



BOARD MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 14, 2022
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve Cole *SC*
Assistant General Manager
SUBJECT: April 13, 2022 Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting Report

The Water Resources and Watershed Committee met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant Boardroom, located at 27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350. In attendance were Committee Chair Jeff Ford, Directors B. J. Atkins, William Cooper, and Jerry Gladbach. Staff members present were Assistant General Manager Steve Cole, Sustainability Manager Matt Dickens, Water Resources Planner Sarah Fleury, Management Analyst II Cheryl Fowler, Interim Director of Water Resources Dirk Marks, Data Scientist Najwa Pitois, General Manager Matt Stone, General Counsel Joseph Byrne, additional SCV Water Agency staff and members of the public. A copy of the Agenda is attached.

Item 2: Public Comment – There was public comment on Item No. 6.3.

Item 3: Recommend Adopting a Resolution to Enact Stage 2 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Water Conservation and Water Supply Shortage Ordinance – To aid the Committee in their consideration of this item, staff provided updates on the Status of Water Supplies (Item 6.1) and the Status of Drought Response and Performance (Item 7.1) below. The presentations highlighted water supply, statewide drought conditions, demand and conservation performance, as well as current and anticipated state regulations related to drought. The Committee recommended that this item be moved to the full Board for consideration and action. Recommended actions for this item are included in a separate report being submitted at the April 26, 2022 special Board meeting. Staff's presentation is available at: https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Apr-13-22_Item-7.3-Drought-Response-Item-3-WSCP-Enactment.pdf

Item 4: Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Contract with ESA Consultants to Prepare a California Environmental Flow Framework Study for Portions of the Santa Clara River – Staff gave a presentation highlighting the need and benefits of preparing a California Environmental Flow Framework Study for Portions of the Santa Clara River and highlighted ESA's unique qualifications to prepare the study. The Committee recommended that this item be placed on the consent calendar of upcoming Board meeting. Recommended actions for this item are included in a separate report being submitted at the April 26, 2022 special Board meeting. Staff's presentation is available at: https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Apr-13-22_Item-4_ESA-Contract-CEFF.pdf

Item 5: Review and Discussion of FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23 Water Resources Operating Budget and Minor and Major Capital Projects Budgets – Staff presented an overview of the updated FY 2021/22 and FY 2022/23 Water Resources Operating Budgets and Minor and Major

Capital Projects Budgets. Staff's presentation is available at: https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Apr-13-22_Item-5_FY2022-23-Water-Resources-Budget-Discussion.pdf

Item 6: Water Resources Director's Report

- 6.1 Status of Water Supplies** – Staff provided an update on the Status of Water Supplies in conjunction with Item 3 above. Staff's presentation is available at: https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Apr-13-22_Item-6.1_Status-of-Water-Supplies.pdf
- 6.2 Update on Water Resiliency Plan Initiative Activities** – Staff presented an overview of GoldSim Model Development including modeling methodology and key operating strategies. A pictorial demonstration of the user interface was provided and future development and applications for the program were discussed with the Committee. Staff's presentation is available at: https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Apr-13-22_Item-6.2_Water-Resiliency-Initiative-Activities.pdf
- 6.3 Staff Activities** – Staff gave an update on Voluntary Agreements with regard to the State Water Resources Control Board's Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan process. Staff described the proposed terms under the recently negotiated Voluntary Agreements framework and how, if selected, it could lead to earlier implementation, increases in habitat that supports fisheries, and more moderate impacts on water supplies. Staff's presentation is available at: https://yourscvwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Apr-13-22_Item-6.2_Water-Resiliency-Initiative-Activities.pdf

Item 7: Sustainability Manager's Report

- 7.1 Status of Drought Response and Performance** – Staff provided an update on the Status of Drought Response and Performance in conjunction with Item 3. A link to staff's presentation is listed under Item 3 above.

Item 8: Committee Planning Calendar – The Committee considered the Planning Calendar.

Item 9: Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.



Date: April 6, 2022

To: **Water Resources and Watershed Committee**
Jeff Ford, Chair
B.J. Atkins
Ed Colley
Bill Cooper
Piotr Orzechowski

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** is scheduled to meet on **Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM** at **27234 Bouquet Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the 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: 160 204 5865 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link <https://scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1602045865>**. 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 cflower@scvwa.org or by mail 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 posted on the SCV Water website the following day.

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.)	
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Posted on April 6, 2022.

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