



RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**Wednesday, August 14, 2019  
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 in the Valley Water Headquarters Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California at 12:00 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, G. De La Piedra, G. Hall, N. Hawk, E. Latedjou, M. Meredith, L. Orta, K. Oven, E. Sans, M. Silva, M. Sinaki, C. Sun, D. Tucker, K. Yasukawa, and B. Yerrapotu.

Also in attendance were Valley Water consultant contractors P. Daniel, Liquisti, LLC, and D. Chen, 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. There was no one present who wished to speak.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **2.1 Approval of Minutes.**

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019 meeting.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the July 10, 2019 meeting. It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director Kremen, and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved as presented.

### **3. ACTION ITEMS**

#### **3.1 Update on Countywide Reuse Master Plan.**

Recommendation: Receive information and discuss next steps.

Mr. Miguel Silva and Mr. David Tucker, Associate Civil Engineers, and Mr. Medi Sinaki, Senior Engineer, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and provided verbal reports as follows: Mr. Silva reported on development of pre-engineering (1%) and preliminary (10%) project designs; Mr. Tucker provided an overview of the August 13, 2019 meeting with stakeholders and Project Partner Groups; and Mr. Sinaki confirmed that a pilot study funded by a \$250,000 grant from Regional Water Quality Board would be completed in Fall 2019; and that an additional application for a \$150,000 grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation would be submitted.

Mr. Silva advised the Committee that staff would meet with regulators in September 2019 to prepare the (10%) design which would include Reverse Osmosis, developing pre-CEQA scope and cost, and creating a taskforce for a Board workshop on the Draft Master Plan in December 2019, and distributed the attached materials identified as Handout 3.1-A herein. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

#### **3.2 Update on Partnership with the City of Palo Alto and City of Mountain View to Expand Water Reuse.**

Recommendation: Receive information and discuss next steps.

Mr. Jerry De La Piedra, Assistant Deputy Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2.

Mr. Garth Hall, Deputy Operating Officer, discussed efforts to address the City of Palo Alto concerns, which included salinity, implications associated with committing waste water to a non-city agency over a long period of time, and price setting for treated waste water delivered under that commitment, and reported that an update on the Voluntary Settlement Agreement would be presented to the Committee in November.

Mr. Peter Drekmeier, Palo Alto resident and Tuolumne River Trust Policy Director, expressed disagreement with Valley Water's position on the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan (Bay Delta Plan), opined that citizens of Palo Alto will object to more developments, and said that Valley Water's response to his request for drought water supply model designs was inadequate.

The Committee made the following requests:

- That the Partnership Agreement with the City of Palo Alto include language that allows cost flexibility for effluent quality variances; and
- That staff provide Mr. Drekmeier with the information he requested on drought water supply model designs.

### **3.3 Review Recycled Water Committee Work Plan.**

The Committee confirmed the following changes to the schedule:

- September 5, 2019 – Joint Meeting with Cities of Palo Alto/Mountain View is confirmed.
- September 11, 2019 – Recycled Water Committee regular meeting is canceled.

## **4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **4.1 Information on the Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee (City of San Jose/Valley Water/City of Santa Clara).**

Recommendation: Receive information on the Joint Recycled Water Policy Advisory Committee (JRWPAC) Meeting.

Mr. Hossein Ashktorab, Recycled and Purified Water Manager, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and informed the Committee that the draft model ordinance for new development, the Water Supply Master Plan analysis related to climate change, a list of projects and schedules associated with the Countywide Reuse Master Plan, and potential rate impacts, would be sent to the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara by the end of August 2019.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

## **5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND RECOMENDATIONS:**

With regard to Item 3.2:

- That the Partnership Agreement with the City of Palo Alto include language that allows cost flexibility for effluent quality variances; and

- That staff provide Mr. Drekmeier with the information he requested on drought water supply model designs.

## 6. ADJOURN

- 6.1 Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting at 12:00 p.m. on October 9, 2019, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

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Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Approved: 01/21/2020