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DATE: January 11, 2022

In regard to outreach, the Committee was informed that public and private purification center virtual tours had continued with 12 tours and 400 public members hosted. Private virtual tours completed and planned include City of Palo Alto's Public Works Department, Santa Clara Kiwanis Club, and Almaden Hills United Methodist Church. Campaigns on purified water as a local water supply have been included in water conservation outreach to Santa Clara County through multilingual digital, radio, social media and television advertising.

The Committee expressed appreciation for staff in meeting the PWP project schedule despite distractions in the process of finalizing a purified water facility, and acknowledged staff's diligent efforts that benefited the community through this project.

The Committee unanimously approved staff recommendations that staff proceed to go to the full Board and recommend that, subject to successful completion of needed agreements with the City of Palo Alto and the CEQA process, Palo Alto will be the site for a P3 project; that staff can continue discussions with the City of San Jose and Santa Clara to pursue a potential purified water project; and that staff can extend the funding agreement with City of San Jose until July 1, 2022. Subsequently, the December 1, 2021 Committee recommendations were agendaized as Item 4.3 on the December 14, 2021 regular Board meeting agenda.

4.2 South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Opportunities.

The Committee was reminded about the establishment of a Technical Working Group (TWG) by the Joint Water Resources Committee in August 2021. The TWG, composed of staff from Valley Water and the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill, aims to evaluate the opportunities and constraints of a single comprehensive Water Reuse Agreement that would provide consistent water reuse terms and conditions countywide, including provisions to advance water reuse and purified water production, distribution, and wholesaling and promote cost sharing. Mr. Dave Tucker, Associate Engineer-Civil, added the TWG's first meeting occurred in September 2021 where the TWG reviewed its purpose as adopted by their respective elected bodies and discussed each agency's water supply expectations to develop a common understanding. Important expectations included developing a plan, the water supply nexus, and any impact on future rates. At the TWG's October 2021 meeting, the work group discussed the development of a comprehensive agreement; reviewed planning documents and processes that were already undertaken in south county; and discussed the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan (CoRe Plan) as the basis to evaluate future water reuse and purified water opportunities for south county. At their November 2021 meeting, discussion was on the water supply planning process developed by the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill, which included an analysis of the opportunities and gaps for reuse in south county, and a discussion on advantages and challenges for a comprehensive water reuse agreement. Mr. Tucker informed the Committee that the TWG would meet again on December 16, 2021 to discuss how best to address the current legal agreements, and to prepare for the TWG's January 5, 2022 presentation to the Joint Water Resources Committee meeting. Subsequently the TWG meeting had been rescheduled from December 16, 2021 to December 21, 2021.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

4.3 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, and cancellation of the December 22, 2021 regular meeting, and directed staff to determine a date for the next Committee meeting in January 2022.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m., to a date in January 2022 to be set by staff.

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.

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