June 15, 2022

MEETING NOTICE
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE

Members of the Recycled Water Committee:
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   District 3 Director, Richard Santos, Committee Vice Chair
   District 2 Director, Barbara Keegan

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   Melanie Richardson, Assistant Chief Executive Officer
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   Aaron Baker, Chief Operating Officer, Water Utility
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   Leslie Orta, Sr. Assistant District Counsel
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   Donald Rocha, Deputy Administrative Officer, Office of Government Relations
   Bhavani Yerrapotu, Deputy Operating Officer, Watersheds Design and Construction Division
   Emmanuel Aryee, Acting, Deputy Operating Officer
   Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer
   Sam Bogale, Assistant Officer
   Lisa Bankosh, Assistant Officer
   Charlene Sun, Treasury and Debt Manager
   Hossein Ashktorab, Unit Manager, Recycled & Purified Water
   Carmen Narayan, Financial Planning & Revenue Manager
   Metra Richert, Unit Manager, Water Supply Planning and Conservation Manager
   Lei Hong, Utility Ops & Maintenance Manager
   Sherilyn Tran, Civic Engagement Manager
   Medi Sinaki, Sr. Engineer-Water Quality
   Girlie Jacobson, Sr. Engineer-Treatment Plant Design
   Henry Barrientos, Associate Civil Engineer
   David Tucker, Associate Civil Engineer
   Zachary Helsley, Associate Civil Engineer
   Elise Latedjou-Durand, Senior Environmental Planner
   Ricardo Barajas, Program Administrator

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District’s Recycled Water Committee has been scheduled to occur at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 in the Headquarters Building Boardroom located at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

   1.1. Roll Call.

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

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3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

   3.1. Approval of Minutes.

   Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting.
   Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
   Attachments: Attachment 1: 052522 RWC Minutes
   Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. **REGULAR AGENDA:**
4.1. Update on Purified Water Program including Partnership with Cities of San Jose and Palo Alto.
Recommendation: Receive updates and provide feedback on the following topics:
   A. Schedule for Purified Water Project
   B. Collaboration with partner agencies regarding the Purified Water Project
   C. Public Private Partnership (P3) Procurement of the Purified Water Project
   D. Outreach regarding the Purified Water Project.
Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
Attachments: Attachment 1: Timeline
Est. Staff Time: 15 Minutes

4.2. South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration.
Recommendation: Receive an update on the Joint Water Resources Committee’s Technical Work Group discussions regarding collaboration on water reuse efforts and provide feedback.
Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes

4.3. Provide Update to the Recycled Water Committee on Valley Water Reverse Osmosis (RO) Concentrate Management Efforts.
Recommendation: Receive information and update on RO Concentrate Management efforts.
Manager: Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
Attachments: Attachment 1: PowerPoint
Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes

4.4. Discuss the 2022 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan, Upcoming Discussion Items, and Next Meeting Date.
Recommendation: Receive information on the 2022 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and next meeting date.
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
Attachments: Attachment 1: 2022 Revised Work Plan
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes
5. **CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**

   This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.

6. **ADJOURN:**

   6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 12:00 p.m., on July 27, 2022.
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, a summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted to the Committee for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the Valley Water's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee's meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: 052522 RWC Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Recycled Water Committee (Committee) was called to order at 5700 Almaden Expressway in San Jose, California at 12:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call.

Committee members participating by teleconference were District 3 Director R. Santos, District 2 Director B. Keegan, and District 6 Director T. Estremera, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff in attendance was E. Sans, Assistant Deputy Clerk II.

Staff participating were R. Callender, Chief Executive Officer, C. Orellana, District Counsel, A. Baker, H. Barrientos, S. Greene, V. Gin, Z. Helsley, G. Jacobson, E. Latedjou-Durand, M. Lugo, S. Peters, M. Richert, M. Richardson, D. Rocha, M. Sinaki, K. Struve, C. Sun, and S. Tran.

Also in attendance were Valley Water consultant contractors P. Daniel, Liquisti, LLC, and D. Chen, HDR, Inc.

Guest in attendance was Dr. Arthur Keller, and Sanjay Reddy (Carollo Engineers)

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Chairperson Estremera 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 Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting.

The Committee considered the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting.

