



RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021
1:00 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 1:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call.

Committee members participating by teleconference were District 3 Director R. Santos, 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 H. Ashktorab, H. Barrientos, A. Fulcher, V. Gin, C. Kwok-Smith, E. Latedjou-Durant, M. Lugo, H. McMahon, C. Narayanan, L. Orta, M. Richardson, M. Richert, D. Rocha, K. Struve, C. Sun, S. Tran, K. Wong, B. Yerrapotu, and T. Yoke.

Also in attendance was Valley Water consultant contractor P. Daniel, Liquisti, LLC.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS 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 June 23, 2021 meeting.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting.

Move to Approve: R. Santos
Second: G. Kremen
Yeas: R. Santos, T. Estremera, G. 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 Implementation including Partnership with Cities of San Jose and Palo Alto.

Recommendation: Receive information on:

- A. Procurement and technical activities supporting development of the request for proposals (RFP);
- B. Public Private Partnership (P3) Procurement; and
- C. Regulatory agency and other outreach activities.

Ms. Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Committee Agenda Memo. Ms. Struve added that seven Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) were received in response to the July 23, 2021 Purified Water Program Request for Qualifications (RFQ) deadline; and stated that although the Request for Proposal will be two to three months delayed per schedule, the overall procurement schedule would still bring a contract award in 2022 as planned. Subsequently, after this Committee meeting, Ms. Struve updated the number of received SOQ responses from seven to eight.

Ms. Charlene Sun, Treasury and Debt Manager, informed the Committee about a required Internal Revenue Service Private Letter that ascertains an allocation method for Valley Water to be exempted from Private Use issue.

During the presentation, the Committee requested that staff come back with a two- to three-page analysis on possible issues between Direct Potable Reuse and Indirect Potable Reuse options for the Purified Water project.

The Committee noted the information, without formal action.

4.2 Update on Expanding Recycled Water Use in South County.

Recommendation: Receive information and provide feedback.

Mr. Hossein Ashktorab, Recycled Water Unit Manager, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo. Mr. Ashktorab informed the Committee about an upcoming August 4, 2021 meeting of the Joint Water Resources Committee; and said that agenda items for the meeting were Countywide Water Reuse (CoRe) Plan Update, Water Reuse Expansion in South

County, South County Water Reuse Collaboration and Implementation, and an update on Santa Clara County Drought Conditions.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

4.3 Update on Refinery Recycled Water Exchange Project with Central Contra Costa Sanitary District and Contra Costa Water District.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss information on the Refinery Recycled Water Exchange Project.

Ms. Melody LaBella, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Resource Recovery Program Manager, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and corresponding materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed as follows: Ms. LaBella, reviewed Slides 1-13; and Ms. Samantha Greene, Valley Water Senior Water Resources Specialist, reviewed Slide 14. Ms. LaBella provided the Committee with preliminary cost information for the Refinery Recycled Water Exchange (RRWE) while Ms. Greene informed the Committee about additional RRWE uncertainties due to the following circumstances: changing Central Valley Project (CVP) allocations; refinery customer demands; and constraints on the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) conveyance system, Transfer-Bethany pipeline, and Valley Water's local system; and constraints on CCWD's CVP contract water transfers.

The Committee expressed interest in moving forward with the RRWE project, and indicated that information would be taken to the full Board.

The Committee noted the information, without formal action.

4.4 Discuss the 2021 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan, Upcoming Discussion Items, and Next Meeting Date.

Recommendation: Accept the updated 2021 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and meeting schedule.

Ms. Struve announced that the November 24, 2021 regular meeting had been rescheduled to December 1, 2021, and confirmed that staff would bring back the Urban Runoff Study with Stanford University before the end of 2021.

The Committee unanimously approved the Updated RWC 2021 Work Plan, attached herewith as Attachment 2.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

The new Committee Recommendations and Requests were not read into the record.

7. ADJOURN:

- 6.1 Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting on August 25, 2021 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: *ESans*

Date: August 25, 2021