



SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL  
WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

**JOINT WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
(CITY OF GILROY, CITY OF MORGAN HILL AND VALLEY WATER)**

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# MINUTES

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022  
9:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call.**

A meeting of the Joint Water Resources Committee (City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill, and Valley Water) (Committee) was called to order at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom teleconference.

**1.1. Roll Call.**

Committee Members in attendance via Zoom teleconference were Mayor Marie Blankley and Councilmember Dion Bracco representing City of Gilroy, Councilmember Rene Spring and Councilmember John McKay representing City of Morgan Hill, and District 1 Director John L. Varela and District 3 Director Richard P. Santos, Chairperson presiding, representing Valley Water and constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Valley Water staff in attendance: H. Ashktorab, A. Baker, N. Dominguez, A. Gschwind, H. McMahon, T. Mercado, D. Rocha, A. Shannon, K. Struve, C. Sun and D. Tucker.

City of Gilroy staff in attendance: S. Vaziry.

City of Morgan Hill staff in attendance: C. Ghione. Councilmember Gino Borgioli, Alternate Committee Representative was also present.

Public attendees: Mr. Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill resident.

**2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Chairperson Santos declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who wished to speak.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

#### **3.1. Approval of October 6, 2021 Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.**

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the October 6, 2021 Joint Water Resources Committee meeting.

It was moved by Councilmember Spring, seconded by Councilmember McKay, and carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as amended. Mayor Marie Blankley abstained.

### **4. ACTION ITEMS.**

#### **4.1. Receive Update on South County Water Reuse Collaboration.**

Recommendation:   A. Receive and discuss information on Technical Working Group discussions related to South County Water Reuse Collaboration; and  
                              B. Provide Feedback and recommendations as necessary.

Ms. Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and Mr. David Tucker, Associate Engineer, reviewed the Technical Working Groups discussions and activities.

The Committee received an update on the Technical Working Group's (TWG) discussions regarding opportunities for continued collaboration and opportunities to evaluate options to supplement South County's water supply with recycled and purified water. Staff recapped the TWG's discussions and activities conducted September through November. December discussions included next steps in developing revisions to the existing partnering agreements, water reuse and purification opportunities, the benefits of developing a single comprehensive agreement, options available for legal agreements to advance South County water reuse, and a review of the various partnering agreements from 1999 regarding agency collaboration for non-potable reuse. The TWG plans to continue its review of the partnering agreements and will be discussing master planning, future capital planning, volume of water, options for managing water reuse, storage considerations and impacts on water delivery in South County, opportunities and options to expand water reuse to Morgan Hill, and water quality issues. The Committee discussed future topics of discussion including roadmap development, regulatory issues, and public communication.

Mr. Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill resident, requested the Committee consider increased communication with the public on the benefits of recycled and purified water.

The Committee made the following requests:

- Staff to review the August 23, 2021 staff report and clarify verbiage and Committee recommendations with regard to the information contained in the January 5, 2022 staff report.
- Provide future TWG reports in a written and/or visual format.
- Provide Committee members with an executive summary and copy of all partnering agreements related to expansion of South County recycled and purified water.

4.2. Review 2022 Joint Water Resources Committee Work Plan.

Recommendation:   A. Review the 2021 Joint Water Resources Committee Work Plan, and make adjustments as necessary; and  
                              B. Select a date for the next Joint Water Resources Committee meeting.

Ms. Natalie Dominguez, Assistant Deputy Clerk, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1.

The Committee noted the items contained in the 2022 Work Plan for future agendas and requested to add the following item:

- Include a new standing item for Committee Member Reports.

**5. INFORMATION ITEMS.**

None.

**6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**

Ms. Natalie Dominguez, Assistant Deputy Clerk II, reviewed Committee requests as follows:

Regarding Item 4.1:

- Staff to review the August 23, 2021 staff report and clarify verbiage and Committee recommendations with regard to the information contained in the January 5, 2022 staff report.
- Provide future TWG reports in a written and/or visual format.
- Provide Committee members an executive summary and copy of all partnering agreements related to this subject matter.

Regarding Item 4.1:

Include a new standing item for Committee Member Reports.

**7. ADJOURN.**

7.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m., on April 6, 2022.

Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m., to the next meeting scheduled to occur at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-08-21.

Natalie F. Dominguez  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Approved: 04/06/2022