



Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California
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CLOSED SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, June 23, 2026
11:00 AM**

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

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Tony Estremera, Chair-District 6
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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 regular meeting agenda.

2.1. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant Exposure to litigation

Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2):

One Potential Case

[26-0565](#)

2.2. CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Titles: District Counsel and Clerk of the Board

[26-0561](#)

2.3. CLOSED SESSION
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, INITIATION OF LITIGATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
One Potential Case
(Continued from June 9, 2026)

2.4. District Counsel Report on Closed Session.

3. 1:00 PM - TIME CERTAIN:

3.1. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

3.2. Orders of the Day.

A. *Approximate Discussion Time (Board); and*

B. *Adjustments to the Order of Agenda Items.*

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

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All public comments requiring a response will be referred to staff for a written reply. The Board/Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.

3.4. Review Proposed Modifications to Projects E5 and F6 of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program and Set the Time and Place for the Public Hearing.

Recommendation:

- A. Review and provide input on staff's proposed modifications to Projects E5 and F6 of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program; and
- B. Set the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed modifications to Projects E5 and E6 of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program for 1:00 PM on July 14, 2026, at the Santa Clara Valley Water District Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Teleconference Zoom

Board Meeting.

Manager: Luz Penilla, 408-630-2228

Attachments: [Attachment 2: Draft Public Notice Ad](#)
[Attachment 3: Change Control Process At-A-Glance](#)
[Attachment 4: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. CONSENT CALENDAR: (4.1 - 4.4) (Est. Time: 5 Minutes)

Notice to the public: There is no separate discussion of individual consent calendar items. Recommended actions are voted on in one motion. If an item is approved on the consent vote, the specific action recommended by staff is adopted. Items listed in this section of the agenda are considered to be routine by the Board, or delegated to the Board Appointed Officers (BAOs) yet required by law or contract to be Board approved (EL-7.10). Any item may be removed for separate consideration at the request of a Board member. Whenever a resolution is on the consent calendar, a roll call vote will be taken on the entire calendar. Members of the public wishing to address the Board on any consent items may do so by filling out a Speaker Card and submitting it to the Clerk or using the "Raise Hand" tool located in the Zoom meeting application to identify themselves to speak.

- 4.1. Adopt Recommended Positions on Federal Legislation: H.R. 3717 [26-0125](#)
(Harder) / S. 4603 (Schiff) - Golden Mussel Eradication and Control Act; S. 4536 (Rosen) - Protecting America's Drinking Water from Extreme Temperatures Act; And Other Legislation That May Require Consideration by the Board.

Recommendation: A. Adopt a Position of "Support and Amend" on H.R. 3717 (Harder) / S. 4603 (Schiff) - Golden Mussel Eradication and Control Act; and
B. Adopt a Position of "Support" on S. 4536 (Rosen) - Protecting America's Drinking Water from Extreme Temperatures Act.

Manager: Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237

- 4.2. Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Cost Sharing Between Santa Clara Valley Water District and San Benito County Water District for an Updated North San Benito Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan in the Amount of \$1,634 Annually and \$8,170 Over a Five-Year Term. [26-0511](#)

Recommendation: A. Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Cost Sharing Between Santa Clara Valley Water District and San Benito County Water District for development and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update for the North San Benito Groundwater Basin in

the Amount of \$1,634 annually and \$8,170 over a five-year term; and

- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Manager: Greg Williams, 408-630-2867

Attachments: [Attachment 1: MOU](#)

- 4.3. Consider and Approve Nominations for Two-Year Committee [26-0518](#)
Appointments and Reappointments to the Santa Clara Valley Water Youth Commission.

Recommendation: Consider and approve nominations for two-year appointments and reappointments to the Santa Clara Valley Water Youth Commission.

Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

Attachments: [Attachment 1: SCVWD Resolution No. 17-75](#)
[Attachment 2: 2026 YC Applications, Redacted](#)
[Attachment 3: 2026 YC Alternate Member Applications, Redacted](#)

- 4.4. Approve the Board of Directors' Quarterly Expense Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2026. [26-0524](#)

Recommendation: A. Review the Board of Directors' Quarterly Expense Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026; and
B. Approve the Report if the reimbursements comply with Board Policy.

Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Quarterly Expense Report](#)

5. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- 5.1. Board Committee Reports.

6. WATER UTILITY ENTERPRISE:

- 6.1. Approve the Agreement with National Water Research Institute (NWRI) to Provide Technical Support Services for the California Validation (CalVal) Program and Expedite Technical Guidance Necessary for the Pure Water Silicon Valley Project for a Total Not-to-Exceed fee of \$500,000. [26-0535](#)

Recommendation: Approve the Standard Non-Consultant Agreement with the National Water Research Institute, to provide technical support services for the CalVal Program and expedite technical guidance necessary for the Pure Water Silicon Valley Project for a total not-to-exceed fee of \$500,000.

Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov. Code § 84308](#)
[Attachment 1: Agreement](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

7. WATERSHEDS:

8. ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

- 8.1. Approve and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. A4932A with Stillwater Sciences, for Regulatory Permitting Services for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, Project No. 91864005, Increasing the Not-to-Exceed Fee by \$1,251,113 for a Revised Total Not-to-Exceed Fee of \$4,169,706. (Morgan Hill, District 1). [26-0539](#)

Recommendation: Approve and execute Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. A4932A with Stillwater Sciences, for regulatory permitting services for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, Project No. 91864005, increasing the not-to-exceed fee by \$1,251,113 for a revised total not-to-exceed fee of \$4,169,706.

Manager: Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983
Attachments: [Attachment A: Gov Code 84308](#)
[Attachment 1: Amendment No. 2](#)
[Attachment 2: Amendment No. 1](#)
[Attachment 3: Original Agreement](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

9. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

- 9.1. Approve Fiscal Year 2026 Standard Grants for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program. [26-0509](#)

Recommendation:

- A. Review and discuss staff's recommendations for Fiscal Year 2026 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Safe, Clean Water Program) standard grant awards;
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer or designee to approve and execute non-consultant agreements for four (4) standard grant projects at a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,776,760; and
- C. Authorize reallocating the remaining Fiscal Year 2026 standard grant funding towards Fiscal Year 2027 mini-grants and refill station grants, with \$73,240 for mini-grants and \$20,000 for refill station grants.

Manager: Rachael Gibson, 408-630-2884

Attachments: [Attachment 1: FY 2026 Standard Grant Guidelines](#)
[Attachment 2: FY 2026 Standard Grant Application Summaries](#)
[Attachment 3: FY 2026 Staff Funding Recommendations](#)
[Attachment 4: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 minutes

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

10.1. CEO and Chiefs' Report.

11. ADMINISTRATION:

12. DISTRICT COUNSEL:

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

13.1. Review the Fiscal Year 2026 Board Policy Planning Calendar.

14. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

15. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF BOARD REQUESTS:

16. ADJOURN:

16.1 The Board will convene for the next Regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.