




## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 13, 2022  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Cole   
Assistant General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** January 12, 2022 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Report

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The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, January 12, 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 Chief Operating Officer Keith Abercrombie, 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, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Executive Assistant Leticia Quintero, General Manager Matt Stone, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos, Water Resources Planner Ernesto Velazquez, Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz and Principal Engineer Jason Yim. Erica Linard (Rincon Consultants) and members of the public were also present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

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

**Item 3: Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Reservoir Agreement for Sites Reservoir to Fund Necessary Planning Costs** – Staff gave a presentation outlining progress on the Sites Reservoir Project and the proposed amendment to the Sites Reservoir Agreement. After discussion, the Committee recommended that this item be presented at the February 1, 2022, regular Board meeting.

**Item 4: Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter Into Agreement with TerraVerde Energy for Application Preparation and Project Management of Self-Generating Incentive Program Projects (Photovoltaic and Battery Storage) Funding** – Staff gave a presentation describing the funding program for Self-Generating Incentive Projects (Photovoltaic and Battery Storage) (SGIP), including the need for consultant support to manage the program and the funding application process. The Committee discussed the SGIP Project and Program, requested that a CEQA finding relating to this project be added to the Board report, and recommended that this item be presented at the February 15, 2022, regular Board meeting.

**Item 5: Water Resources Director's Report**

- 5.1 Status of Water Supplies** – Staff updated the Committee on the Status of Water Supplies including data on recent precipitation, reservoir storage levels, improving drought classifications throughout the state and the prospect of DWR increasing the SWP allocation. Staff's presentation is available at <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Item-5.1-WRW-011221-PowerPoint-Status-of-Water-Supplies.pdf>.

**5.2 Staff Activities** – Staff provided a brief update on a January, 6, 2022 multi-agency meeting regarding the Bouquet Creek Restoration Project. New funding opportunities, along with recently passed SB 155, present significant opportunities to advance the project. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for February 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, noting that both the weather and SCV Water Customers response to voluntary conservation measures are driving water demands lower. Staff’s presentation is available at <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Item-6.1-WRW-011221-PowerPoint-Status-of-Drough-Response-and-Performance.pdf>.

**6.2 Status of Sustainability and Climate Action Plan** – Staff and consultant Rincon Consultants, Inc. updated the Committee on the status of the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S&CAP). The Committee discussed the necessity and advisability of preparing the S&CAP in advance of regulatory requirements. Staff’s presentation is available at <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Item-6.2-WRW-011221-PowerPoint-Status-of-Sustainability-and-Climate-Action-Plan.pdf>.

**Item 7: Committee Planning Calendar** – The Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.


Attachment

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**Date:** January 5, 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 **January 12, 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: 160 736 0842 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1607360842>** 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](mailto: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**

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>PAGE</u></b>
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.)	
3. * Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Reservoir Agreement for Sites Reservoir to Fund Necessary Planning Costs	
4. * Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter Into Agreement with TerraVerde Energy for Application Preparation and Project Management of Self Generating Incentive Program Projects (Photovoltaic and Battery Storage) Funding	
5. Water Resources Director’s Report	
5.1 Status of Water Supplies	
5.2 Staff Activities	
6. Sustainability Manager’s Report	
6.1 Status of Drought Response and Performance	
6.2 Status of Sustainability and Climate Action Plan	
7. * Committee Planning Calendar	
8. Adjournment	

\* Indicates Attachment

◆ Indicates Handout

### **NOTICES:**

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requesting a disability-related accommodation should make the request with adequate time before the meeting for the Agency to provide the requested accommodation.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, non-exempt public records that relate to open session agenda items and are distributed to a majority of the Committee less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting will be available for public inspection at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350, during regular business hours. When practical, these public records will also be made available on the Agency's Internet Website, accessible at <http://www.yourscvwater.com>.

Posted on January 5, 2022.

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