



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Recycled Water Committee

SUBJECT: 09/22/21 RWC Meeting Summary

DATE: November 9, 2021

This memorandum summarizes the Recycled Water Committee (Committee) meeting held on September 22, 2021. Chairperson Tony Estremera, Vice Chairperson Gary Kremen, and Committee Member Richard Santos were present, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

3.1 Update on the Purified Water Program, Including Partnership with Cities of San Jose and Palo Alto.

Recommendation: Receive information on:

- A. Partnership discussions;
- B. P3 procurement status;
- C. Grant Application to United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) Desalination & Water Purification Research Program (DWPR); and
- D. Outreach.

Ms. Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, informed the Committee that partnership discussions continue with the City of Palo Alto to develop terms for a facility ground lease and Reverse Osmosis (RO) concentrate management. With City of San Jose, staff is working on a funding agreement and engaging a mutually agreed upon facilitator. Staff has provided City of San Jose a list of facilitators. Meetings with municipalities along the conveyance route have occurred to gather feedback on the pipeline alignment, and currently, site access issues with City of Santa Clara are being resolved. In terms of procurement, virtual interviews were held with each of the eight entities that responded to the RFP. It is anticipated that within a month, a short list can be presented to the Committee. Geotechnical conditions assessment and draft Environmental Impact Report continue to be developed in preparation for the RFP. In terms of outreach, staff has requested meetings with several community and faith-based organizations in San Jose and Palo Alto to promote the Purified Water Project. Ms. Struve mentioned that staff is seeking adoption of a resolution by the Board of Directors for a grant agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to fund the research study on a Pilot-Scale Treated Water Augmentation Project that aims to evaluate various blends of purified water and conventional drinking water in a pilot-scale distribution pipeline network.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

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

Recommendation: Accept the updated 2021 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and meeting schedule.

Chair Estremera announced that selected Valley Water Board members will meet again in December with elected officials of City of Sunnyvale while a series of meetings have started

with City of San Jose, as well as active involvement with the Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill in the recycled water master plan. He reminded everyone to be prepared for a busier schedule with these upcoming meetings.

The Committee unanimously approved the Updated RWC 2021 Work Plan.

The Committee adjourned to its next Regular Meeting on October 27, 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.

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