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**SCV WATER AGENCY
TELECONFERENCE
WATER RESOURCES AND WATERSHED
COMMITTEE MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021

START TIME: 5:30 PM (PST)

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Date: August 4, 2021

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 **August 11, 2021 at 5:30 PM**, call-in information is listed below.

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We request that the public submit any comments in writing if practicable, which can be sent to 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 meeting. Anything received after 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day.

MEETING AGENDA

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1.	PUBLIC COMMENTS – 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.)	
2.	Water Resources Director’s Report	
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	2.3 Staff Activities	
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*	Indicates Attachment	
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Posted on August 4, 2021.

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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 2, 2021
TO: Water Resources and Watershed Committee
FROM: Matthew S. Dickens, MPA *MSD*
Sustainability Manager
SUBJECT: Update on Conservation Activities and Performance

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

Status of Conservation Projects

Online Customer Engagement and Program Management Portal

SCV Water offers many water conservation and water use efficiency programs including, but not limited to, rebates and incentives for removing and replacing water-thirsty turfgrass, upgrading to a smart irrigation controller, and installing high-efficiency irrigation equipment (HE Nozzles, Master Pressure Regulation, Pressure Regulating Bodies). To support customer engagement and manage various rebate requests, SCV Water employs an online customer engagement portal via consultant Droplet Technologies (<https://yourscvwater.dropletprograms.com/>). Since 2019, staff and Droplet have worked vigorously to update the legacy system to include additional programs, processes, and procedures. In July 2021, the new customer engagement portal launched, and staff continues to work the consultant to ensure optimal customer interaction and useability.

Department of Water Resources – CII Performance Standards

In advance of implementation of the Conservation Long-term Framework (AB 1668 and SB 606), the Department of Water Resources (DWR) organized several workgroups to evaluate and develop the various components, methodologies, and standards of the annual Urban Water Use Objectives (UWUO). The UWUOs are comprised of the Indoor Residential Objective, the Outdoor Residential Objective, the Commercial Outdoor Objective, and a Water Loss Objective. While Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) use is excluded from the UWUO, urban water suppliers are required to develop Best Management Practices (BMP) and programs to support CII water use efficiency efforts. During its July 2021 meeting, the CII Workgroup discussed approaches to classifying and categorizing CII water use to develop baseline, benchmarking, and reporting processes. Currently, the workgroup is considering a phased approach to include Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, and Dedicated Irrigation Meters for a period of four years followed by a more robust classification system based on findings and recommendations from Phase 1 implementation. The Conservation Long-term Framework compliance period begins on July 1, 2023 with the first annual report due on January 1, 2024.

Status of Sustainability Projects

Sustainability & Climate Action Plan

In April 2021, SCV Water procured support from Rincon Consultants, Inc. to develop the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S&CAP). The first component of the analysis and planning effort includes collecting data on historical electric, natural gas, and water use, fleet inventory and fuel costs, employee commute estimates, solar production, construction project emissions, and other agency-specific metrics. In July 2021, staff finalized data collection and has submitted it to the consultant for its initial sustainability analysis. Following completion of the initial analysis, staff will develop educational materials and formats to elicit feedback from the executive management team, Board of Directors, and from the public.

Status of Special Projects

Purple PREP – Recycled Water Customer Conversions

Staff continues to work with end-use customers in the Phase 2B and 2D project areas to convert existing irrigation to recycled water. In July 2021, staff provided conversion plans for review and Purple PREP documentation for application purposes to Phase 2D customers. Staff is currently scheduling similar meetings with Phase 2B customers. The site conversion plan and Purple PREP review meetings are scheduled to conclude in September/October 2021.

Local Watershed & Aquifers Exhibit Project Launch

SCV Water staff continue to work with consultant Bowman Change to develop the Local Watershed and Aquifers Exhibit. The current concept intends to demonstrate the local watershed and aquifers by raising a cross-section of the Santa Clarita Valley (shown in Figure 1). Teachers and students will be able to identify their location using surface maps and associated landmarks and will have a “3D” view into the Alluvium and Saugus Aquifers. Additionally, the exhibit will demonstrate, among other things, direction of subsurface water flow, groundwater wells, well depth, and watershed-aquifers interaction. Education components will focus on the value of groundwater to our community, water conservation and water use efficiency practices, and groundwater sustainability.