Move to Approve: R. Santos
4. ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Update on Purified Water Program Including Partnerships with Cities of San Jose and Palo Alto.

Recommendation: Receive updates and provide feedback on the following topics:

- Collaboration with partners regarding the Purified Water Project;
- Public Private Partnerships (P3) Procurement of the Purified Water Project;
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) efforts related to the Purified Water Project; and
- Outreach regarding the Purified Water Project.

Ms. Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee agenda memo.

Dr. Arthur Keller, of unknown residency and affiliation, inquired if the public is allowed to look on the virtual data room, and whether members of the public could attend the meeting with Cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View. Ms. Struve responded that the virtual data room is only for short list respondents; and that the meetings with the cities are for staff only at this time.

The Committee noted the information, without taking formal action.

4.2 Update on Direct Potable Reuse Efforts.

Recommendation: Receive information on Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) regulatory developments and Valley Water engagement.

Mr. Hossein Ashktorab, Recycled and Purified Water Manager, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Committee agenda memo.

The Committee noted the information, without taking formal action.

4.3 Update on Valley Water Desalination Efforts in Santa Clara County.

Recommendation: Receive information on desalination efforts as a water supply in the Santa Clara County.

Ms. Samantha Greene, Senior Water Resources Specialist, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 1.
The Committee noted the information, without taking formal action.

4.4 Discuss the Evaluation of Alternative Purification Technologies.

Recommendation: Discuss alternative purification technologies and make recommendations as necessary.

Mr. Medi Sinaki, Senior Engineer-Water Quality, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Committee agenda memo.

The Committee expressed support for continued community engagement especially from Dr. White who provided professional perspective, and is at the forefront of these technologies.

The Committee noted the information, without taking formal action.

4.5 Discuss the 2022 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan, Upcoming Discussion Items, and Next Meeting Date.

Recommendation: Receive information on the 2022 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and next meeting date.

The Committee requested the following, without taking formal action.

- Staff to present a plan for targeted outreach efforts to the corporate employers, chambers of commerce and developers to engage them on the benefits of recycled/purified water.

5. ADJOURN:

5.1 Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m., to the next regular meeting on June 22, 2022.

Eva Sans
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Approved:

Date:
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Recycled Water Committee

SUBJECT:
Update on Purified Water Program including Partnership with Cities of San Jose and Palo Alto.

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive updates and provide feedback on the following topics:
   A. Schedule for Purified Water Project
   B. Collaboration with partner agencies regarding the Purified Water Project
   C. Public Private Partnership (P3) Procurement of the Purified Water Project
   D. Outreach regarding the Purified Water Project.

SUMMARY:
A. Schedule

   As discussed at the May 2022 Recycled Water Committee (RWC), the Purified Water Project (PWP) procurement schedule is contingent on executing needed agreements with our partner agencies for land and operations/RO concentrate prior to release of the Request for Proposal (RFP). While the procurement schedule has shifted slightly, the delivery of the water is still projected to be in 2028. Work on the EIR, draft RFP and funding opportunities continue to advance.

B. Collaboration with Partner Agencies Regarding the Purified Water Program

   Valley Water continues to engage partner agencies on the Purified Water Project conveyance pipeline alignment and completion of technical studies. Valley Water is scheduled to present the PWP to the City of Campbell Council on June 21 and will report on the outcomes from this meeting at the next Recycled Water Committee meeting in July. Valley Water continues to communicate with the Cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View to further develop the necessary agreements for a future purification facility in the City of Palo Alto.

C. Public Private Partnership (P3) Procurement of the Purified Water Project

   Project technical requirements were further developed by staff and consultants. After separate meetings in May with members of the Project Team, the short-listed P3 Respondents submitted written questions and requested additional information that will be beneficial once
the RFP is released.

D. Outreach Regarding the Purified Water

Outreach staff continue providing public and private group virtual tours of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center. Staff is conducting onsite tour training for newer employees in preparation for resuming in-person tours at the purification center. Tours will start up later this summer with key stakeholders. The team will also pre-record a virtual tour video to have virtual tour options available in the future.

