




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 7, 2023
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: October 11, 2023 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom located at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Piotr Orzechowski, Directors Dirk Marks, and Gary Martin. Staff members present were Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang, and Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Senior Water Resources and Data Scientist Najwa Pitois, Senior Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury, Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler and members of the public were present. A copy of the amended agenda is attached.

Item 2: Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Item 3: Recommend Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Apply for Grant Funding under the Bureau of Reclamation’s FY 2023 WaterSmart Applied Science Grant Program for the Agency’s Groundwater Model Refinement and Calibration Project – After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors and put it on the Consent Calendar. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the November 7, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Item 4: Water Resources Director’s Report

- 4.1 Staff Activities** – Ali Elhassan shared updates on staff activities. He congratulated Sarah Fleury for her promotion to Senior Water Resources Planner and commended her work. He also mentioned that staff participated in the California Water Plan 2023 plenary organized by DWR. He and staff participated in a webinar on enhancing groundwater recharge. He informed the Committee that the Agency’s partnership agreements for water exchange and water transfer have been submitted to DWR and are waiting for approval and implementation.

Item 5: Sustainability Manager’s Report

- 5.1 Status of Conservation Activities and Performance** – Matt Dickens presented a status update of the Agency’s conservation activities and performance. Staff and Committee discussed the progress and achievements of different programs, the amount of conservation savings, the long-term goals, and the latest regulatory changes.

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

Item 7: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Agency website or by clicking the following link:
[Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Recording.](#)

Attachment



Date: October 4, 2023

To: **Water Resources and Watershed Committee**
Piotr Orzechowski, Chair
William Cooper
Dirk Marks
Gary Martin

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager *SM*

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** meeting for **Wednesday, October 11, 2023 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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1. <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	
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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