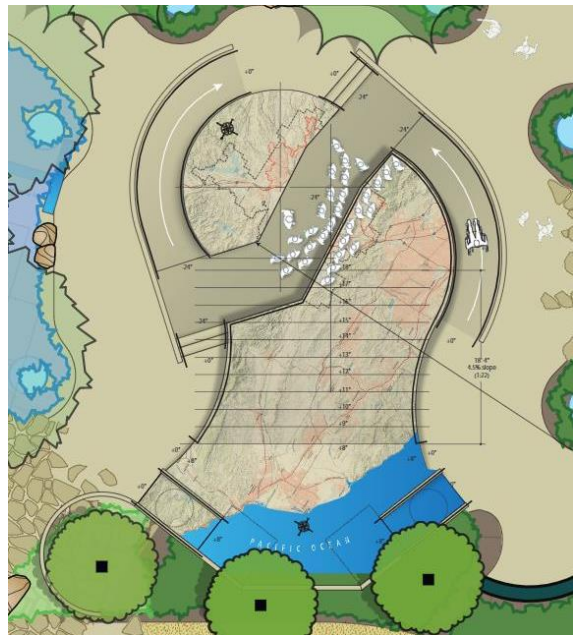


Figure 1 - Local Watershed and Aquifers Exhibit Concept

Bridgeport Pocket Park

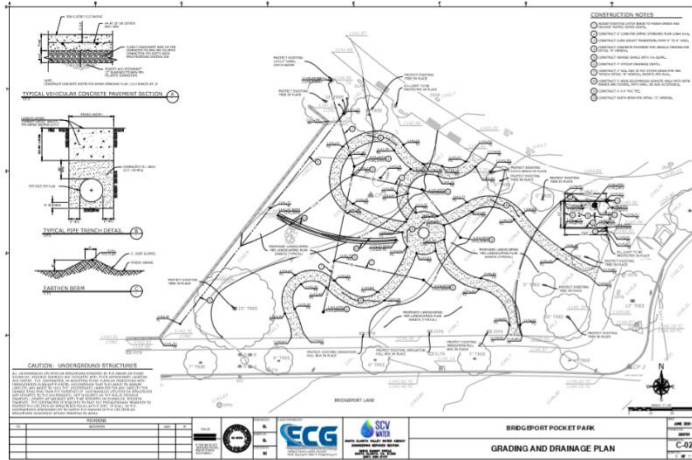


Figure 2 - Bridgeport Pocket Park Design Concept

In July 2021, staff finalized design documents for the Bridgeport Pocket Park and have submitted the document package to the City of Santa Clarita (City) for review and feedback. Staff anticipates receiving feedback from the City in August/September. Once received, staff will incorporate feedback into the design plans and prepare and implement the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The RFP process is scheduled for Fall 2021.

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**Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency
Water Resources & Watershed Committee and Board Calendar**

**ITEM NO.
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FY 2021/22

	Item	Jul 6 Board	Jul 14 Comm	Aug 3 Board	Aug 11 Comm	Sep 7 Board	Sep 21 Board	Sep 8 Comm	Oct 5 Board	Oct 13 Comm	Nov 2 Board	Nov 10 Comm	Dec 7 Board	Dec 8 Comm	Jan 4 Board	Jan 12 Comm	Feb 1 Board	Feb 9 Comm	Mar 1 Board	Mar 9 Comm	Apr 5 Board	Apr 13 Comm	May 3 Board <i>TO BE MOVED</i>	May 11 Comm	Jun 7 Board	Jun 8 Comm
1	Update on Conservation Activities & Performance		C		P			P		P		P		P		P		P		P		P		P		P
2	Status of Drought Response and Performance				P			P		P		P		P		P		P		P		P		P		P
3	Status of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation				P									P						P						
4	Review of Lawn Replacement Program Evaluation				P																					
5	Status of Efforts Relating to Groundwater Spreading Pilot Program				P																					
6	Devil's Den Semi-Annual Report						P											P								
7	Status of Upper Santa Clara River Salt and Nutrient Management Plan							P				P														
8	Status of Water Supply and Water Banking Programs							P												P						
9	Recommend Approval of Modification to Lawn Replacement Program							P																		
10	Status of Recycled Water Program							P																		
11	Recommend Approval of a Resolution Adopting Recycled Water Rules and Regulations							P																		
12	Status of Devil's Den Solar Generation Facilities							P																		
13	Status of Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update											P														
14	Status of Water Supplies													P				P								
15	Status of Sites Reservoir Project and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Banking Program		C											P												
16	Review and Discussion of FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23 Water Resources Operating Budget and Minor and Major Capital Projects Budgets																								P	
17	Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Construction Contract for Bridgeport Pocket Park - TBD																									

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