



RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020  
12:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Recycled Water Committee (Committee) was called to order via Zoom video teleconference at 12:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call.

Committee members participating by teleconference were District 2 Director B. Keegan, District 7 Director G. Kremen, and District 6 Director T. Estremera, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff in attendance was E. Sans, Assistant Deputy Clerk II. Staff participating by teleconference were R. Callender, Chief Executive Officer, G. Adriano, H. Ashktorab, R. Barajas, H. Barrientos G. De La Piedra, R. Fuller, V. Gin, G. Hall, M. King, H. McMahon, M. Meredith, L. Orta, M. Sinaki, C. Sun, D. Taylor, D. Tucker, and T. Yoke.

Also in attendance were Valley Water consultant contractors D. Chen, HDR, Inc.; P. Daniel, Liquisti, LLC; J. Jamieson, Illuminati Infrastructure Advisors; and J. Polsky-Sanchez and S. Ziegler, EMC Research.

District 4 Director L. LeZotte observed without participation in the meeting.

**2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

Chairperson Estremera declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who wished to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

3.1 Approval of Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the August 6, 2020, meeting.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting.

Move to Approve: Barbara Keegan  
Second: Tony Estremera  
Yeas: Tony Estremera, Barbara Keegan, Gary Kremen  
Nays: None  
Abstains: None  
Recuses: None  
Absent: None  
Summary: 3 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

**4. ACTION ITEMS:**

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

Recommendation: Receive information and discuss next steps.

Mr. Jerry De La Piedra, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

The Committee requested that staff follow up with the Office of Government Relations to determine the appropriateness of scheduling a meeting between Valley Water and City of Santa Clara elected officials, and noted the information without formal action.

- 4.2 Update on the Public/Private Partnership Implementation Approach for Purified Water Projects.

Recommendation: A. Receive updated information on the process leading to a Request for Qualifications and a Request for Proposals for a public-private partnership to develop and operate a purified water project; and  
B. Review key considerations influencing the public-private partnership procurement plan schedule.

Ms. Roslyn Fuller, Deputy Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed as follows: Ms. Fuller reviewed Slides 1 through 4; Ms. Jill Jamieson, Illuminati Infrastructure Advisors, reviewed Slides 5 and 8; and Mr. Philippe Daniel, Liquisti, LLC, reviewed Slides 6 and 7.

Director Kremen expressed interest in the ability to preview a draft Request for Qualifications.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

- 4.3 Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan - Update on the 6th Annual Independent Advisory Panel Meeting.

**Recommendation:** Receive information on the 6th annual meeting of the Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) for evaluation of Santa Clara Valley Water District's Potable Reuse program and efforts.

Mr. Medi Sinaki, Senior Engineer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and corresponding presentation materials in Attachment 1.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

**4.4 Discuss the 2020 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan, Upcoming Meeting Schedule, and Next Meeting Date.**

**Recommendation:** Accept the updated 2020 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and meeting schedule.

The Committee noted the meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2020 occurring on October 28, November 25, and December 23, at 12:00 p.m.; requested the schedule for planned discussion of Work Plan items remain flexible for the remainder of the year and requested staff discuss agenda planning with the Committee Chairperson as needed, prior to the meetings; and confirmed its willingness to call special meetings to order, if necessary, to ensure continued progression of work.

The next regular Committee meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. on October 28, 2020.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**5.1 Presentation of Public Perception Survey Poll Results on Advanced Purified Water and Public Outreach Update.**

**Recommendation:** Receive information on survey results for tracking poll carried out by EMC Research regarding public perception of advanced purified water and receive staff update on public outreach efforts.

Ms. Marta Lugo, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2 were reviewed as follows: Ms. Sienna Ziegler, EMC Research, reviewed the materials in Attachment 1; and, following a brief period where discussion on the item was tabled and then returned to, as indicated below, Mr. Ricardo Barajas, Program Administrator, reviewed the materials contained in Attachment 2.

Upon conclusion of Ms. Ziegler's presentation, the Committee noted that the Public Perception Survey Poll on Advanced Purified Water (Poll) had collected input from Santa Clara County registered voters only; expressed concern that Santa Clara County registered voters represented only a portion of Valley

Water's customer base; and requested that future polls include Valley Water customers who are not registered voters.

Director Kremen requested EMC Research representatives follow up with him individually to provide more information on the poll's datapoints. This information was sent to Director Kremen by EMC Research, subsequent to the meeting.

The Committee noted the information contained in the presentation of Attachment 1 without formal action.

Chairperson Estremera momentarily tabled discussion on Item 5.1 and returned the agenda to Item 4.1. Continuing discussion on Item 5.1 was held as indicated below.

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

Recommendation: Receive information and discuss next steps.

Mr. Mansour Nasser, City of Sunnyvale Water and Sewer Manager, encouraged by the progress of the development of the Cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View agreements, reminded the Committee about the City of Sunnyvale's interest in pursuing a similar water reuse partnership.

Chairperson Estremera returned the agenda to Item 5.1.

- 5.1 Presentation of Public Perception Survey Poll Results on Advanced Purified Water and Public Outreach Update.

Recommendation: Receive information on survey results for tracking poll carried out by EMC Research regarding public perception of advanced purified water and receive staff update on public outreach efforts.

The Committee resumed consideration of Item 5.1, Attachment 2, as presented by Mr. Barajas; and noted the information without formal action.

## **6. REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**

Ms. Michelle Meredith, Deputy Clerk of the Board, reviewed and received clarification on the new Committee Requests, as follows:

In regard to Item 4.1:

- The Committee requested that staff follow up with the Office of Government Relations to determine the appropriateness of scheduling a meeting between Valley Water and CSC elected officials and noted the information without formal action; and

In regard to Item 5.1:

- Committee requested that future polls include Valley Water customers who are not registered voters; and
- Director Kremen requested EMC Research representatives follow up with him individually to provide more information on the poll's datapoints for the public perception survey regarding water reuse.

**7. ADJOURN:**

- 7.1 Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting at 12:00 p.m. on October 28, 2020, to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

Eva Marie Sans  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Approved:



Date:

11/20/2020

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