Staff is preparing to conduct the countywide annual perception poll on purified water this summer. The team is finalizing an outreach services agreement to work with a consultant who will assist with potable reuse outreach strategies.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: Timeline

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
draft Purified water project Schedule

- **Q3 2022**
  - Execution of Agreements (lease, ROC)
  - Well Ordinance to Board
- **Q4 2022**
  - Draft EIR
  - WIFIA Letter of Interest
  - Release Draft RFP Package
- **Q2 2023**
  - Submission of Proposals
  - EIR Public Hearing/Final EIR
  - Engineer’s Report (VW)
- **Q3 2023**
  - Contract Award
  - Board Approval
  - Commercial Close
  - Financial Close
- **Q4 2023**
  - Construction complete
  - Commencement of project operations
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Recycled Water Committee

SUBJECT:
South Santa Clara County Water Reuse Collaboration.

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive an update on the Joint Water Resources Committee’s Technical Work Group discussions regarding collaboration on water reuse efforts and provide feedback.

SUMMARY:
The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) and the cities of Gilroy and Morgan Hill have a long history of collaboration and partnership to ensure the utilization and expansion of non-potable water recycling in South County. Valley Water established the Joint Water Resources Committee with elected officials representing Gilroy and Morgan Hill to pursue collaborative relationships and agreements to support recycled and purified water expansion. In August 2021, the Joint Water Resources Committee recommended the establishment of a Technical Working Group (TWG) to further evaluate:

- One Comprehensive Water Reuse Agreement,
- Consistent water reuse terms and conditions countywide,
- Provisions to advance water reuse and purified water production, distribution, and wholesaling, and
- Cost sharing accords to integrate water conservation, water reuse, and water supply.

The Joint Water Resources Committee’s recommendation was subsequently approved at a joint meeting of the Valley Water Board and the City Councils of Morgan Hill and Gilroy.

The inaugural meeting of the TWG occurred on September 21, 2021, and included staff participation from the City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill, and Valley Water. The TWG has met monthly since September 2021, and has included representatives from the City of Gilroy, the City of Morgan Hill, and Valley Water. Initial discussions with TWG members focused on developing revisions to the existing partnering agreements, water reuse and purification opportunities for South County, the benefits and challenges of a single comprehensive agreement, and review of current collaborative agreements for South County water reuse.

For this update, staff will discuss interagency deliberations regarding updating the South County
recycled water master plan, future capital infrastructure planning, volume of wastewater availability, storage considerations and impacts on water delivery in South County, opportunities to expand water reuse to Morgan Hill, and options to update our legal agreements to promote water reuse in South County. Staff will also present topics for presentation at the upcoming Joint Water Resources Committee meeting to be held on July 6, 2022. Agenda items for this meeting include a discussion of South County collaborative discussions and an update of drought conditions and impacts.

ATTACHMENTS:
None.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Recrecycled Water Committee

SUBJECT:
Provide Update to the Recycled Water Committee on Valley Water Reverse Osmosis (RO) Concentrate Management Efforts.

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive information and update on RO Concentrate Management efforts.

SUMMARY:
Reverse Osmosis concentrate (ROC) is the by-product of purifying treated wastewater. Ensuring proper disposal of the ROC in a cost-effective manner is critical to a successful potable water reuse project. Valley Water staff, in collaboration with other agencies and academia, have been studying and piloting several treatment alternatives for ROC since 2017. These have included industrial and commercially available treatment systems and processes as well as Nature-Based Solutions (NBS). The latter is a unique and important category with the potential of addressing the issue of metals and other emerging contaminants (e.g., PFAS) present in ROC. These natural treatment processes are environmentally beneficial and also embraced by the regulatory agencies. The Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA), State Water Resources Control Board, State Coastal Conservancy, and the South Bay Restoration Project have recently expressed support for NBS.

The results of the pilot studies and evaluations conducted by Valley Water - some as joint projects with the academic institutions and other agencies - are indicative of the effectiveness of NBS as a potential alternative for ROC management. NBS have the potential to reduce nutrients, constituents of emerging concern (CEC), and metals. This form of treatment may consequently assist with meeting the regulatory requirements associated with ROC disposal and protection of the health of the San Francisco Bay.

