



SOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL
WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

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

MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021
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 City of Gilroy: Hon. Dion Bracco, Councilmember, City of Morgan Hill: Hon. Rene Spring, Councilmember and Hon. John McKay, Councilmember, and Valley Water: Hon. John L. Varela, Director, District 1 and Hon. Richard P. Santos, Director, District 3, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Absent: Hon. Marie Blankley, Mayor, City of Gilroy.

Valley Water staff in attendance: H. Ashktorab, A. Baker, V. De La Piedra, N. Dominguez, H. McMahon, D. Rocha, K. Struve, and C. Sun.

City of Gilroy staff in attendance were J. Forbis and S. Vaziry.

City of Morgan Hill staff in attendance were C. Ghione, J. Sylvain, and C. Turner.

Guest 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 August 4, 2021 Joint Water Resources Committee Meeting Minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the August 4, 2021 Joint Water Resources Committee meeting.

It was moved by Director Varela to approve the minutes as presented. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Council Member McKay requested the minutes be corrected as follows:

Page 1, Item 1, Roll Call, Paragraph 1, line 2:

Correct the minutes to reflect the meeting convened at 8:30 a.m.

Page 1, Item 1.1, Roll Call, Paragraph 4:

Correct the minutes to reflect City of Gilroy staff in attendance were J. Forbis and S. Vaziry.

Page 1, Item 1.1, Roll Call, Paragraph 5:

Correct the minutes to reflect City of Morgan Hill staff in attendance were C. Ghione, J. Sylvain, and C. Turner.

It was moved by Director Varela, seconded by Council Member McKay, and carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as amended. Mayor Marie Blankley was absent.

4. ACTION ITEMS.

4.1. Discuss 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 reported on the South County Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting of September 21, 2021, where the following items were discussed: what each of the agencies (Cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill, and Valley Water) represented, the TWG's purpose, agency expectations, and the need to come up with solutions for water supply quickly while also recognizing that these types of projects could take a considerable amount of time to complete. Valley Water plans to confer with city staff on the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan and South County Master Plan. The cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill will update Valley Water on sustainable water management planning work to identify opportunities and gaps in South County.

The TWG agreed to meet monthly. The next meeting is scheduled to occur on October 19, 2021.

Chairperson Santos suggested all Committee members review the final Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan.

The Committee noted the information without formal action.

4.2. Review 2021 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. Struve 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 work plan for future agendas.

Discussion ensued regarding agenda content and the frequency of meetings. It was moved by Director Varela, and seconded by Council Member Spring, to change from a monthly meeting to a quarterly meeting schedule. Chairperson Santos opened the motion for discussion.

Council Member McKay expressed support for a quarterly meeting schedule with additional meetings to be held at the call of the Chair, as necessary.

There being no further discussion, Chairperson Santos called for the vote.

It was carried by roll call vote that the Joint Water Resources Committee meet quarterly or at the call of the Committee Chair, as necessary. Mayor Marie Blankley was absent.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS.

None.

7. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

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

Regarding Item 3.1, that the minutes be corrected as follows:

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Regarding Item 4.2:

That the Joint Water Resources Committee change from a monthly to a quarterly meeting schedule, or at the call of the Committee Chair, as necessary.

8. ADJOURN.

- 7.1. Adjourn to next meeting 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.

Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m., to the next meeting 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: