




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 13, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: June 12, 2024 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, June 12, 2024 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 General Manager Matt Stone, Information Technology Technician I Oliver Molina, Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler, Principal Water Resources Planner Rick Viergutz, and Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens. Attending virtually were Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan and additional staff. Members of the public were also present. A copy of the agenda is attached.

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

Item 3: Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Department of Water Resources Funding Agreement for the Arundo Removal and Management Project – 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 has been deemed suitable for the Consent Calendar and will be presented as a separate report going to the July 2, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 4.1: Status of Water Supplies – Ali Elhassan provided an update on the water supply status, highlighting the State Water Project allocation increase to 40%. He touched upon the current rainfall and precipitation trends in our valley and statewide. The 2024 operation plan will reflect these changes, ensuring that water resources are managed effectively and maintained during the changing weather patterns.

Item 4.2: Water Resources Director's Report on Staff Activities – Ali Elhassan thanked the Water Resources team's dedication to the Agency's mission statement and the importance of their work and commitment to excellence service and performance.

Ali Elhassan reported the following staff activities:

- Over the course of three days, from May 15-17, Ali participated in the Delta Bay Tour. The attendees had the opportunity to explore various facilities and engage with diverse perspectives on Delta's management.
- The successful conclusion of the interview process for the Senior Water Resources Planner Hydrogeologist position.

- The Agency offered to be one of the participants in the feasibility study of analyzing desalination and onshore water storage.
- Collaborative efforts involving the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish ecological flow criteria for the state's rivers and streams.
- Rick Viergutz and Ali Elhassan participated in the SIGMA Workshop in Sacramento to address critical water management issues among various agencies.
- The identification of new exchange and banking opportunities by West Water Research.

There was a public comment on item 4.2.

Item 5.1: Sustainability Manager's Report on Staff Activities – Matt Dickens thanked the Conservation Sustainability team and the significant achievements made over the past year. Their dedication reflects their commitment and positive impact to the community.

Matt Dickens reported the following staff activities:

- Participated at the California Water Efficiency Peer to Peer conference in San Jose. Staff had the opportunity to meet with representatives from Department of Water Resources and State Water Resources Control Board in discussing significant developments on the intended release of the landscape measurement and identification data.
- State Water Resources Board released the recent version of the proposed regulations of AB 1668 and SB 606 conservation long-term framework. Staff will attend the public hearing and submit comments.
- Staff and consultants meet to mark the beginning of a collaborative effort to develop strategies in the ensuring of the Water Efficiency Strategic Plan.
- The completion of two multi-family apartment projects with the installation of over 500 ultra-premium high-efficiency toilets. Staff will perform an upcoming post-installation inspection to secure rebates by the fiscal year end.
- Staff are in discussion with the Water Research Foundation in their initiative to understand indoor residential water consumption. The inclusion of SCV Water Agency in this study could provide valuable insights without incurring additional costs to the Agency.

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

Item 7: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:34 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





Date: June 5, 2024

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

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager 

The rescheduled **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** meeting for **Wednesday, June 12, 2024 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: 160 166 5875 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1601665875**. 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.

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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.) 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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Posted on June 5, 2024

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