

April 7, 2022

**MEETING NOTICE & REQUEST FOR RSVP****TO: SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION****Municipality**

City of Campbell  
City of Cupertino  
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City of Los Altos  
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Hon. Mary-Lynne Bernald  
Hon. Gustav Larsson  
Hon. Cindy Chavez  
  
Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto  
Hon. Helen Chapman

The regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **April 13, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.**, Join via Zoom Link:

<https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/91095453959>

Enclosed are the meeting agenda and corresponding materials. Please bring this packet with you to the meeting. Additional copies of this meeting packet are available on-line at <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees>.

A majority of the appointed membership is required to constitute a quorum, which is fifty percent plus one. A quorum for this meeting must be confirmed at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date or it will be canceled.



Further, a quorum must be present on the day of the scheduled meeting to call the meeting to order and take action on agenda items. Members with two or more consecutive unexcused absences will be subject to rescinded membership.

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Enclosures

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## **Santa Clara Valley Water District Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Meeting**

**Teleconference  
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<https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/91095453959>**

### **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
12:00 PM**

**District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.**

Hon. Pam Foley, Chair  
Hon. Lynette Lee Eng, Vice Chair

Director Tony Estremera  
Director John L. Varela

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Ms. Melanie Richardson  
Ms. Rachael Gibson  
(Staff Liaisons)

Ms. Glenna Brambill  
(Commission Liaison)  
Management Analyst II  
[gbrambill@valleywater.org](mailto:gbrambill@valleywater.org)  
1-408-630-2408

**Note: The finalized Board Agenda, exception items and supplemental items will be posted prior to the meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.**

**Santa Clara Valley Water District**  
**Santa Clara Valley Water Commission**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGENDA**

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Wednesday, April 13, 2022

12:00 PM

HQ Boardroom

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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.**

*Notice to the Public: Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on any item not listed on the agenda should access the "Raise Hand" tool located in Zoom meeting link listed on the agenda. Speakers will be acknowledged by the Committee Chair in order requests are received and granted speaking access to address the Committee. Speakers comments should be limited to two minutes or as set by the Chair. The law does not permit Committee action on, or extended discussion of, any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Committee action is requested, the matter may be placed on a future agenda. All comments that require a response will be referred to staff for a reply in writing. The Committee may take action on any item of business appearing on the posted agenda.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

3.1. Approval of Minutes.

[22-0493](#)

Recommendation: Approve the January 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes.

Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 01262022 Water Comm Draft Mins](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

**5. ACTION ITEMS:**

- 5.1. Update on progress towards Santa Clara Valley Water District's drought emergency response and drought-related water conservation efforts. [22-0494](#)  
Recommendation: Receive an update on Santa Clara Valley Water District's drought emergency response, progress towards meeting the Board's call for water use reduction in response to the water shortage emergency condition, and water conservation efforts.  
Manager: Donald Rocha, 408-630-2338  
Attachments: [Attachment 1: Powerpoint Presentation](#)  
Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes
- 5.2. Review Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Groundwater Production Charges and Receive Commission Feedback. [22-0495](#)  
Recommendation: Review Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Groundwater Production Charges and Receive Commission Feedback.  
Manager: Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068  
Attachments: [Attachment 1: Powerpoint Presentation](#)  
Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes
- 5.3. Review Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda. [22-0496](#)  
Recommendation: Review the Commission work plan to guide the commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.  
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193  
Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2022 Water Comm Work Plan](#)  
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

**6. 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.*

**7. REPORTS:**

- 7.1. Director's Report
- 7.2. Manager's Report
- 7.3. Commission Member Report

7.4. Informational Links:

<https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-committees>

- Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC)
- Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) (formerly FAHCE Ad Hoc Committee)
- Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (formerly Homeless Encampment Committee)
- Water Storage Exploratory Committee (WSEC)

<https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees>

- Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee (WCaDMC)

<https://www.valleywater.org/your-water/water-supply-planning/monthly-water-tracker>

- Water Tracker

This is the video from the board meeting where our retailers presented on their programs including surcharges which was discussed at the last water commission meeting.

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**8. ADJOURN:**

- 8.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 12:00 p.m., on Wednesday, July 27, 2022.







# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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**File No.:** 22-0493

**Agenda Date:** 4/13/2022

**Item No.:** 3.1.

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of Minutes.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the January 26, 2022, Meeting Minutes.

**SUMMARY:**

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 for review and approval.

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

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 01262022, Water Comm Draft Meeting Mins.

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193





SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

# DRAFT MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was held on January 26, 2022, Teleconference via Zoom in San Jose, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Hon. Pam Foley called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum of 14 was established.

