

CONDUCT OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Welcome to a virtual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water). Whether or not you've participated before, you'd probably like to know how the Board conducts its meetings and, if you're here to speak on a topic, you probably want to know how to address the Board.

THE BOARD AND ITS MEETINGS

Valley Water's Board of Directors (Board) is composed of seven members, each elected from equally divided districts which are drawn through a formal process. The Board is the governing body of Valley Water. During COVID-19 shelter in place protocol, the Board meets via teleconferenced Zoom meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively. Items to be discussed at each meeting are placed on an agenda (available outside the Headquarters Building and on the Valley Water webpage at <https://scvwd.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>), which is posted in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, at least 72 hours prior to a regular Board meeting and 24 hours prior to a special Board meeting. Anyone can make a request to the Board that an item within the subject jurisdiction of Valley Water be placed on a future Board agenda. You may do so by sending a communication to board@valleywater.org addressed to the Chair of the Board stating the subject, outcome desired, and other pertinent information. The Clerk of the Board will contact you regarding your request.

HOW THE MEETINGS OPERATE

Action on items on the agenda is taken one by one, with the exception of the consent calendar. The consent calendar is generally handled by one motion.

Several things may happen regarding each individual item on the agenda by order or direction of the Chair, or by a vote of the Board.

- It can be discussed with an ACTION TAKEN.
- It can be discussed, then ordered CONTINUED until later in the meeting or to another meeting.

- It can be REFERRED TO THE STAFF of Valley Water or further recommendation.
- It can be noted with NO ACTION taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT on any item not on the agenda is limited to three (3) minutes unless otherwise ordered by the Chair. With few exceptions, only items on an agenda can be acted on by the Board. If Board action is required, the matter may be placed on a future agenda.

ORDERS OF THE DAY AND SPECIAL REQUESTS—PERSONAL APPEARANCES

At the request of a member of the Board or the public, with concurrence of a majority of the Board, the Chair may take out of order any item on the agenda that is not scheduled as a "time certain." This allows those who must leave before the agendized item is expected to be discussed to make a comment to the Board. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.

TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

If you wish to address the Board, please submit a Request to Speak form via email to clerkoftheboard@valleywater.org by 5 p.m. the day prior to the meeting, or use the Raise Hand tool during the Zoom meeting. Your participation at the Board meeting is encouraged, but you will be most effective if you address the Board in the appropriate manner and at the appropriate time.

If you wish to address the Board on any subject not on the agenda, please indicate so on your Request to Speak form, or use the "Raise Hand" feature in Zoom when the Chair calls for "Time Open for Public Comment on Any Item Not on the Agenda" which is typically a Time Certain item at the beginning of all Board agendas.

To address the Board on an item listed on the agenda, please indicate the Agenda Item No. and Subject you wish to speak on, in the appropriate box of your Request to Speak form, and wait for that item to be called. If there are special circumstances that prevent you from attending the

full meeting and you wish for the Board to call your item out of order to allow you to speak by a specific time, please also indicate this clearly on your Request to Speak form and listen for Board rearrangement of the item's order during discussion of the "Orders of the Day." When your name is called, and the Clerk unmutes your microphone, state your name and begin speaking. It is helpful for the record if you also give your city of residence, and agency of affiliation, if any. You may also use the "Raise Hand" tool in Zoom to request to speak at the time the Board taking your item.

After you have given the above information, you should speak at a length prescribed by the Chair. You are asked to do so in a courteous manner. You may from time to time be asked questions by the Board, which you are encouraged to answer to the best of your ability to aid the Board in better understanding your presentation.

SUBMITTING MATERIALS TO THE BOARD

Correspondence and materials related to Board items can be submitted to the Board by any of the following methods: **By e-mail to board@valleywater.org or**

clerkoftheboard@valleywater.org; or by mail to Board of Directors, 5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118. Materials will be distributed to the Board as follows: Items received by 5 p.m. on Thursday prior to the Board meeting will be distributed to the Board and public as part of the final Board meeting package; items received up to two hour before the scheduled start of the subject Board meeting will be distributed to the Board and made available to the public via posting on the web page the day of the meeting. Any items received after the cutoff time, will be distributed to the Board after the meeting.

PUBLISHED AGENDA MATERIALS

Copies of published agenda materials can be viewed and downloaded from the Valley Water website at www.valleywater.org.

THANK YOU

The Board thanks you for participating in today's meeting and encourages your participation in any future projects of interest or concern to you. If you wish further information, please feel free to call us at **(408) 265-2600**.

ABOUT VALLEY WATER...

Valley Water history can be traced back to 1929, when the Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District was formed. A combination of increased water demand and low annual rainfall in the early part of this century depleted underground water supplies, which in turn caused great concern among farmers in the agriculturally dominated valley. With a vote margin of nine to one, the people created the District, which immediately set about to build conservation dams and groundwater recharge (percolation) facilities. The effort helped to restore the underground water supply for the central and north valley area.

Groundwater replenishment also served another purpose—to stop land subsidence. In 1933, it was announced that about 200 square miles of land from Redwood City to Coyote, and from Alum Rock to Los Gatos were sinking (By 1969, the land surface elevation had dropped 13 feet in downtown San Jose and 10 feet in Alviso.).

By building reservoirs and recharge facilities, many of the water supply problems in the valley were solved until a 30-year population boom began in the 1940s. Historic lows in the water table, dry wells, continued land surface subsidence and a threat of saltwater intrusion were experienced. As a result, the conservation district built more dams and made plans for importing supplies from the Federal San Felipe Project.

At the same time, in the early 1950s, the Santa Clara County Flood Control and Water District was formed. This other public agency was empowered to solve flood and water supply problems on a countywide basis. In the early 1960s, the agency contracted with the State of California to import water through the South Bay Aqueduct of the State Water Project.

In 1968, the two districts consolidated to create today's countywide water management agency, Santa Clara Valley Water District. Conservation, importation and reclamation of water, improving use of existing supplies, weather modification, flood control, coordinating other community water-related programs, and seeking out and listening to public comment are key elements of Valley Water activity.