




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 9, 2021
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: December 8, 2021 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Report

The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 via teleconference. In attendance were Committee Chair Jeff Ford, Directors B. J. Atkins, Ed Colley, William Cooper, and Jerry Gladbach. Staff members present were Administrative Technician Terri Bell, Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury, Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler, Board Secretary April Jacobs, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang, Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Water Resources Planner Rick Vasilopoulos, Water Resources Planner Ernesto Velazquez, and Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz. Members of the public were present. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 1: Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Item 2: Recommend that the Board Authorize the General Manager to Enter Into Water Exchange Agreements with Irvine Ranch Water District – Staff gave a presentation describing proposed short- and long-term water exchange programs with Irvine Ranch Water District. The Committee discussed the terms of the proposed exchange agreements and unanimously agreed that agreements should be developed for Board consideration.

Item 3: Water Resources Director's Report

- 3.1 Status of Water Supplies** – Staff updated the Committee on the Status of Water Supplies including the initial zero percent allocation from the State Water Project and DWR's current plans to restrict deliveries to those necessary to meet health and safety needs. The Committee requested that staff include a condensed version of this presentation in the monthly Water Resources and Outreach Section Report to be provided in the January 4, 2022 Board packet. Staff's presentation is available at <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Item-3.1-WRW-120821-PowerPoint-Status-of-Water-Supplies.pdf>.
- 3.2 Status of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation** – Staff provided an update on the Status of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation. Staff advised that the SCV-GSA Board will consider adoption of the final Groundwater Sustainability Plan in January 2022, followed by commencement of GSP implementation activities.

- 3.2 Status of Sites Reservoir Project, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Banking Program and AVEK High Desert Banking Program** – Staff updated the Committee on the Sites Reservoir Project’s costs, benefits to supply reliability, and schedule. The Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Banking Program was briefly discussed in Item Nos. 2 and 3.1 above, and the update on the AVEK High Desert Water Banking Program was deferred to a future meeting. Staff advised the Committee that an action item to extend the Agency’s participation through the Sites Reservoir Project’s final planning stages will be presented to Water Resources and Watershed Committee in January 2022 and to the Board in February 2022.
- 3.4 Status of Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update** – Staff updated the Committee on the Status of Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update, stating that there is no requirement to update the current IRWM Plan at this time. Staff also discussed the upcoming Prop 1 IRWM Round 2 Grant opportunity and processes.
- 3.5 Staff Activities** – No report provided.

Item 4: Sustainability Manager’s Report

- 4.1 Update on Conservation Activities & Performance** – Staff summarized the written report provided on Conservation Activities and Performance. The Committee and staff discussed wind and other damage sustained to the Agency’s photovoltaic system, energy efficiency self-generation projects and energy storage options.
- 4.2 Status of Drought Response and Performance** – Staff provided a comprehensive update on the Status of Drought Response and Performance. Staff’s presentation is available at <https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Item-4.2-WRW-120821-PowerPoint-Status-of-Drought-Response.pdf>. The Committee requested that staff include a condensed version of this presentation, including updated water supply conditions, in the monthly Water Resources and Outreach Section Report to be provided in the January 4, 2022 Board packet.

Item 5: Committee Planning Calendar – The Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.


Attachment

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Date: December 2, 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 **December 8, 2021 at 5:30 PM**, call-in information is listed below.

**TELECONFERENCE ONLY
NO PHYSICAL LOCATION FOR MEETING**

TELECONFERENCING NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of AB 361 this meeting is being held remotely. The SCV Water Board will continue to hold remote Board and Committee meetings due to the continuing State of Emergency for COVID-19 and state and local official's continuance to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Any Director may call into the Agency Committee meeting using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-(833)-568-8864 Webinar ID: 161 905 637 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1619056374>** without otherwise complying with the Brown Act's teleconferencing requirements.

The public may not attend the meeting in person. 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. Please see the notice below if you have a disability and require an accommodation in order to participate in the meeting.

If the State of Emergency for COVID-19 expires prior to this meeting and after the posting of this Agenda, this meeting will be held in person at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency, 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Board and Training Room.

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 start of the meeting. Anything received after 4:00 PM the day of the meeting will be made available at the meeting and will be posted on the SCV Water website the following day.

MEETING AGENDA

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1.	<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 December 2, 2021.

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