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TO:	Board of Directors	FROM:	Recycled Water Committee
SUBJECT	11/20/20 RWC Meeting Summary	DATE:	January 12, 2021

This memorandum summarizes the Recycled Water Committee (Committee) meeting held on November 20, 2020, where the following workplan items were discussed. Vice Chairperson Barbara Keegan was excused from attending. Chairperson Estremera and member Gary Kremen were present, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

3.1 Approval of Minutes.

The Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting.

4.1 Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan (Reuse Master Plan Update).

The Committee received information on the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan which is now referred to as the CoRe Plan. The second and final draft of the CoRe Plan is currently being reviewed by stakeholders. The current version incorporates feedback from the planning exercises with the Independent Advisory Panel, Project Partner Group, regulatory agencies and other stakeholders, and includes information on updates to the South Bay Water Recycled Master Plan. It also includes scaled-down projects to allow for phased implementation.

Different project elements were designed so they can be reassembled to fit the different portfolios, with the plan to initially build a purification facility either in Palo Alto or San Jose. The 10 percent engineering design includes 150 miles of pipeline and ten different strategies for purification facilities, storage tanks, and pump stations. The final draft will be updated to address comments, if any, from final meetings with the Executive Leadership Group, Project Partner Group, and regulators, with a completion date set for February 2021.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

4.2 Update on Purified Water Program including Partnerships with Cities of San Jose/Santa Clara and Palo Alto/Mountain View.

The Committee received information on ongoing partnership discussions with the Cities of San Jose/Santa Clara (SJ/SC) and Palo Alto/Mountain View (PA/MV).

During these discussions, PA indicated their preference for a long-term lease, rather than a purchase agreement, at the former Los Altos Treatment Plant (LATP) site. SJ also prefers a long-term lease over a purchase agreement for the land next to the existing Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center.

Staff is currently working to obtain access to the PA and SJ sites to conduct preliminary environmental and geotechnical analyses, including wetland delineation at the LATP site; cultural resources investigation at the SJ site; soil borings to determine soil conditions and foundation design parameters; and desktop studies of available reports for the SJ and PA sites.

The Committee was informed of the direction given to SC staff by SC Council on October 13, 2020, which was to participate in discussions with SJ and Valley Water. Discussions so far have revolved around the quantity of effluent available from the SJ/SC Regional Wastewater Facility, securing land options, and reverse osmosis concentrate management options. The next meeting with the SJ/SC is scheduled for December 1, 2020.

In response to Director Kremen, the Committee was informed that a \$200,000 initial payment had been made in July 2020, in accordance with Valley Water's Partnership Agreement with PA/MV, and future payments to be made as needed to reimburse PA for costs associated with the design phase of the salt-removal facility, beginning in early 2021.

Ms. Karin North, City of Palo Alto Watershed Protection Manager, informed the Committee that the (wastewater) effluent transfer agreements with the smaller partners (\$100K distributed amongst the partners) had received approval from City of Los Altos. Los Altos Hills will go to their council in December and PA staff is working with Stanford and East Palo Alto Sanitary District to draft agreements in the first half of 2021.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

4.3 Update on Public/Private Partnership Procurement Plan Schedule for Purified Water Projects.

The Committee received information on the critical paths associated with releasing the P3 Request for Proposals. One of the critical paths is the CEQA documentation which will be time intensive because of the regulated process involved. Other factors that will affect the release of the RFP are the contractual resolutions on wastewater commitments, land options, and management of reverse osmosis concentrate. A revised P3 procurement milestones schedule was received by the Committee with an updated scheduled RFP release of 4th quarter, Calendar Year 2021.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

4.4 Discuss the 2020 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan, Upcoming Discussion Items, and Next Meeting Dates.

The Committee noted the last meeting scheduled for 2020 occurring on December 23, at 12:00 p.m.; requested a December 23, 2020 update on ongoing negotiations and the P3 process; and confirmed that their 2021 Work Plan would be discussed during their first meeting in January 2021.

The next regular Committee meeting will be held on December 23, 2020.

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

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