




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 2, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: December 13, 2023 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 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 Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Chief Engineer Courtney Mael, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang, and Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos, and members of the public were present. A copy of the agenda is attached.

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

The Committee went into Closed Session at 5:37 P.M. to discuss item 3.1.

Item 3: CLOSED SESSION

- 3.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Property: Devil's Den Water District Property Encompassing Approx. 8,800 Acres Located in Kings and Kern Counties Along Hwy 33 North of Twissiemann Road and South of Route 41
Agency Negotiators: Assistant General Manager Stephen L. Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, and Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos
Negotiating Parties: Intersect Power
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

Chair Orzechowski reconvened the Open Session at 6:09 P.M.

Item 4: CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS – Steve Cole reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Item 5: Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Recycled Water Between City of Santa Clarita and SCV Water Agency – 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 January 2, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 6: Discuss and Consider Potential Amendment to the Deposit and Funding Agreement Between SCV Water Agency and DACA-Castaic LLC for Tapia Ranch – After review and discussion, the Committee recommended through consensus to move this item forward for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors. This item will be presented in a separate report going to the January 2, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 7: Water Resources Director's Staff Activities – Ali Elhassan shared with the Committee the staff activities at the Fall ACWA conference. They were involved in and networked with various water exchange partners. The staff also joined the 2023 State Water Contractors Water Operations Committee Fall Workshop and visited the San Luis Field Division on a field trip.

Item 8: Sustainability Manager's Staff Activities – Matt Dickens reported that the Agency's conservation team has been busy with various sustainability and water conservation projects. One of the main tasks is to prepare the first annual conservation report in accordance with AB 1668 and SB 606, the long-term conservation framework, which is due on January 1, 2024. However, the State Resources Control Board has not yet issued its final guidance, so our report will not include any specific performance targets that we need to meet. Another ongoing activity is the annual water loss audit validation report that we will submit to the DWR at the end of year. The team is also developing and improving new conservation programs for 2024. Finally, Matt Dickens participated and exchanged ideas on water efficiency innovations and best practices at the Plenary Event of the California Water Efficiency Partnership in San Francisco.

Item 9: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar.

Item 10: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

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

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Date: December 6, 2023

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

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager 

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** meeting for **Wednesday, December 13, 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

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: 160 152 2133 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1601522133**. 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 ekang@scvwa.org or by mail to Eunie Kang, Executive Assistant, 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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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. Members of the public wishing to comment on item covered in Closed Session before they are considered by the Committee must request to make the comment at the commencement of the meeting at 5:30 P.M. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) To participate in public comment from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. You will be notified when it is your turn to speak, please unmute when requested. To participate in public comment via phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, dial *6 to unmute.	
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* Indicates Attachment

● Indicates Handout

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Posted on December 6, 2023

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