



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

# DRAFT MINUTES

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**REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026  
12:00 PM**

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(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting and of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was called to order by Hon. Chairperson Dailey in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 12:04 p.m.

A quorum 12 was established of Commission members present in person.

**Members in attendance were:**

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate</u></b>
City of Campbell	Hon. Member Terry Hines	
City of Cupertino	Hon. Member Shelia Mohan	
City of Los Altos	Hon. Member Pete Dailey	
Town of Los Altos Hills	Hon. Member Linda Swan	
Town of Los Gatos	Hon. Member Rob Rennie	
City of Milpitas	Hon. Member Carmen Montano	
City of Palo Alto	Hon. Member Keith Reckdahl	
City of San Jose	Hon. Member Domingo Candelas	
City of Saratoga	Hon. Member Yan Zhao	
City of Sunnyvale	Hon. Member Murali Srinivasan	
County of Santa Clara	Hon. Member Sylvia Arenas (AB2449)	
Open Space Auth. SCV	Hon. Member Calvin Gill	
Midpen. Regional OSD	Hon. Member Jed Cyr	

**Members not in attendance were:**

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate</u></b>
City of Campbell		Hon. Member Sergio Lopez
City of Cupertino		Hon. Member JR Fruen
City of Gilroy	Hon. Member Dion Bracco	Hon. Member Terence Fugazzi
Town of Los Gatos		Hon. Member Maria Ristow
City of Milpitas		Hon. Member Gary Barbadillo
City of Monte Sereno	Hon. Member Lisa Shannon	Hon. Member Bryan Mekechuk
City of Morgan Hill	Hon. Member Yvonne Martinez-Beltran	Hon. Member Miriam Vega
City of Mountain View	Hon. Member Lucas Ramirez	Hon. Member Pat Showalter
City of Santa Clara	Hon. Member Karen Hardy	Hon. Member Suds Jain
City of Saratoga		Hon. Member Kookie Fitzsimmons
City of Sunnyvale		Hon. Member Charlsie Chang
County of Santa Clara		Hon. Member Betty Du'ong
Midpen. Regional OSD		Hon. Member Yoriko Kishimoto

Valley Water Board members attendance were Vice Chairperson Richard Santos (District 3), Director Nai Hsueh (District 5) and Director Shiloh Ballard (District 2).

Staff members in attendance were: Jennifer Abadilla, Brandon Adriano, Gina Adriano, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Rita Chan, Wendy Ho, Matt Keller, Emila Lamas, Nicole Merritt, Carmen Narayan, David Ngo, Carlos Orellana, Mark Poole, Stephanie Simunic, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Metra Ulloa, Jing Wu, Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance were: Carly Deitsch, Jeff Provenzano (City of San Jose).

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

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**3.1. Approval of October 22, 2025 Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Meeting Minutes.**

**Recommendation: Approve the minutes.**

The Commission considered the attached minutes of the October 22, 2025 meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Hon. Carmen Montano and seconded by Hon. Rob Rennie and the minutes were approved by majority roll call vote.

Hon. Sylvia Arenas concluded her participation by teleconference and rejoined, as noted below.

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Yeas: T. Hines, P. Dailey, L. Swan, R. Rennie, C. Montano,  
K. Reckdahl, D. Candelas, M. Srinivasan, K. Gill, J. Cyr.

Nays: None

Abstains: S. Mohan, Y. Zhao

Recuses: None

Absent: D. Bracco, L. Shannon, Y. Martinez-Beltran, L. Ramirez,  
K. Hardy, S. Arenas

Summary: 10 Yeas; 0 Nays; 2 Abstains; 6 Absent.

#### 4. REGULAR AGENDA:

##### 4.1 Election of Char and Vice Chair.

**Recommendation: Election of Chair and Vice Chair.**

The Commission considered this Item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments: None.

Hon. Sylvia Arenas rejoined the meeting by teleconference.

It was moved by Hon. Carmen Montano and seconded by Hon. Linda Swan for Hon. Murali Srinivasan to become the 2026 Chairperson, and was carried by a majority roll call vote.

