



RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**Monday, May 20, 2019  
3:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

A rescheduled regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Recycled Water Committee (Committee) was called to order in the Valley Water Headquarters Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California at 3:00 PM.

### 1.1 Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance 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 members in attendance were H. Ashktorab, A. Baker, H. Barrientos, N. Dominguez, A. Fulcher, G. Hall, E. Latedjou-Durand, K. Oven, L. Orta, B. Redmond, M. Silva, M. Sinaki, D. Tucker, and B. Yerrapotu.

Also in attendance was P. Daniel, HDR, Inc.

### 1.2 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.

Mr. Patrick Ferraro, former District 2 Director and San Jose State University (SJSU) professor, encouraged the Committee to consider discussing SB 332 (Hertzberg) the Local Water Reliability Act; expressed concern that studies associated with the act would increase costs and create unnecessary delays to advanced recycled water treatment; and advised the Committee that a letter-writing campaign was underway by himself and his SJSU students, requesting state legislators amend the bill and expressing opposition to it.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### 2.1 Approval of Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting. It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director Kremen, and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved as presented.

### **3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON/VICE CHAIRPERSON**

Recommendation: Nominate and elect a committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2019 calendar year.

It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director Kremen, and unanimously carried, to nominate and elect Director Estremera as 2019 Chairperson, and Director Keegan as 2019 Vice Chairperson.

### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **4.1 Update on Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan.**

Recommendation: A. Receive information on the status and next steps for the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan;  
B. Receive information on Staff's responses to comments from the November 14, 2018 Recycled Water Committee meeting, and;  
C. Recommend to the Board of Directors that it authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an amendment consistent with Option II to the Agreement with Brown & Caldwell for the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan Project (Agreement No. A4120A).

Mr. Garth Hall, Deputy Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and Mr. Miguel Silva, Associate Engineer, reviewed the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2.

It was moved by Director Kremen, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried that the Committee approve Recommendation C (Option II), and recommend to the Board of Directors that it authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate and execute an amendment to Agreement No. A4120A, with Brown and Caldwell, for the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan, amending the original agreement scope, schedule and budget to account for a source water assumption change, added project flexibility, programmatic CEQA and Federal Grant eligibility, treated water augmentation evaluation at 10 percent of design, and additional stakeholder review time and scope and cost control safeguards, as outlined in Attachment 1, Page 6, Option II.

Mr. Stan Williams, Poseidon Water and Pure Water Silicon Valley, acknowledged the benefits of the proposed agreement amendment.

4.2 Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Management Plan Update.

- Recommendation: A. Receive information on the Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Management Plan; and
- B. Recommend to the Board of Directors (Board) that they authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a second amendment (Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement between the Santa Clara Valley Water District and GHD Inc. for the Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Management Plan (Agreement No. A4034Ga), for a not-to-exceed fee of \$125,000, for a total not-to-exceed fee of \$2,433,524.

Mr. Henry Barrientos, Associate Engineer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1.

It was moved by Director Kremen, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried to recommend the Board authorize the CEO to negotiate and execute a second Amendment to Agreement No. A4034Ga with GHD, Inc., for the Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Management Plan.

4.3 Debrief on the May 1, 2019 Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee (City of San Jose/Valley Water/City of Santa Clara).

Recommendation: Receive and discuss information on the May 1, 2019 Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee Meeting.

Mr. Medi Sinaki, Senior Engineer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 3.

During the presentation, the Committee made the following requests of staff:

- Send copies of the Model Ordinance for Water Efficiency Standards discussed under Item 4.1 of the May 1, 2019 Joint Water Recycle Policy Committee Meeting to Council Members of the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara by July 2019; and
- Schedule a presentation in September 2019 to the San Jose and Santa Clara City Councils on establishment of water rates including rates for recycled water.

The Committee noted the information, without formal action.

4.4 Recycled Water Committee 2018 Accomplishment Report and Proposed 2019 Work Plan.

- Recommendation: A. Accept the 2018 Recycled Water Committee Accomplishment Report; and
- B. Review and provide direction to staff on the proposed 2019 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan.

The Committee added the following items to its 2019 Work Plan:

- A. Staff to evaluate and propose policy options related to centralized and decentralized reuse for the Committee's consideration; and
- B. Staff to present updates on recent regional discussions on options to meeting the Board's 10% recycled water goal using either desalination or brackish water.

## 5. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1 Staff Response to Questions Raised by Mr. Doug Muirhead to the Water Supply and Demand Management Committee, Regarding Direct Potable Reuse Regulations.

Recommendation: Receive the information.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

The Committee noted the information, without formal action.

## 6. ADJOURN

- 6.1 Clerk Review and Clarification of Committee Requests.

With regard to Item 4.3:

- Staff to send copies of the Model Ordinance for Water Efficiency Standards discussed under Item 4.1 of the May 1, 2019 Joint Water Recycle Policy Committee Meeting to Council Members of the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara by July 2019; and
- Staff to schedule a presentation in September 2019 to the San Jose and Santa Clara city councils on establishment of water rates including rates for recycled water.

With regard to Item 4.4:

- Staff to evaluate and propose policy options related to centralized and decentralized reuse for Committee's consideration; and
- Staff to present updates on recent regional discussions on options to meeting the Board's 10% recycled water goal using either desalination or brackish water.

- 6.2 Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting at 12:00 p.m. on June 12, 2019, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Board Conference Room, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

  
Natalie Dominguez  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II