



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Recycled Water Committee

**SUBJECT:** 08/14/19 RWC Committee Meeting Summary      **DATE:** September 10, 2019

This memorandum summarizes the Recycled Water Committee (Committee) meeting held on August 14, 2019, where the following workplan items were discussed:

### 3.1 Update on the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan

The Committee received a status update on development of pre-engineering (1%) and preliminary (10%) project designs pertinent to the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan (CWRMP) project portfolios, and an overview of August 13, 2019 meeting with the Project Partner Group. Staff confirmed that the Engineered Treatment Cells at SVAWPC pilot study funded by a \$250,000 grant from the Regional Water Quality Board would be completed in Fall 2019; and that an application for a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation would be submitted for additional pilot studies pertinent to RO Concentrate treatment alternatives. Staff will meet with regulatory agencies (e.g., Regional Water Board, Department of Drinking Water, etc.) in September 2019 to present and share the progression of the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan and RO Concentrate Management project.

### 3.2 Update on Partnership with the City of Palo Alto and City of Mountain View to Expand Water Reuse.

The Committee received information related to ongoing discussions with Palo Alto and Mountain View to expand water reuse in Santa Clara County. The update included staff's plans to improve the salinity of non-potable recycled water in Palo Alto and Mountain View, as well as Valley Water's ability to secure 9 MGD of effluent for a long-term regional program. The Committee was also informed that an update on the Voluntary Settlement Agreement would be presented to the Committee in November 2019.

Mr. Peter Drekmeier, Palo Alto resident, and Tuolumne River Trust Policy Director, expressed disagreement with Valley Water's position on the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan (Bay Delta Plan), opined that citizens of Palo Alto will object to more developments, and said that Valley Water's responses to his request for drought water supply model designs were inadequate.

The Committee requested that the Partnership Agreement with the City of Palo Alto include language that allows flexibility for effluent quality variances, and requested that staff provide Mr. Drekmeier with the information he requested on drought water supply model designs.

### 3.3 Review Recycled Water Committee Work Plan.

The Committee confirmed the following changes to the schedule:

- September 5, 2019 – Joint Meeting with Cities of Palo Alto/Mountain View is confirmed.
- September 11, 2019 – Recycled Water Committee regular meeting is canceled.

#### **4.1 Information on the Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee (City of San Jose/Valley Water/City of Santa Clara.**

Staff informed the Committee that they would be sending the draft model ordinance for new development, the Water Supply Master Plan analysis related to climate change, a list of projects and schedule associated with the Countywide Reuse Master Plan, and potential rate impacts, by the end of August 2019.

The next regular Committee meeting will be held on October 9, 2019.

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

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