




## BOARD MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 22, 2023  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steve Cole   
Assistant General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** May 17, 2023 Rescheduled Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Recap Report

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The Rescheduled Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 17, 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 William Cooper, Dirk Marks and Gary Martin. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang, and Information Technology Technician I Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens and Water Resources Planners Sarah Fleury, Ernesto Velazquez and Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz and members of the public were present. A copy of the agenda is attached.

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

**Item 3: Status of Groundwater Recharge Initiatives** – Ernesto Velazquez presented the status of groundwater recharge initiatives. Staff and Committee discussed current groundwater recharge study locations and field data collection that was completed on May 11, 2023. Next steps include submittal of recharge studies to DWR, develop scope for full scale implementation of recharge projects, and investigate impacts of local recharge on supply portfolio reliability.

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

- 4.1 Status of Water Supplies** – Sarah Fleury presented the status of water supplies. Staff and Committee reviewed the recent statewide snowpack, which is 337 percent of normal to date. The San Luis Reservoir SCV Water storage is at 98% capacity/129% historical average. And local reservoir Castaic Lake is at 96% capacity/111% historical average. Anticipated snowmelt conditions will increase reservoir volume. State Water Project allocation increased to 100%.
- 4.2 Staff Activities** – Ali Elhassan provided a summary of staff activities.
- Staff Participation of Edmonston Tour
  - Staff Participation of Rosedale-Rio Bravo Recharge Operations Tour and Devil Dens Site Visit
  - ACWA Spring Conference attendance
  - United Water Conservation District Castaic Water Release

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

- 5.1 Status of SCV Water Agency's WaterSAVING Targets** – Matt Dickens presented WaterSAVING Targets milestones and initial findings. Staff continues to address issues and challenges concerning distortion of Landscape Area Measurement (LAM) data and documentation. Staff plans to develop process and procedures for maintenance, new accounts, updated LAM from DWR, and run scenarios to identify Agency budget methodologies for target calculations.

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

**Item 7: Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.


The meeting recording is available on the SCV Water Agency website or by clicking the following link:  
<https://www.yourscvwater.com/meetings/rescheduled-committee-meeting-051723-0>

Attachment



**Date:** May 10, 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 is rescheduled for **Wednesday, May 17, 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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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.

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## MEETING AGENDA

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>PAGE</u>
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.)	
3.	Status of Groundwater Recharge Initiatives	
4.	Water Resources Director's Report	
	4.1 Status of Water Supplies	
	4.2 Staff Activities	
5.	Sustainability Manager's Report	
	5.1 Status of SCV Water Agency's WaterSAVING Targets	
6. *	Committee Planning Calendar	1
7.	Adjournment	
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Posted on May 10, 2023.

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