acts in Connection Therewith, to Obtain Loans of up to One Billion Dollars for Certain Water Enterprise Projects.

Recommendation: A. Adopt the Resolution AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CORPS WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PROGRAM MASTER AGREEMENTS,

CREDIT AGREEMENTS, AND TERM SHEETS AND CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE WATER UTILITY AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, to obtain loans of up to one billion dollars for certain Water Enterprise projects; and

B. Authorize and direct the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer (or any acting or interims of such positions), or their designees, (each an "Authorized Officer"), and such other officers and staff of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, acting singly to do any and all things, to execute and deliver any and all documents which such officers may deem necessary or advisable in order to consummate the execution and delivery of all the Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program agreements, and the ongoing administration thereof.

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-55 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CORPS WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING PROGRAM MASTER AGREEMENTS, CREDIT AGREEMENTS, AND TERM SHEETS AND CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE WATER UTILITY AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, by roll call vote, to obtain loans of up to one billion dollars for certain Water Enterprise projects.

Move to Adopt:	John L. Varela
Second:	Richard Santos
Yeas:	Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Tony Estremera, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Nai Hsueh
Nays:	Rebecca Eisenberg
Abstains:	None
Recuses:	None
Absent:	None
Summary:	6 Yeas; 1 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

3.5. Receive and Discuss Revisions to the Draft Water Supply Master Plan 2050 and Provide Feedback to Staff.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss revisions to the draft Water Supply Master Plan 2050 and provide feedback to staff.

Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, Water Supply Division, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Board Agenda Memo and per the information contained in Attachment 4 and Handout 3.5-A, herein. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

Ralph Pistoresi, of undisclosed residency, requested information regarding the availability of property for water storage.

Peter Van Dyke, Loma Prieta RCD, informed the Board that education is the key to success in water conservation.

The Board noted the information without formal action.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR:

The Board considered Consent Calendar Items 4.1 through 3.4 under one motion.

4.1. Adopt a Resolution Declaring September 20, 2025, as California Coastal Cleanup Day in Santa Clara County.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution DECLARING SEPTEMBER 20, 2025, AS CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

4.2. Approve Recommended Funding Requests for Federal Fiscal Year 2027.

Recommendation: Approve the recommended funding requests for federal fiscal year 2027 for Valley Water-sponsored and Valley Water-supported projects and priorities.

4.3. Approval of Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

4.4. Accept the CEO Bulletin for the Weeks of August 22, Through September 4, 2025.

Recommendation: Accept the CEO Bulletin.

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar Items 4.1 through 4.4, under one motion, as follows: adopt Resolution No. 2025-56, DECLARING SEPTEMBER 20, 2025, AS CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY, by roll call vote, as contained in Items 4.1; approve recommended funding requests for Federal Fiscal Year 2027, as contained in Item 4.2; approve the minutes, as contained in Item 4.3; and accept the CEO Bulletin, as contained in Item 4.4.

Move to Approve:	Richard Santos
Second:	Nai Hsueh
Yeas:	Shiloh Ballard, Jim Beall, Rebecca Eisenberg, Tony Estremera, Richard Santos, John L. Varela, Nai Hsueh
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None
Recuses:	None
Absent:	None
Summary:	7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

5.1. Board Committee Reports.

The Board reviewed the information on the June 27, 2025, Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee meeting summary Handout 5.1-A and noted the information without formal action. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:

None.

7. WATERSHEDS:

None.

8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

None.

9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

None.

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

10.1. CEO and Chiefs' Reports.

Chief of External Affairs Rachael Gibson reviewed the attached Office of Civic Engagement Monthly Update, identified as Handout 10.1-A; and Office of Government Relations, identified as Handout 10.1-B, respectively, herein. Copies of the Handouts were distributed to the Board and made available to the public

Interim Chief Executive Officer Melanie Richardson informed the Board that, on September 9, 2025, Valley Water transmitted a letter to California Water Commission Executive Officer Laura Jensen formally withdrawing from the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Water Storage Investment Program. A copy of the letter will be provided to the Board for its records.

11. ADMINISTRATION:

None.

12. DISTRICT COUNSEL:

None.

13. BOARD POLICY PLANNING CALENDAR/PROPOSED FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS:

13.1. 25-0684 Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar.

Recommendation: Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar.

Candice Kwok-Smith, Clerk, Board of Directors, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Board Agenda Memo.

The Board noted the information without formal action.

14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Director Beall reported attending meetings with the Santa Clara County regarding Measure A. He reported on the passing of Senator John Burton.

Director Eisenberg also commented on Senator John Burton's passing.

Director Santos reported that he attended many meetings and that there is a need for a South County project.

Director Varela reported attending a Water Education for Latino Leaders Legislative Briefing meeting; a meeting with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Interim Executive Director Marwan Khalifa; a Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce meeting; and a Santa Clara County Farm Bureau Board Meeting.

Director Hsueh reported attending a San Francisquito Joint Powers Authority meeting; a Stream Maintenance Program Draft Environmental Impact Report Public Meeting; and various meetings with staff.

Director Ballard reported attending the aforementioned Santa Clara County Farm Bureau Board meeting; a Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission meeting; a Silicon Valley Pride Parade; a San Jose Conservation Corps, Charter School meeting, and a Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building Trades Council meeting.

Chair Estremera reported attending an interview with Epoch Times, a meeting with Delta Conveyance Authority Chief Executive Officer Graham Bradner, and various meetings with staff.

15. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF BOARD REQUESTS:

None.

16. ADJOURN:

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m. by acknowledging that between September 15 and October 15, 2025, Valley Water will join in celebrating Chicano/Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month and in honor of Congressman and Senator John Burton. The Board will convene for the next Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.

Candice Kwok-Smith
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: October 28, 2025