

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Recycled Water Committee

SUBJECT: Recycled Water Committee (RWC)
June 25, 2025 Special Meeting Summary.

DATE: August 12, 2025

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the meeting of the Recycled Water Committee (RWC) held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

Receive Purified Water Program Update Including Partnership with the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara.

The Committee reviewed the information, took no formal action, and Director Beall confirmed the City of Milpitas has purple pipes and is involved with the San Jose-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility and expressed interest in potentially engaging cities outside the county such as the City of Fremont or areas in the South Alameda County for the purified water initiative.

Receive Desalination Engineering Feasibility Study Update.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and Director Beall confirmed staff is looking to reach out in the future to the Cities of Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale regarding desalination. The Committee noted water rights, high costs, and proximity to both a deep-water outfall and the Valley Water system are among the challenges associated with desalination. The Committee confirmed interest in receiving the reports again regarding the regional desalination effort. Director Beall confirmed that dependent upon the final alternative selected, staff may look to review how sea level rise could affect desalination in the Bay Area. The Committee confirmed that the study is in the preliminary stage and an update is scheduled for the fall 2025.

Receive State and Federal Grant Opportunities Update.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and confirmed that staff are scheduling meetings with local congressional representatives during their time in their home districts. The Committee confirmed that the Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Planning grants update would be shared at the next Joint Water Resources Committee meeting with the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill.

Receive and Discuss the 2025 RWC Work Plan and Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and the Next Meeting Date.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and noted without further discussion the updated RWC Work Plan and support for the expansion of nonpotable recycled water use topic, which was a referral from the June 10, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, to be addressed at the RWC July 30, 2025, meeting.

The next special RWC meeting was scheduled to occur at 12:00 p.m. on July 30, 2025.

Board member comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Nicole Merritt, Assistant Deputy Clerk II at (408) 630-3262 or by email to nmerritt@valleywater.org.

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