



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

# DRAFT MINUTES

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## REGULAR MEETING

**MONDAY, December 15, 2025  
11:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Capital Improvement Committee (Committee) was called to order in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 11:00 a.m.

#### 1.1 Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were District 4 Director Jim Beall and District 5 Director Nai Hsueh, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee. District 6 Director Tony Estremera, Vice Chairperson, arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance were: Gina Adriano, Antonio Alfaro, Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, Erin Baker, Audrey Beaman, Sarah Berning, Mark Bilski, Wade Blackard, Sam Bogale, James Bohan, John Bourgeois, Lisa Brancatelli, Rita Chan, Barton Ching, Theresa Chinte, Jen Codianne, Jessica Collins, Enrique De Anda, Jiana Escobar, Andrew Garcia, Joshua Golka, Samantha Greene, Lori Gregory, Chris Hakes, Wendy Ho, Cody Houston, Sunshine Julian, Candice Kwok-Smith, Linn Latt, Cecil Lawson, Dave Leon, Sadie Lum, Ryan McCarter, Patrice McElroy, Nicole Merritt, Isabella Munoz, Carmen Narayan, Tony Ndah, J. Carlos Orellana, Max Overland, Samantha Pe-Wong, Luz Penilla, Alison Phagan, Mark Poole, Mike Potter, Kristie Resendez, Melanie Richardson, Don Rocha, Breanne Roderick, E. Ray Ruiz, Stephanie

Simunic, Darin Taylor, Dorothy Tsou, Robert Yamane, and Bhavani Yerrapotu.

Public in attendance were: BreaRode, Cathy, Rebecca Eisenberg, iPhone 58, Katja Irvin, Denis R., SJ, and Rick Vicente.

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

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

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

3.1. Approval of October 20, 2025 Capital Improvement Program Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Beall, seconded by Chairperson Hsueh, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.

## **Regular Agenda:**

4.1. Review the Capital Project Plan Updates from the Board Adopted Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2026-30 Five-Year Plan and Review and Consider Recommendations Regarding the Development of the Capital Improvement Program Preliminary Fiscal Year 2027-31 Five-Year Plan.

Recommendation: Review the Capital Project Plan Updates from the Board Adopted Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2026-30 Five-Year Plan and review and consider recommendations regarding the development of the Capital Improvement Program Preliminary Fiscal Year 2027-31 Five-Year Plan and provide recommendations to staff as needed.

Vice Chairperson Estremera arrived at 11:05 a.m.

Jessica Collins and Carmen Narayan reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 through 4. Jessica Collins, Carmen Narayan, Darin Taylor, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Chris Hakes, and Ryan McCarter were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to the stability of reserve levels after FY36, discussion with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding various projects,

identification and possible implementation of smaller scale projects, grants currently being pursued, groundwater charge protections, and impacts of possible WIFIA loans.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and requested that staff provide information in its January 13, 2026 report to the Board relating to the status of grant pursuits and which projects will be lobbied for more Federal and State funding.

#### 4.2. Receive and Discuss Information Regarding the Status of Capital Projects in the Design and Permitting Phase.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss information regarding the status of capital projects in the design and permitting phase.

Emmanuel Aryee, Ryan McCarter, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Samantha Greene, and Tony Ndah reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by staff per the row and Deputy's initials as follows: Emmanuel Aryee reviewed rows marked EA, Ryan McCarter reviewed rows marked RM, Bhavani Yerrapotu reviewed rows marked BY, Samantha Greene reviewed rows marked LB, and Tony Ndah reviewed rows marked TN. Emmanuel Aryee, Ryan McCarter, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Samantha Greene, Tony Ndah, and Chris Hakes were available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to the possibility of raising the height of the reservoir as part of the Calero Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, cost sharing for the SF Bay Shoreline project, and Berryessa Creek mitigation.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

#### 4.3. Receive and Discuss Information Regarding the Status of Capital Projects in the Construction Phase.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss information regarding the status of capital projects in the construction phase.

Emmanuel Aryee, Ryan McCarter, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Cecil Lawson, and Tony Ndah reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by staff per the row and Deputy's initials as follows: Emmanuel Aryee reviewed rows marked EA, Ryan McCarter reviewed rows marked RM, Bhavani Yerrapotu reviewed rows marked BY, Cecil Lawson reviewed rows marked CL, and Tony Ndah reviewed rows

marked TN. Emmanuel Aryee, Ryan McCarter, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Cecil Lawson, and Tony Ndah were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to various worker classifications and most-represented trade unions among craftspeople performing work at the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project and the future construction of the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.4. Receive Information on Change Orders to Anderson Dam Tunnel Project Construction Contract.

Recommendation: Receive information on Change Orders to Anderson Dam Tunnel Project Construction Contract.

Ryan McCarter reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2 and was available to answer questions.

Public Comments: None.

Without discussion, the Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.5. Review 2025 and 2026 Capital Improvement Program Committee Work Plans and 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule.

Recommendation: Review the 2025 Capital Improvement Program Committee Work Plan and make adjustments as necessary; and confirm dates for the 2026 CIP Committee meetings.

The Committee considered this item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments: None.

Chairperson Hsueh noted that the Project Close Out Activities item can be removed from the Work Plan in favor of the auditor's report. She further noted that approval of the 2026 meeting schedule will be held until the Committee assignments have been approved in January 2026.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

## **5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS:**

*This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.*

The Committee took no action.

## **6. ADJOURN:**

### **6.1. Adjourn.**

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Dave Leon  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved:

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