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SCV WATER AGENCY WATER RESOURCES AND WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

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Date: February 3, 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 **Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 5:30 PM**, call-in information is listed below.

**TELECONFERENCE ONLY
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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 not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so now or 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 February 3, 2021.

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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 26, 2021
TO: Water Resources and Watershed Committee
FROM: Dirk Marks *DM*
Director of Water Resources
SUBJECT: Devil's Den Semi-Annual Report (July 2020 – December 2020)

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

SCV Water's Devil's Den property encompasses 8,656 acres in Kern and Kings Counties. The Devil's Den Water District is an existing entity, although its State Water Project (SWP) contract rights of 12,700 Acre-Feet (AF) have been transferred to SCV Water. A summary of activities at the Devil's Den property during the last six months of 2020 is as follows:

1. Groundwater levels are checked bi-monthly at the north end of the property to monitor the potential effects of groundwater pumping by neighboring agriculture operations. Current water levels are approximately 76 feet below ground surface elevation. This reflects a decrease of 4 feet in the test wells water level over the last six months. Typical static water levels are at approximately 70 feet.
2. A cattle herd of 230 cows and calves were grazing various sections of the property providing weed control.
3. Rolling Hills Farm continues mechanical weed control in areas of the property where cattle are not being grazed, such as fence lines and roadsides. RHF is also monitoring the Alamo Springs solar generation land and is tasked with mechanical weed control of the site if necessary. RHF did not have to mechanically remove any weeds from the solar site in the last 6 months.
4. There has been approximately 1/4" of rain on the property between July 2020 and December 31, 2020.
5. Alamo Springs, LLC (Alamo) has completed their biological surveys and wetland delineation work at the proposed solar generation facility location within Devil's Den.
6. At its July 7, 2020 meeting, the Board of Directors extended the current agreements with Alamo to allow for extensions through December 31, 2021, to allow the solar generation company to finalize their CEQA documentation of the project.
7. Alamo submitted their Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to Kings County in October 2020. The item is currently under County review, but it is anticipated to go out for public review in January or February 2021.
8. The Rolling Hills Farms Agricultural Lease was extended through December 31, 2021.

9. Staff is currently discussing a potential access easement with Recurrent Energy to allow Recurrent to cross property owned by SCV Water to access their new solar facility on adjacent land.
10. In August 2020, SCV Water received a Cease-and-Desist letter from a neighboring landowner due to suspected damage done by cattle owned by Rolling Hills Farms. SCV Water has rejected the claim and staff continues to work with Counsel on resolving the issue.
11. SCV Water is now required to test the well supplying drinking water to the building located on its property through the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. The Nitrate level of the water tested at a level below the minimum threshold, so no action is required. SCV Water will need to continue to test the well on a yearly basis.
12. SCV Water is required to submit a certified Nitrogen Management Plan for any Nitrogen used on crops planted within the Devil's Den Water District. Staff has completed training to allow for self-certification of the required plan.

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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 28, 2021
TO: Water Resources and Watershed Committee
FROM: Dirk Marks *DM*
Director of Water Resources
SUBJECT: Status of Watershed Recharge Feasibility Study

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND

Staff continues to advance feasibility work for two potential groundwater spreading facilities. This Recharge Feasibility Study is a continuation of the Agency's previous efforts including the 2015 Reconnaissance Study and the 2017 Trussel report. These studies analyzed different methods, locations, and challenges for conducting groundwater recharge in the Santa Clarita Valley. The two locations currently under investigation are the Old Castaic School Site (Agency owned property just south of the Castaic Lagoon) and an east end location near the Pinetree Wells in the Canyon County area.

UPDATE SUMMARY

Since the last update (November 2020), staff has coordinated with GSI Water Solutions (GSI) and SCV Water Operations personnel to complete installation of a monitoring well at the Old Castaic School Site. Groundwater level monitoring equipment was ordered, received, and is expected to be installed in mid-February 2020. Over the next year, data will be collected monthly and summarized in quarterly reports to analyze the seasonal changes to groundwater elevation and flow. The 12-month data collection period will also allow for groundwater levels to be correlated to rainfall, river flow, and Castaic Reservoir releases.

On the east end of the valley, a potential recharge location just east of the Pinetree Wells has been identified for further evaluation. It was chosen due to its accessibility and proximity to existing infrastructure. The site is located primarily on Agency/City owned land near the shoulders of the Santa Clara River, adjacent to Sand Canyon and Soledad Canyon Rd.

Staff is also working with GSI to identify an additional location on the east end so that a Phase I environmental assessment can be conducted at both sites to identify potential environmental conditions that could affect water quality or present liability risks. Once the assessment is complete, a site will be selected to perform infiltration tests and install a monitoring well.

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

**ITEM NO.
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27	Update on Recycled Water Purple PREP					C																															
28	Update on Education Garden State Water Project Exhibit					C																															
29	Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Amend the GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Contract for Field Investigation of Potential Recharge Sites								C		C																										
30	Update on State Water Project Matters								C																												
31	Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Execute Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement for the Supply and Conveyance of Water by the Department of Water Resources of the State of California to the Participating State Water Project Contractors Under the Dry Year Water Purchase Program								C	C																											
32	Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Amend the GSI Water Solutions, Inc. Contract for Development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan on Behalf of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA)											C	C																								
33	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											C			C																						
34	Recommend Adopting a Resolution Authorizing General Manager to Enter into a Cost Sharing Agreement for Planning Activities for a Delta Conveyance Facility and Authorize SCV Water's Membership in the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority											C			C																						
35	Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Implement the Purple PREP Pilot for Recycled Water Onsite Conversion Support																C						P														
36	Status of Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update																C																				
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39	Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Reservoir Agreement for Sites Reservoir to Fund Necessary Planning Costs			C																																	

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