Oro Loma Sanitary District Horizontal Levee (OLSD-HL) Project
The OLSD-HL project started on April 9, 2015. It includes a wetland basin and a new type of levee known as a "horizontal levee." This wide, gently sloping wedge of gravel, mud and grass mimics a historic wetland ecosystem that existed before settlement in the Bay Area. Treated effluent from the Oro Loma facility flows into the basin, is piped to the top of the horizontal levee, and flows through the soil to sustain native plants. This vegetation provides wildlife habitat and removes nutrients and other contaminants that may still be present in the treated effluent. In addition, a full-scale horizontal levee could act as a natural buffer to absorb storm surges and provide natural protection from flooding.
Dr. David Sedlak and his team of researchers at the University of California, Berkeley, have been leading the monitoring efforts to quantify the effectiveness of the OLSD-HL. The experiment has provided a much-needed field test of how treated wastewater and these levee systems can help address critical flood protection, water quality, and wildlife habitat issues.

Phase I of the ROC Studies at OLSD-HL
In August 2019, Valley Water joined UC Berkeley (UCB) and Oro Loma Sanitary District (OLSD) to evaluate the effectiveness of the horizontal levee as a treatment strategy for the higher mass loads of contaminants in ROC. Truckloads of 10,000 gallons per week of ROC have been transported to OLSD, stored onsite, and introduced into a dedicated cell for ROC to examine the effect of treatment. Data collected for the past two years indicate significant reduction of nutrients, trace organic contaminants, and metals (e.g., copper).

Phase II of the ROC Studies at OLSD-HL
Valley Water is planning to continue to build upon what has been learned from Phase I of the project by sustaining its collaboration with UCB and OLSD into Phase II of the study. The new phase is supported by the encouraging results and information compiled in Phase I related to the removal of nutrients, contaminants of emerging concern, and metals. Phase II will focus on the removal rates of contaminants, additional compounds such as PFAS, and would include modifications to the treatment cells in the OLSD-HL:

- OLSD will host the experiment, provide project management for the design and reconstruction, and provide operational support (power, routing flows, landscape management, and general operational support as directed by UCB).
- The study seeks to quantify the treatment capacity of a horizontal levee to treat reverse osmosis concentrate. As part of the study, the experimental system will be reconstructed to maximize treatment capacity and effectiveness.
- The experiment will focus on analytes of emerging concern, including trace pharmaceuticals, trace metals, and PFAS compounds.
- Sampling events will be scheduled under the counsel and direction of Dr. David Sedlak.
- It is anticipated that Valley Water’s involvement in Phase II would be for 36 months.

The support offered by OLSD and UCB for Phase II of the project primarily stems from their interest in maximizing the use of the existing site - which has cost OLSD over $2M - and advancing the science of NBS. This is a great opportunity for Valley Water to utilize a fully constructed NBS at our disposal at a very low cost and complete the ROC treatment studies. The results will close a large gap in our ROC management evaluation efforts. At the same time, these efforts would address the study and evaluation requirements that have been requested by the Regional Water Board as part of their permitting processes to allow ROC discharge to the South Bay from the future purification facility to be built in Palo Alto or San Jose. The portion of the cost of Phase II for Valley Water will be
managed through a Cost Sharing Agreement for a not-to-exceed fee of $475,000. This cost will be spread over three (3) years for the duration of Phase II (2022 - 2025). The funding will be met from Valley Water’s Recycled and Purified Water Program’s budget FY22 (project no. 91101004).

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: PowerPoint

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Kirsten Struve, 408-630-3138
Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Management Plan Update
Nature-Based Solutions

- Pretreatment of ROC for discharge
- Potential to remove metals and other contaminants
- Potential as an alternative for treatment of ROC
- May assist with meeting the regulatory requirements and protection of the health of the San Francisco Bay and the surrounding environment
- Is supported by the regulatory agencies due to its green nature
- Create habitats
Valley Water Nature Based Solution

Engineered Treatment Cells / Open Water Pilot Study

Floating Wetland Treatment

OLSD Horizontal Levee Pilot

Valley Water
Berkeley University
Stanford University
ORO LOMA
Humboldt State University
SFEI
Aquatic Science Center
Intrinsyx Environmental
Horizontal Levees

• Sloped subsurface treatment wetland

• Built between a coastal levee and tidal marshes

• Potential of reducing nutrient loads and trace organic contaminants from coastal wastewater treatment facilities

