




## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 13, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Cole   
Assistant General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** April 12, 2023 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Recap Report

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The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Piotr Orzechowski, Directors William Cooper, Dirk Marks and Gary Martin. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, General Manager Matt Stone, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang, and Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens and Water Resources Planners Sarah Fleury and Rick Vasilopoulos and members of the public were present. A copy of the agenda is attached.

**Item 2: Public Comment** – There was public comment.

**Item 3: Discussion of FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 Water Resources Operating Budget and Minor and Major Capital** – Staff and Committee reviewed the purposed operating budget. No action is requested at this time. The FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 operating budget will be presented at a future Finance and Administrative Committee meeting then will go to the Board for consideration and approval.

### **Item 4: Water Resources Director's Report**

- 4.1 Status of Devil's Den** – Rick Vasilopoulos presented Devil's Den potential revenue and water yield/quality analysis. No action is requested at this time. Staff will continue to research possible revenue streams and report back to the Committee. There were public comments on item 4.1.
- 4.2 Status of Water Supplies** – Sarah Fleury presented the status of water supplies. Staff and Committee reviewed the recent statewide snowpack, which is 249 percent of normal to date, SCV precipitation and potential storms on the horizon. The San Luis Reservoir SCV Water storage started the year with 17,000 AF of Article 56 carryover supply and back-up water, and thus far with zero spilled. The State Water Project allocation increased to 75%.
- 4.3 Staff Activities** – Ali Elhassan provided a summary of staff activities.
  - Evaluating and analyzing the LA County Water Plan
  - Attended KHTS Sacramento Road Trip

- Collaboration with LA County Sanitation Districts to discuss, share and review temperature data for the Santa Clara River
- Santa Clara River Habitat Suitability Model development
- Coordinating with United Water Conservation District related to watershed issues

**Item 5: Sustainability Manager's Report**

- 5.1 Status of Drought Response and Performance** – Matt Dickens presented an overview of Executive Order EO N-5-23, status of State and local drought response regulatory activities and SCV Water drought conservation performance.

**Item 6: Committee Planning Calendar** – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar.

**Item 7: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Agency website or by clicking the following link:  
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/meetings/committee-meeting-041223>


Attachment

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**Date:** April 5, 2023

**To:** **Water Resources and Watershed Committee**  
Piotr Orzechowski, Chair  
William Cooper  
Dirk Marks  
Gary Martin

**From:** Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager 

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** meeting is scheduled on **Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM** at **26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350** in the **Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom**. Members of the public may attend in person or virtually. To attend this meeting virtually, please see below.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

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Attendees should be aware that while the Agency is following all applicable requirements and guidelines regarding COVID-19, the Agency cannot ensure the health of anyone attending a Committee meeting. Attendees should therefore use their own judgment with respect to protecting themselves from exposure to COVID-19.

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## MEETING AGENDA

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1. <b><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b>	
2. <b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b> – 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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Posted on April 5, 2023.

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