



BOARD MEMORANDUM

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

The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, October 12, 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 Interim Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Executive Assistance Eunie Kang, Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were General Manager Matt Stone, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos, Principal Engineer, Brent Payne and members of the public were present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 2: Public Comment – There were public comments.

Item 3: Reaffirm Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Approving the SB 610 Water Supply Assessment for the Shadowbox Studios Development – Staff and Committee discussed the revised WSA which included new information from the Department of Water Resources recently released final 2021 State Water Project Delivery Capability Report (DCR). The final DCR included an update of future (2040) reliability data. After review and discussion, the Committee recommended that the Board consider this item for approval. Recommendations for this item are included in a separate report going to the October 18, 2022 regular Board meeting.

There were public comments on item 3.

Item 4: Water Resources Director's Report

4.1 Status of Water Supply and Water Banking Program – Staff presented an overview of the Agency's current and future banking and exchange programs. The Committee requested additional information relating to ability to refill banking programs and desirable level of investment in future programs.

4.2 Staff Activities – There were no updates to report.

Item 5: Sustainability Manager's Report

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

Topics covered:

- Drought conditions persist and third year La Nina forecasted.
- Statewide drought emergency and State Water Resources Board emergency regulations are still in effect.
- State Water project water allocation at 5% for second consecutive year.
- Continued use of critical dry year supplies
- Current monthly conservation performance on track, cumulative savings trending down

Staff's presentation is available at:

https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Item-5.1-Status-of-Drought-Response-Performance_101222.pdf

5.2 Update on Conservation Activities and Performance – Staff provided an update on conservation activities and performance.

Topics covered:

- The Conservation Team received its third consecutive WaterSense Excellence Award
- Conservation policy updates on AB 1668, SB 606 and SB 1157
- Residential efficiency targets
- Lawn Replacement Program - HOA outreach and engagement
- AB 2142 – CA tax exemption of Lawn Replacement Rebates

Staff's presentation is available at:

https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Item-5.2-Update-on-Conservation-Activities-Performance_101222.pdf

Item 6: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar.

Item 7: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Attachment

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Date: October 5, 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, October 12, 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

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MEETING AGENDA

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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 October 5, 2022.