



Santa Clara Valley Water District

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Item No.: 3.1.

BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency for Feasibility Studies Related to Purified Water Alternatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Interim CEO to execute the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District), the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) to Participate in a Feasibility Study to Evaluate Alternatives for SFPUC Participation in the Expedited Purified Water Program.

SUMMARY:

A proposed MOU for recycled and purified water has been developed with SFPUC and BAWSCA to assess the feasibility and potential cost-sharing related to the development of potable water reuse options in Santa Clara County (County). Both SFPUC and BAWSCA have approved and executed the MOU. On February 16, 2017, the Recycled Water Committee (Committee) recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the Interim CEO to execute the MOU.

Background

Staff of the District, SFPUC, and BAWSCA prepared the proposed MOU to enable SFPUC and BAWSCA to participate with the District in a Feasibility Study to evaluate alternatives to improve regional water supply reliability. The specific objective of the Feasibility Study is to evaluate the concept of SFPUC's participation financially in the District's potable reuse program in exchange for receipt of a portion of the purified water or an equivalent quantity of other water. A potential benefit in such an arrangement could be increased water supply reliability for SFPUC customers in the County, including City of San José and City of Santa Clara. As stakeholders in the Feasibility Study, City of San José and City of Santa Clara may elect to provide input through BAWSCA. A draft of this MOU was discussed with the Committee at its November 9, 2016 meeting. The proposed MOU (Attachment 2) was presented to the Committee at its February 16, 2017 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Projected costs for the completion of the Feasibility Study are included in the Water Utility Enterprise FY2017 budget, Recycled and Purified Water project 91101004. The MOU specifies that the consultant costs to perform the work shall not exceed \$75,000; SFPUC and BAWSCA agree to reimburse the District up to \$37,500.

CEQA:

The recommended action does not constitute a project under CEQA because it does not have a potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

Attachment 2: District/SFPUC/BAWSCA MOU

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

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