



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD CIP PLANNING SESSION
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025
9:30 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A Special Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors was called to order at 9:30 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, Richard P. Santos, John L. Varela, and Tony Estremera, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Director Rebecca Eisenberg arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance were Melanie Richardson, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Carlos Orellana, District Counsel; Candice Kwok-Smith, Clerk, Board of Directors; A. Baker, M. Bilski, R. Chan, J. Codianne, A Garcia, V. Gin, A. Gordon, C. Hakes, C. Lawson, A. Lee, M. Lugo, R. McCarter, P. McElroy, L. Penilla, K. Struve, D. Taylor, G. Williams, B. Yerrapotu, and T. Yoke. Deputy Administrative Officer Marta Lugo represented Chief of External Affairs Rachael Gibson.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

Vice Chair Santos led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. 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.

2. 9:30 AM - TIME CERTAIN:

2.1. Board Workshop on Adapting Santa Clara Valley Water District's Capital Improvement Program to Meet Emerging Challenges.

Recommendation: Conduct a Board Workshop on Adapting Santa Clara Valley Water District's Capital Improvement Program to Meet Emerging Challenges.

Director Eisenberg arrived.

The Board entered into a work-study session on the Board Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Planning Session.

Melanie Richardson, Interim Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the information on this Item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed as follows: Roger Jackson, Facilitator, reviewed Slides 1 through 3 and Slide 43; Luz Penilla, Assistant Officer, reviewed Slides 4 through 6, 18 through 20, 34 through 35, and 38 through 42; Marta Lugo, Acting Chief of External Affairs, reviewed Slides 7 through 8; Darin Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed Slides 9 through 17, 21 through 32 and 36 through 37.

Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill resident, expressed concern in regard to the perceived lack of groundwater charging projects in Morgan Hill.

Peter Van Dyke, Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District, asked the Board whether neighboring cities can help share the burden of costs in mitigating damage to natural habitats along the creeks due to flood control measures.

3. ADJOURN:

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m. The Board will convene for the next Special meeting at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 3, 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: September 23, 2025