



Date: September 4, 2019

To: Water Resources and Watershed Committee
Maria Gutzeit, Chair
Tom Campbell
Kathy Colley
William Cooper
Robert DiPrimio
Jerry Gladbach

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager *SC*

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** is scheduled to meet on **Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM** in the Summit Circle Training Room located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350.

MEETING AGENDA

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◆ To be distributed

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Posted on September 5, 2019.

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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 3, 2019
TO: Water Resources and Watershed Committee
FROM: Matthew S. Dickens, MPA *MSD*
Resource Conservation Manager
SUBJECT: Update on Conservation Activities and Performance

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

General Conservation Program Updates

RFP for Conservation Professional Services – In early August 2019, staff submitted its Request for Proposals for Conservation Professional Services via PlanetBids and publication in *The Signal* (August 22-23, 2019). Services solicited in the RFP include the continuation of residential, commercial, and large landscape surveys, leak checks, rebate inspections, and other customer engagement, management, and program evaluation support. Conservation will review responses and refer its recommendations to the Water Resources and Watershed Committee.

Status of Residential Programs

WaterSMART Workshop – The WaterSMART Workshop is a self-paced and interactive online engagement tool that enables customers to learn about current water issues, using their water bill as a management tool, and how to save water inside and outside of their homes. The workshop takes about one (1) hour to complete and provides customers with a customized report of their results and opportunities available to maximize their water use efficiency. After completing the workshop, customers will receive a one-time \$20.00 credit on their water bill. The WaterSMART Workshop was developed by SCV Water conservation staff and is currently in the final testing stage. Staff anticipates a soft program launch in September/October 2019.

Status of Commercial, Industrial, Institutional Programs

Multi-Family Water Use Efficiency Project – In 2018, SCV Water launched the Multi-Family Water Use Efficiency Project which included targeted outreach to high conservation-opportunity customers. Phase I (Spring 2019) was completed in July 2019 and included three apartment sites. Conservation services included unit check-ups, installation of high efficiency showerheads, kitchen and bathroom aerators, irrigation system inspections, and toilet retrofits rebated by the agency. To date, staff estimates annual savings of ~36 million gallons (110 acre-feet/year). In FY 2019/20, approximately 4 to 6 additional multi-family sites have contacted staff regarding program participation. Staff anticipates scheduling the sites following the selection and awarding of the RFP for Conservation Professional Services.

Status of Landscape Programs

Customer Engagement – Staff met with marketing consultants from the Wolcott Company to discuss outreach and engagement efforts for landscape programs. The project, currently in design phase, will include a phone survey to shopping center, gas station, church property managers, and landscape contractors to discuss conservation activity outlook and gauge interest. Phone surveys will begin in September 2019 and supplemental programs and engagement efforts will follow in fall 2019 and spring 2020.

Status of Special Projects

Conservatory Garden – No current update.

Pocket Park Pilot Projects – In August 2019, staff met with local landscape designers and representatives from the City of Santa Clarita and Library locations to develop a framework for collaborative design based on input and requirements as defined by the parties. Based on these discussions, City of Santa Clarita risk management reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding language for the parks and have responded with no objection other than the need to include insurance provisions.

Recycled Water Customer Engagement – Conservation staff, in collaboration with Engineering, have been coordinating customer engagement and outreach pertaining to Phase 2B and 2D recycled water projects. To date, staff have met with multiple Phase 2B customers and have completed a project management overview and process flow based on the Recycled Water Urban Irrigation User Manual. Staff have reached out to the remaining customers impacted by the recycled water expansion projects and will be holding introductory information gathering meetings with representatives from the City of Santa Clarita, L.A. County Public Water Works, the William S. Hart, Newhall and Sulphur Springs School Districts, and homeowners' associations. Engagement with these customers will continue for the duration of the construction and eventual connection processes.

SCV Water Sustainability Initiative – As discussed during the August 14, 2019 Water Resources and Watershed Committee meeting, staff conducted research on best and smart practices salient to sustainability efforts for public utilities, nonprofits, and private organizations. With input and feedback from the Committee and SCV Water management, conservation staff is in the process of building a cross-organizational "Green Team" to analyze, recommend, and implement sustainability practices and initiatives. Additionally, the team will coordinate with the SCV Water/USC sustainability collaborative to learn, synthesize, and leverage findings and results from the effort. The SCV Water/USC collaborative starts the first week of September 2019 and concludes in December 2019.

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1 Update on Conservation Activities & Performance		C		C			P		P			P		P			P		P		P		P		P		P
2 Update on Conservatory Garden & Pocket Park Pilot Projects		C				P																					
3 Update on Conservation Strategies																											
4 Update on Recycled Water New Drop Program							P																				
5 Devil's Den Semi-Annual Report		C															P										
6 Status of Water Supply and Water Banking Programs		C					P														P						
7 Status of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation				C								P							P						P		
8 Status of Recycled Water Program																											
9 Status of Sites Reservoir Project																											
10 Status of Efforts Relating to Groundwater Spreading Pilot Program																											
11 Status of Water Supplies														P					P								
12 Update on Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Activities		C																									
13 Status of Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update														P													
14 Status of Upper Santa Clara River Salt and Nutrient Management Plan		C												P													
15 Status of Rosedale Rio-Bravo Water Storage District Banking and Exchange Program Extraction Facilities		C																									
16 Status of Devil's Den Solar Generation Facilities																	P										
17 Recommend Approval of a Resolution of Application by SCVWA Requesting Los Angeles LAFCO Initiate Proceedings For Annexation of Tesoro Del Valle, Making Responsible Agency Findings Pursuant to CEQA and Approving the Project in SCVWA's Limited Role as Responsible Agency		C	C																								
18 CLOSED SESSION: Water Transfer/Exchange				C	C	P																					
19 Approve a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Funding Agreement with DWR for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential New Delta Conveyance Option					C																						

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20	Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Agreement for SCV Water's Participation in Sites Reservoir Planning Costs									P		P																	
21	Recommend Approval of Resolution Adopting CEQA Findings for State Water Project Water Management Tools and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment for the State Water Project Water Management Tools														P		P												
22	Review of Watershed Recharge Feasibility Study							P	P				P			P													
23	Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Agreement in Principle (AIP) to Amend the State Water Project Contract for a Delta Conveyance Option														P		P												
24	Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to (1) Apply for a Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management Program Grant on Behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Identifying SCV Water as the Agency Responsible for the Local Cost Share and (2) Execute an Agreement with the State of California for a 2019 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant				C			P																					
25	Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Apply for a Proposition 1 Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant and to Execute a Grant Agreement with the Department of Water Resources									P		P																	
26	Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency Authorizing the General Manager to Enter Into a Contract with WaterWise Consulting, Inc.									P	P																		

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C = Completed
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CNT = Continued Item