

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Directors **FROM**: Recycled Water Committee

SUBJECT: 10/21/2021 RWC Meeting Summary DATE: November 23, 2021

This memorandum summarizes the Recycled Water Committee (Committee) meeting held on October 21, 2021. Chairperson Tony Estremera, and Committee Members Richard Santos and Gary Kremen were present, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

3.1 Approval of Minutes.

The Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of the August 25, 2021, and September 22, 2021, meetings.

4.1 Update on Purified Water Program Implementation including Partnership with Cities of San Jose and Palo Alto.

The Committee was informed that a review of eight statements of qualifications to develop a short list was ongoing; the first facilitated meeting to resume discussions on agreements on the Purified Water Project (PWP) with City of San Jose had been scheduled; and that agenda items for the October 25, 2021, Joint RWC meeting with Palo Alto, Mountain View, and East Palo Alto would be as follows: Update on Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan (CoRe Plan), and Updates on Valley Water Collaboration with Partners on Purified Water and on Public Private Partnership (P3). With regard to City of Palo Alto, a Reverse Osmosis Concentrate (ROC) Management Plan (building on the foundation of the ROC project management, pilot studies, and technical analysis from the past three years) was presented to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) in a meeting among their staff, Valley Water, and City of Palo Alto. In response, the Regional Water Board provided a Letter of Concurrence on the feasibility of discharging ROC through the existing outfall at the Palo Alto Regional Water Quality Control Plant, and that in the short term, compliance for ROC discharge should be achievable based on permit modifications supported by technical studies. With regard to Outreach, staff continue to conduct stakeholder outreach to faith-based organizations, and the Santa Clara County Medical Association Environmental Committee, and pursue letters of support from other organizations.

Ms. Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, announced that Mr. Paul Brown, Paul Redvers Brown, Inc. President, had been chosen as facilitator of resumed discussion on the PWP agreement with City of San Jose. She added that staff anticipate meeting with the Regional Water Board in December to discuss progress on technical studies that support regulatory compliance, and that geotechnical borings along the proposed pipeline route have been completed while collaborative efforts on ROC Management continued between Valley Water and City of Palo Alto.

In response to the Committee, staff stated that the first negotiation meeting with City of San Jose would be a discussion on the PWP schedule and direction from Board of Directors. The Committee will be given an update on the results of the discussion.

With regard to City of Palo Alto, Ms. Struve added that staff collaboration with city counterparts on term sheets of the lease agreement continued. Staff offered to highlight at the October 25, 2021 joint meeting, any of the items planned for discussion, as follows: updates to the CoRe Plan, PWP, P3, and HomeKey shelter project that is being located on the proposed site, schedule of the city's smaller salt-removal facility; pipeline alignments in Palo Alto/Mountain View; and draft renderings of what the facility site may look like.

With regard to outreach, Ms. Struve informed the Committee that additional public forum to obtain feedback is planned on the project in preparation for the release of the draft EIR early next year. She also reported that in September, five Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center virtual tours were conducted, which included information on potable water reuse, an overview of the PWP, and a tour for District 25 Assemblymember Alex Lee.

Mr. Matt Keller, Program Administrator, informed the Committee about the ongoing campaign for the 15 percent mandatory conservation goal set by the Board in June 2021, which used the slogan "Purified Water and Conservation, Together our Future is Drought- proof," and would be launched in the next few weeks.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

4.2 Discuss the 2021 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan, Upcoming Discussion Items, and Next Meeting Date.

The Committee unanimously approved the Updated RWC 2021 Work Plan.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m., to the next scheduled meeting at 12:00 p.m., on December 1, 2021.

Board member comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Ms. Eva Sans, Assistant Deputy Clerk II, at (408) 630-2306, or by email at esans@valleywater.org.



Recycled Water Committee Chairperson