




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 11, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: April 10, 2024 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Piotr Orzechowski, Directors Dirk Marks, and Gary Martin. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Senior Water Resources Specialist Sarah Fleury, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang, and Information Technology Technician I Oliver Molina. A copy of the agenda is attached.

Item 2: Public Comment – There was no public present.

Item 3: Review of the Proposed BY 2024/25 Water Resources and Conservation and Sustainability Operating Budget – Staff and the Committee reviewed the proposed Operating budget. No action is requested at this time. The 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 4.1: Status of Water Supplies – Sarah Fleury provided a status update on water supplies reflecting the absence of drought conditions with no changes expected from March 2024 through June 2024. She reported on current reservoir conditions and reviewed the operations plan. Notably, the State Water Project (SWP) allocation has increased to 30% as of March 22, 2024.

Item 4.2: Review of Banking Storage Program Study – Staff and the Committee reviewed WestWater Research’s analysis on CA water banks and potential transfer and exchange opportunities.

Item 4.3: Director of Water Resources Staff Activities – Ali Elhassan and Ernesto Velazquez participated in the International Biennial Symposium on Managed Aquifer Recharge in Tucson, Arizona that brings together experts in the field to discuss and share knowledge on groundwater management. Both Ali and Ernesto participated and contributed to the technical session and presented the Agency’s Recharge Sustainability Study.

Ali concluded with a congratulatory message to Senior Water Resources & Data Scientist, Najwa Pitois and the expansion of her family, as they welcomed a new child.

Item 5: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar.

Item 6: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Agency website or by clicking the following link:
[Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Recording.](#)

Attachment

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Date: April 3, 2024

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

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager *SC*

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** meeting for **Wednesday, April 10, 2024 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

This meeting will be conducted in person at the address listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-833-568-8864, Webinar ID: 161 087 4562 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1618074562**. 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. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed or rescheduled but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is being provided as a convenience to the public and is not required. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in person.

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.

Members of the public unable to attend this meeting may submit comments either in writing to ekang@scvwa.org or by mail to Eunie Kang, Executive Assistant, 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, if practicable, and will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day. All correspondence with comments, including letters or emails, will be posted in their entirety.

MEETING AGENDA

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1.	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	
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.) To participate in public comment from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. You will be notified when it is your turn to speak, please unmute when requested. To participate in public comment via phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, dial *6 to unmute.	
3.	Review of the Proposed FY 2024/25 Water Resources and Conservation and Sustainability Operating Budget	
4.	Water Resources Director’s Report:	
	4.1 Status of Water Supplies	
	4.2 Review of Banking Storage Program Study (Westwater Research)	
	4.3 Staff Activities	
5. *	Committee Planning Calendar	1
6.	Adjournment	
*	Indicates Attachment	
●	Indicates Handout	

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