




BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 1, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole 
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: September 11, 2024 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Recap Report

The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, September 11, 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 Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Director of Water Resources Ali Elhassan, Executive Assistant Eunie Kang, and Information Technology Technician II Jonathan Thomas. Attending virtually were Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Water Resources Rick Vasilopoulos, Terra Verde Energy Consultant JP Bourquin, Legal Counsels Tom Bunn, Joe Byrne, and Charity Schiller. Members of the public were also present. A copy of the agenda is attached.

The Committee members and staff joined in the moment of silence in the remembrance of September 11th.

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

Item 3: Recommend Adoption of a Resolution Approving the SB 610 Water Supply Assessment for Princessa Crossings Development – 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 as a separate report going to the October 1, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 4: Recommend Approving a Resolution to Authorize Funding the Next Phase of Delta Conveyance Project Pre-Construction Work and Making CEQA Responsible Agency Findings Based on the Department of Water Resources Previously Certified EIR – 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 as a separate report going to the October 1, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Item 5.1: Water Resources Director's Staff Activities – Ali Elhassan provided updates on the current water supply demands and banking programs and staff's participation in the ACWA Region 8 event which highlighted women in water and leadership in times of climate uncertainty.

Item 6.1: Status of Solar Array Performance Evaluation – Matt Dickens provided an overview of the Agency's photovoltaic assets. He described the Agency's recent experience since buying out the PPA agreements and owning and operating the systems, including the

financial performance. He also reviewed the Agency's strategies to further enhance the performance and benefits of the photovoltaic systems.

Item 6.2: Sustainability Manager's Staff Activities – Matt Dickens shared staff's schedule on conferences and training sessions in the coming months. Staff are actively engaged in collaboration with the community to promote the Purple Prep Recycled Water Conversion Program.

Item 7: Committee Planning Calendar – Staff and the Committee reviewed the Planning Calendar.

The Committee went into Closed Session at 7:20 P.M. to discuss item 8.1.

Item 8: Closed Session

- 8.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Name of Case: Cemex water rights application no. A029967

Chair Orzechowski reconvened the Open Session at 7:51 PM.

Item 9: Closed Session Announcement – Steve Cole reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session that were reportable under the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Item 10: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

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

Attachment





Date: September 4, 2024

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, September 11, 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

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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. Members of the public wishing to comment on item covered in Closed Session before they are considered by the Committee must request to make comment at the commencement of the meeting at 5:30 PM. (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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	8.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of Case: Cemex Water Rights Application No. A029967	
9.	<u>CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>	

10. Adjournment

* Indicates Attachment

◆ Indicates Handout

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Posted on September 4, 2024

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