



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (VALLEY WATER)  
WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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# MINUTES

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**MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019  
12.00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (Committee) was held on May 20, 2019, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Storage Exploratory Committee was called to order by Chair Director Gary Kremen at 12:01 p.m. on May 20, 2019.

**1.1 ROLL CALL**

Board Members in attendance were: Director Gary Kremen-District 7, Director Richard P. Santos-District 3, and Director John L. Varela-District 1.

Staff members in attendance were: Kurt Arends, Bradly Arnold, Glenna Brambill, Samantha Greene, Christopher Hakes, Garth Hall, Nina Hawk, Brian Hopper, Bassam Kassab, Bill Magleby, Metra Richert, Eli Serrano and Beckie Zisser.

Guests in attendance were: Katja Irvin and Steve Jordan.

Committee Chair Kremen confirmed that the Committee would adjourn to Closed Session for consideration of Item 2.

**2. CLOSED SESSION:**

**2.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATION OF LITIGATION –**  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) Two Potential Cases (Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Study)

**2.2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION –**  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) SCVWD v. Giovannotto Land & Cattle, LLC, Santa Clara Co. Superior Court, No. 18CV337188

**2.3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION –**  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) SCVWD v. Moitozo, et al., Santa Clara Co.  
Superior Court, No. 19CV345563

Upon return to Open Session, the same Committee members and staff were present.

**DISTRICT COUNSEL’S REPORT:**

Mr. Brian Hopper, Senior Assistant District Counsel, reported on Agenda Item 2, that the Committee met in Closed Session with all members present, and direction was given to staff.

**3. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA**

Director John L. Varela spoke to the handout on the Sargent Ranch Conservation Opportunity for Valley Water.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, seconded by Director Richard P. Santos and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2019, meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Water Storage Exploratory Committee as presented.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE**

Mr. Christopher Hakes reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following: funds for emergency water supply, Harder Bill HR2473 (Securing Access for the central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act), ongoing pursuit of project funding, partners touring project property, SGMA, water over-drafting and agricultural issues.

Ms. Beckie Zisser, Mr. Garth Hall and Ms. Nina Hawk were available to answer questions.

Mr. Steve Jordan had a question about Pacheco Pass Water District’s storage capacity.

The Committee took no action.

**5.2 SEMITROPIC AND OUT-OF-COUNTY GROUNDWATER BANKING**

Mr. Garth Hall reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following: CA Aqueduct, Hetch Hetchy and possible viable water sources, interruptible water supply, Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), Intertie, SGMA’s impact and the Kern County subbasin.

Mr. Steve Jordan advised the Committee that the Cities of San Jose and Santa Clara are having discussions about water supply concerns.

Ms. Nina Hawk and Mr. Bradly Arnold were available to answer questions.

The Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Director Gary Kremen, seconded by Director John L. Varela and unanimously carried to approve for Board consideration to have an in-depth discussion with the full Board regarding: storage, risks and benefits of semitropic and groundwater banking along with reviewing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) when released.

### **5.3 UPDATE ON LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT (LVE PROJECT)**

Ms. Metra Richert reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following: Contra Costa Water District's (CCWD) contributions, water rights, conveying water, project benefits, Purissima Hills Water District and California Water Service Company nexus and next steps.

Ms. Nina Hawk and Mr. Garth Hall were available to answer questions.

Mr. Steve Jordan advised the Committee that Purissima Hills Water District would like to be included in the discussions for this project.

The Committee took no action

### **5.4. THE WATER SUPPLY BENEFIT OF ANDERSON RESERVOIR**

Mr. Garth Hall reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following: benefits and costs (lifecycle), criteria and project names.

The Committee took no action

### **5.5. B.F. SISK DAM RAISE**

Mr. Garth Hall reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following: allocation costs (incremental), benefits and controlling factors.

Ms. Nina Hawk was available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

**5.6 REVIEW OF 2018 WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND THE COMMITTEE’S NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee confirmed adding a discussion on Sargent Ranch (recreational area) in conjunction with the Pajaro River and its potential nexus to the Pacheco Project to the Committee’s work plan

**6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

Ms. Glenna Brambill noted there was one action item for Board consideration.

**Agenda Item 5.2**

The Committee unanimously approved to have an in-depth discussion with the full Board regarding: storage, risks and benefits of semitropic and groundwater banking along with reviewing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) when released.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Director Gary Kremen adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

Glenna Brambill  
Board Committee Liaison  
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 8-27-19