Yeas: T. Hines, S. Mohan, P. Dailey, L. Swan, R. Rennie, C. Montano,  
K. Reckdahl, D. Candelas, Y. Zhao, M. Srinivasan, S. Arenas,  
K. Gill, J. Cyr.

Nays: None

Abstains: None.

Recuses: None

Absent: D. Bracco, L. Shannon, Y. Martinez-Beltran, L. Ramirez,  
K. Hardy.

Summary: 13 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 5 Absent.

It was moved by Hon. Carmen Montano and seconded by Hon. Yan Zhao for Hon. Rob Rennie to become the 2026 Vice Chairperson, and was carried by a majority roll call vote.

Yeas: T. Hines, S. Mohan, P. Dailey, L. Swan, R. Rennie, C. Montano,  
K. Reckdahl, D. Candelas, Y. Zhao, M. Srinivasan, S. Arenas,  
K. Gill, J. Cyr.

Nays: None

Abstains: None.

Recuses: None

Absent: D. Bracco, L. Shannon, Y. Martinez-Beltran, L. Ramirez,  
K. Hardy

Summary: 13 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 5 Absent.

**4.2 Review and Approve 2025 Annual Accomplishments Report for Presentation to the Board (Commission Chair).**

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

Stephanie Simunic reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Commission Agenda Memo, and reviewed the information contained in Attachment 1.

Stephanie Simunic was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None

It was moved by Hon. Domingo Candelas, seconded by Hon. Calvin Gill, the 2025 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board was carried by a majority roll call vote.

Yeas: T. Hines, S. Mohan, P. Dailey, L. Swan, R. Rennie, C. Montano, K. Reckdahl, D. Candelas, Y. Zhao, M. Srinivasan, S. Arenas, K. Gill, J. Cyr.

Nays: None

Abstains: None.

Recuses: None

Absent: D. Bracco, L. Shannon, Y. Martinez-Beltran, L. Ramirez, K. Hardy

Summary: 13 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 5 Absent.

**4.3 Receive Information on Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan 2050.**

**Recommendation:**                    **A. Receive Information on Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan 2050.**

Kirsten Struve reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Commission Agenda Memo, and reviewed the information contained in Attachment 2.

Kirsten Struve and Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: Carley Deitsch.

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The Commission discussed the following with staff input including: discovering impacts of local data center demands on customers, Valley Water's feasibility study of using desalination in the south bay, expanding water storage relating to dams and reservoirs (notably Sites Reservoir), following federal regulatory rules, historical and forecasted demand based on Association of Bay Area Governments projections, Valley Water's investment and partnership efforts, and project options grouped by primary benefits.

Hon. Pete Dailey left the meeting and did not return.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

#### **4.4 Review and Provide Comment to the Board on Staff's Preliminary Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Groundwater Production Charges.**

**Recommendation:** **Discuss staff's preliminary Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Groundwater Production Charge analysis; provide comment to the Board as desired.**

Carmen Narayanan reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Commission Agenda Memo, and reviewed the information contained in Attachment 1.

Carmen Narayanan, Darin Taylor, Kirsten Struve, and Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None

The Commission discussed the following with staff input including: adding an indication of quantitative issues of not doing capital projects, concerns for ratepayers relating to raised rates, the preliminary schedule for adopting rates, and the Pure Water Silicon Valley project.

Hon. Sylvia Arenas concluded her participation by teleconference and did not return.

Hon. Domingo Candelas left the meeting and did not return.

The Commission received the information and took no formal action.

#### **4.5 Review and Approve the Proposed 2026 Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Commission (SCVWD WC) Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests, the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda; and Recommend the Proposed 2026 SCVWD WC Work Plan to the Board.**



**6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS:**

None.

**REPORTS:**

**7.1. Directors Report**

Director Santos thanked the Commission for their questions and comments.

Director Ballard announced Valley Water's approval of a grant agreement for funding acquisition of Sargent Ranch with Peninsula Open Space Trust.

**7.2 Managers Report**

No report was received.

**7.3 Committee Member Report**

No report was received.

**7.4 Informational Links**

Links noted on agenda.

**8. ADJOURN**

**8.1 Adjourn. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026.**

Chairperson Srinivasan adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Stephanie Simunic,  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date approved: