



## Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors Meeting

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California  
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### SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Friday, February 20, 2026  
11:00 AM

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

DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Tony Estremera, Chair-District 6  
Richard P. Santos, Vice Chair-District 3  
John L. Varela-District 1  
Shiloh Ballard-District 2  
Jim Beall-District 4  
Nai Hsueh-District 5  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

1.1. Roll Call.

**2. 11:00 AM - CLOSED SESSION:**

*Notice to the Public: The Board of Directors meets in Closed Session in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. Following the conclusion of Closed Session discussion, the Board will return for the remaining items on the meeting agenda.*

2.1. CLOSED SESSION [26-0221](#)  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

2.2. CLOSED SESSION [26-0222](#)  
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Significant Exposure to Litigation  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Number of cases: multiple

2.3. District Counsel Report on Closed Session.

**3. ADJOURN:**

- 3.1. The Board will convene for the next Closed Session and Regular meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.