



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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**File No.:** 18-0707

**Agenda Date:** 8/28/2018

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## BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### **SUBJECT:**

Water Storage Exploratory Committee's Recommendation and Associated Staff Analysis from the Committee's August 15, 2018, Meeting.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider the Water Storage Exploratory Committee recommendation that the Board approve staff's recommendation to add six additional full time positions within the Water Utility Enterprise to properly execute and deliver the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.

### **SUMMARY:**

#### **Committee Action:**

At the August 15, 2018 Water Storage Exploratory Committee meeting, the committee unanimously approved recommending that the Board approve staff's request to add six additional full time positions within the Water Utility Enterprise to properly execute and deliver the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, as presented in Item No. 5.1 - File 18-0681, on the August 28, 2018 Board agenda. In addition, one existing vacant position would be reallocated to bring the total project team up to seven full time employees (FTE)'s.

The Pacheco Project Team would include a Deputy Operating Officer to oversee Pacheco Project and related work, one (1) Engineering Unit Manager, one (1) Senior Project Manager, one (1) Senior Water Resources Specialist, one (1) Senior Environmental Planner (reallocated position), one (1) Associate Engineer (Civil), and one (1) Staff Analyst. In addition to the request for six new FTE's (bringing the size of the project team to seven FTE's), staff will also be recommending an increase in the number of unclassified positions from thirty-two (32) to thirty-three (33). These are initial staffing estimates based on specific project needs in the Water Utility Enterprise. Other district-wide resource needs to support this project are still being evaluated.

### **Staff Analysis:**

Staff agrees with the Committee's recommendation, and if the Board approves this request, staff will be able to meet the term timelines and continue to seek alternative funding. It will take approximately 12,600 Staff hours in Fiscal Year 2019 to address the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The cost of the six new positions and one reallocation is estimated at \$2.3 million per year including overhead. Assuming a 50 percent match from Prop 1 funds, the annual impact to the District is approximately \$1.15 million, which translates on a pay-as-you-go basis, to a Municipal and Industrial (M&I) groundwater charge impact of approximately \$5.00 per acre-foot or 17 cents per household per month. The impact to water rates would be further reduced by any additional outside funding sources secured.

**CEQA:**

The recommended action is a ministerial action and thus is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

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