




## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 14, 2022  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Cole   
Assistant General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** July 13, 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, July 13, 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 B.J. Atkins, and Maria Gutzeit. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, General Manager Matt Stone, Water Resources Planner Ernesto Velazquez, Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz, additional SCV Water Agency staff and members of the public. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

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

**Item 3: Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. for the First Year of Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation**

– Staff provided a presentation outlining implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and the need for technical support to develop systematic, repeatable protocols and procedures for data collection and reporting. Staff responded to the Committees' questions regarding de minimus pumping by well owners as relates to GSP Implementation, water quality and volume of use. Recommended actions for this item are included in a separate report being submitted at the August 2, 2022 Board Meeting. The Committee recommends that the Board consider this item for approval via Consent Calendar. Staff's presentation is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Item-3-WRW-071322-Implementation-of-Groundwater-Sustainability-Plan.pdf>

**Item 4: Water Resources Director's Report**

- 4.1 Status of Upper Santa Clara River Salt and Nutrient Management Plan** – Staff provided a presentation on the update of the Salt and Nutrient management Plan, including historical perspective, current regulations, groundwater basin monitoring, current regulatory compliance status and the desired effects of the Plan on future compliance efforts. Staff will provide a similar presentation at a future meeting of the SCV-GSA Board. Staff's presentation is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Item-4.1-WRW-071322-USCR-Salt-Nutrient-Management-Plan.pdf>
- 4.2 Staff Activities** – Staff provided an overview of a recent workshop for Sites Reservoir Project financial planning. Staff also presented an overview of the Antelope Valley-East Kern (AVEK) High Desert Water Banking Program and discussed the Agency's intent to submit a non-binding letter of interest to participate in Phase 2 of the

program. Staff's presentation on AVEK is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Item-4.2-WRW-071322-Staff-Activities.pdf>

**Item 5: Sustainability Manager's Report**

**5.1 Status of Drought Response and Performance** – Staff's update on the Status of Drought Response and Performance included discussion on state emergency regulations, factors driving current water demand, public outreach efforts to encourage conservation, and drought response performance in SCV Water's service area. Staff is developing outreach material and an approach to implement the State Board's action to ban irrigation of Non-Functional Turf. Staff's presentation is available at: <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Item-5.1-WRW-071322-Status-of-Drought-Response-Performance.pdf>

**Item 6: Committee Planning Calendar** – The Committee considered the Planning Calendar.

**Item 7: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Attachment



**Date:** July 6, 2022

**To:** **Water Resources and Watershed Committee**  
Jeff Ford, Chair  
B.J. Atkins  
Ed Colley  
Bill Cooper  
Maria Gutzeit

**From:** Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** is scheduled to meet on **Wednesday, July 13, 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: 161 140 1620 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1611401620>**. 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.

Members of the public unable to attend this meeting may submit comments either in writing to [cowler@scvwa.org](mailto:cowler@scvwa.org) or by mail 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, if practicable, and will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day. All correspondence with comments, including letters or emails, will be posted in their entirety.

## MEETING AGENDA

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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.)	
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Posted on July 6, 2022.

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