




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 10, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: November 9, 2022 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Report

The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Jeff Ford, Directors Kathye Armitage, Ed Colley, William Cooper and Maria Gutzeit. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Executive Assistance Eunie Kang, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were General Manager Matt Stone, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz, Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler, and members of the public were present. A copy of the agenda is attached.

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

Item 3: Introduction of New Water Resources Director – Staff and Committee welcomed the new Water Resources Director Ali Elhassan.

Item 4: Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Bridgeport Pocket Park – Staff and Committee discussed and reviewed the updated staff report on scope, design process, and overview of lowest cost proposal. The Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration of approval by the Board. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the November 15, 2022 regular Board meeting.

There was public comment on item 4.

Staff's presentation is available at: https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Item-4-Bridgeport-Pocket-Park_PPP.pdf

Item 5: Recommend Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing SCV Water Agency to Apply for and Execute a Grant Agreement on Behalf of the SCV-GSA with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for a Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant – Staff and Committee discussed submitting a grant application to DWR to offset costs of developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) on behalf of Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA). After review and discussion, the Committee recommended that the Board consider this item for approval on the consent calendar. Recommendations for this item are included in a separate report going to the December 20, 2022 regular Board meeting.

Item 6: Water Resources Director's Report

- 6.1 Staff Activities** – Ali Elhassan is working with staff to develop working relationships and technical understanding of various programs within the department.

Item 7: Sustainability Manager's Report

- 7.1 Status of Drought Response and Performance** – Staff presented a status update on current drought response and performance.

Topics covered:

- Weather Statistics
- Drought Conservation Target
- Lawn Replacement Program
- Continued Performance Monitoring and Adaptive Management

Staff's presentation is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Item-7.1-%E2%80%93-Status-on-Drought-Response-and-Performance-PPP.pdf>

- 7.2 Update on Conservation Activities and Performance** – There were no new updates to report

Item 8: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar.

Item 9: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.


The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Agency website or by clicking the following link: https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/WRW-Meeting-Recording_110922.mp3

Attachment



Date: November 2, 2022

To: **Water Resources and Watershed Committee**
Jeff Ford, Chair
Kathye Armitage
Ed Colley
Bill Cooper
Maria Gutzeit

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager 

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** is scheduled to meet on **Wednesday, November 9, 2022 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: 161 829 6295 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1618296295>**. 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.

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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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Posted on November 2, 2022.