



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 9, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole *SC*
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: March 9, 2022 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Report

The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 via teleconference. In attendance were Committee Chair Jeff Ford, Directors B. J. Atkins, Ed Colley, William Cooper, and Jerry Gladbach. Staff members present were Administrative Technician Terri Bell, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury, Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler, Water Conservation Specialist I Julia Grothe, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang, Interim Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Data Scientist Najwa Pitois, General Manager Matt Stone, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos, and Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz. Consultants Sal Contreras (ECG), Chris Horton (Pacific Coast Landscape Design) and members of the public were also present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 2: Public Comment – There was public comment on Item No. 3.

Item 3: Recommend Adoption of a Resolution Approving the SB 610 Water Supply Assessment for the Castaic Mountainview Apartment Project – Staff gave a presentation on the Water Supply Assessment for the Castaic Mountainview Apartment Project. The Committee clarified that SCV Water is not a land planning agency and does not approve development, rather the Agency is required to assess availability of water for current and future customers of SCV Water. The Committee requested that staff provide the Board with an overview of the Agency's legal obligation to provide water for new development. Recommended actions for this item are included in a separate report being submitted at the April 5, 2022 regular Board meeting. Staff's presentation is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Item-3-WRW-030922-PowerPoint-Castaic-Mountainview-Apartment-Project.pdf>

Item 4: Recommend Adoption of a Resolution Approving the SB 610 Water Supply Assessment for the Lyons Canyon Development – Staff gave an abbreviated presentation on the Water Supply Assessment for the Lyons Canyon Development. Staff provided information on the Agency's responsibility to provide water for new/future development and how those developments pay for water supply development through Facility Capacity Fees. Recommended actions for this item are included in a separate report being submitted at the April 5, 2022 regular Board meeting. Staff's presentation is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Item-4-WRW-030922-PowerPoint-Lyons-Canyon-Development.pdf>

Item 5: Water Resources Director's Report

- 5.1 Status of Water Supply and Banking Programs** – Staff updated the Committee on the Status of Water Supply and Banking Programs including discussion on the 2022 precipitation status and outlook, the likelihood of a reduction in the SWP allocation and its ramifications on Agency's 2022 Operating Plan, the Agency's Dry Year Storage and Banking and Exchange Program balances. Staff's presentation is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Item-5.1-WRW-030922-PowerPoint-Status-of-Water-Supply-and-Water-Banking-Programs.pdf>
- 5.2 Status of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation** – Staff provided a presentation on the Status of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation. Staff noted that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) was submitted to the Department of Water Resources, discussed future submission of the GSP's First Annual Report, and discussed the schedule for GSP Implementation. Staff's presentation is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Item-5.2-WRW-030922-PowerPoint-Status-of-SGMA-Implementation.pdf>
- 5.3 Staff Activities** – Staff discussed a recent coordination meeting regarding Bouquet Canyon Creek, including a coordinated effort between Los Angeles County and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to submit a grant application for project funding through the Wildlife Conservation Board, and stakeholder agency support for a SB 155 Statutory CEQA exemption. The Committee requested monthly updates on the Bouquet Canyon Creek restoration project. Staff also discussed progress on the Water Resiliency Initiative, noting that a comprehensive update will be provided in April 2022.

Item 6: Sustainability Manager's Report

- 6.1 Status of Drought Response and Performance** – Staff provided a comprehensive update on the Status of Drought Response and Performance, describing state and local regulatory status, current customer participation in conservation programs, outreach related to drought, and SCV Water customers' response to voluntary drought conservation targets. The Committee discussed implementing Stage 2 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and resolved to revisit the discussion after completing additional customer outreach regarding the status of the drought and surveying other agencies' drought response. Staff's presentation is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Item-6.1-WRW-030922-PowerPoint-Status-of-Drought-Response-and-Performance.pdf>
- 6.2 Water Conservation Garden and Education Experience - Design Update** – Staff presented a design update on the Water Conservation Garden and Education Experience. The update included a historical perspective on the Agency's Water Conservation Garden and the iterative design process, then presented the new design, including estimated costs for construction, required operations and maintenance, and project schedule. A Committee member expressed concern about the lack of public access to the site and the inclusion of bee hotels in a space used by children. Several Committee members requested that grant funds be sought. Staff's presentation is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Item-6.2-WRW-030922-PowerPoint-Water-Conservation->

[Garden-and-Education-Experience.pdf](#)

Item 7: Committee Planning Calendar – The Committee considered the Planning Calendar.

Item 8: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.


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Date: March 2, 2022

To: **Water Resources and Watershed Committee**
Jeff Ford, Chair
B.J. Atkins
Edward Colley
William Cooper
E.G. "Jerry" Gladbach

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager 

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** is scheduled to meet via teleconference on **March 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM**, call-in information is listed below.

**TELECONFERENCE ONLY
NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR MEETING**

TELECONFERENCING NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of AB 361 this meeting is being held remotely. The SCV Water Board will continue to hold remote Board and Committee meetings due to the continuing State of Emergency for COVID-19 and state and local official's continuance to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Any Director may call into the Agency Committee meeting using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-(833)-568-8864 Webinar ID: 160 621 0488 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1606210488>** without otherwise complying with the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements.

The public may not attend the meeting in person. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Committee using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. Please see the notice below if you have a disability and require an accommodation in order to participate in the meeting.

If the State of Emergency for COVID-19 expires prior to this meeting and after the posting of this Agenda, this meeting will be held in person at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Board and Training Room.

We request that the public submit any comments in writing if practicable, which can be sent to cfowler@scvwa.org or mailed to Cheryl Fowler, Management Analyst II, Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 26501 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. All written comments received before 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Committee members and posted on the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency website prior to the start of the meeting. Anything received after 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be made available at the meeting and will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day.

MEETING AGENDA

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2.	<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.)	
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* Indicates Attachment
◆ Indicates Handout

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Posted on March 2, 2022.

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