• Could be well integrated with shoreline rehabilitation projects
Horizontal Levee Project

- Located at Oro Loma Sanitary District, San Lorenzo, CA
- 1.5 acres or about 7000 m²
- 12 parallel cells built at OLSD
Phase 1 of the ROC Studies at OLSD-HL

• Initiated in Aug./Sep. 2019

• ROC transport from SVAWPC to OLSD 10,000 gallons per week

• Coarse substrate cell has been receiving ROC for ~24 months

• Monitor water quality in ROC and identical wastewater cell every 6 weeks for the past two years

• Result showed significant reduction of nutrients, trace organic contaminants, and metals (e.g., copper)
Next Steps

Phase 2 of the ROC Studies at OLSD-HL

- Initiate in Aug./Sep. 2022 (36 months)

- The study seeks to quantify the treatment capacity of a horizontal levee to treat ROC

- OLSD will host, manage and reconstruct 3 of 12 experimental cells for ROC

- ROC transport from SVAWPC to OLSD 10,000 gallons per week

- Continue monitoring water quality in ROC cells (trace pharmaceuticals, trace metals, and PFAS compounds)
QUESTIONS
Valley Water

Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection
SUBJECT:
Discuss the 2022 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan, Upcoming Discussion Items, and Next Meeting Date.

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive information on the 2022 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and provide feedback on upcoming discussion items and next meeting date.

SUMMARY:
Under direction of the Clerk, Work Plans are used by all Board Committees to increase Committee efficiency, provide increased public notice of intended Committee discussions, and enable improved follow-up by staff. Work Plans are dynamic documents managed by Committee Chairs and are subject to change.

At the February 1, 2022 meeting, the Committee approved the 2022 work plan that has agenda items necessary for the continuation of the recycled water projects. Staff solicits Committee feedback on any additional timeline information for holding discussions on the assigned Work Plan items, and confirmation of the next meeting date on July 27, 2022.

An updated 2022 work plan (Attachment 1) proposes changes for the remaining meetings in the year.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: 2022 Revised Work Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193
# REVISED RWC 2022 WORKPLAN

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*Blue strikes - items added on updated work plan
*Red strikes - items deleted from current work plan
Nature-Based Solutions

- Pretreatment of ROC for discharge
- Potential to remove metals and other contaminants
- Potential as an alternative for treatment of ROC
- May assist with meeting the regulatory requirements and protection of the health of the San Francisco Bay and the surrounding environment
- Is supported by the regulatory agencies due to its green nature
- Create habitats
Valley Water Nature Based Solution

Engineered Treatment Cells / Open Water Pilot Study

Floating Wetland Treatment

OLSD Horizontal Levee Pilot

Intrinsyx Environmental
Horizontal Levees

- Sloped subsurface treatment wetland
- Built between a coastal levee and tidal marshes
- Potential of reducing nutrient loads and trace organic contaminants from coastal wastewater treatment facilities
- Could be well integrated with shoreline rehabilitation projects
Horizontal Levee Project

- Built at Oro Loma Sanitary District, San Lorenzo, CA in November 2015
- 12 parallel cells on 1.5 acres (7000 m²)
- Nitrate and trace organics removed near entrance to system

Influent

Gravel Trenches/ Sampling Wells

Image source: UC Berkeley
Phase I of the ROC Studies at OLSD-HL

• Initiated in Aug./Sep. 2019

• ROC transport from SVAWPC to OLSD 10,000 gallons per week

• One coarse substrate cell receives ROC; comparison cell receives OLSD effluent

• Monitor water quality in both cells every 6 weeks for the past two years

• Result showed substantial removal of nutrients, trace organic contaminants and copper
Next Steps

Phase II of the ROC Studies at OLSD-HL

• Initiate in Aug./Sep. 2022 (36 months)

• The study seeks to quantify/enhance the treatment capacity of a horizontal levee to treat ROC

• OLSD will host, manage and reconstruct 3 of 12 experimental cells to enhance the performance of horizontal levee with special consideration of ROC

• ROC transport from SVAWPC to OLSD 10,000 gallons per week

• Continue monitoring water quality in ROC cells (trace organics, Cu, Ni and PFAS compounds)
QUESTIONS