**Members in attendance were:**

**Municipality**

City of Campbell  
City of Cupertino  
City of Gilroy  
City of Los Altos  
Town of Los Altos Hills  
Town of Los Gatos  
City of Milpitas  
City of Monte Sereno  
City of Morgan Hill  
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Hon. Hung Wei  
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Hon. Lynette Lee Eng  
Hon. Lisa Schmidt\*  
Hon. Maria Ristow  
Hon. Carmen Montano  
Hon. Liz Lawler  
Hon. Rich Constantine  
Hon. Lucas Ramirez  
Hon. Pam Foley  
Hon. Karen Hardy\*  
Hon. Rishi Kumar  
Hon. Omar Din\*  
Hon. Mike Wasserman  
Hon. Mike Flaughner

**Alternate**

Hon. Sergio Lopez

**Members not in attendance were:**

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate</u></b>
City of Campbell	Hon. Susan M. Landry	
City of Cupertino		Hon. Jon Wiley
City of Gilroy		
City of Los Altos		Hon. Anita Enander
City of Monte Sereno		Hon. Bryan Mekechuk
City of Morgan Hill		Hon. Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Palo Alto	Hon. Greg Tanaka	
City of San José		Kerrie Romanow
City of Saratoga		Hon. Mary-Lynne Bernald
City of Sunnyvale		Hon. Gustav Larsson
County of Santa Clara		Hon. Cindy Chavez
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District		Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto

\*Commission Members logged on at time stated.

Board members in attendance were: Director Gary Kremen and Director John L. Varela, (Board Representatives).

Staff members in attendance were: Jennifer Abadilla, Aaron Baker, Neeta Bijoor, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Glenna Brambill, Melissa Fels, Amy Fonseca, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Andy Gschwind, Christopher Hakes, Carmen Narayanan, Melanie Richardson, Don Rocha, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, and Gregory Williams.

Guests in attendance were: Lisa Bilir (City of Palo Alto), Hon. Helen Chapman (Open Space Authority Santa Clara Valley), Ramana Chinnakotla and Mansour Nasser (City of Sunnyvale), Hon. Matthew Hudes (Town of Los Gatos), Tony Ndah (City of Milpitas), Elizabeth Fiegel and Hon. Pat Showalter (City of Mountain View), and Gary Welling (City of Santa Clara).

Public in attendance were: Hon. Jim Beall, Director Linda J. LeZotte (Valley Water Board Member, District 4), and Shilpa Mehta.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz, seconded by Hon. Rich Constantine, and Hon. Mike Wasserman made a friendly amendment to add consent agenda items 4.2, 4.5 and 5.1. which was agreed upon by the makers of the motion, and by roll call and unanimous vote approved the October 27, 2021, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission meeting minutes as presented and noted consent items.

**4. ACTION ITEMS:**

**4.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Water Commission Chair Hon. Pam Foley opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Hon. Lucas Ramirez nominated Hon. Pam Foley for Commission Chair, seconded by Hon. Mike Wasserman. Hon. Mike Wasserman nominated Hon. Lynette Lee Eng as Vice Chair, seconded by Hon. Rishi Kumar.

Water Commission Chair Hon. Pam Foley closed the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

The Water Commission by roll call and unanimous vote elected Hon. Pam Foley as Water Commission Chair and Hon. Lynette Lee Eng. as Water Commission Vice Chair for 2022.

**4.2 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD (COMMISSION CHAIR)**

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission approved on consent.

\*Hon. Karen Hardy logged on at 12:20 p.m.

**4.3 UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS VALLEY WATER'S DROUGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DROUGHT-RELATED WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS.**

Ms. Roseryn Bhusdabourg introduced Ms. Neeta Bijoor who reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

\*Hon. Lisa Schmidt logged on at 12:32 p.m.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission discussed the following: reservoirs being at capacity, Anderson being removed (largest dam), outreach message, digital billboards (public service announcements-PSA's), RHNA numbers and supporting Water Commission's request-ABAG Letter, water surcharge, use of recycled water, and commissioners would like to have the water savings report.

Ms. Kirsten Struve and Director Gary Kremen were available to answer questions.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

\*Hon. Omar Din logged on at 12:49 p.m.

#### **4.4 DISCUSS PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 PRELIMINARY GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGE ANALYSIS; INVITE BOARD FEEDBACK AND COMMENT**

Ms. Carmen Narayanan reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission discussed the following: 10% increases, projection over 10 years, at 12% inflation is high, agricultural water in South County-there needs to be a delicate balance, progressive use shown on the charts, do the upward trends show housing, water conservation, Anderson Dam retrofit, making smart investments, rate increases will be felt by all, however, it's hard for farmers to conserve (cut back) but residents will also feel the impact, making smart investments, and staff was thanked staff for the presentation, however, it is was noted that Valley Water is mindful of the myriad of the issues, impacts, and concerns.

Ms. Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

Hon. Mike Wasserman logged off at 12:59 p.m. and did not return.

#### **4.5 REVIEW SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS AND THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission approved on consent.

### **5. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

#### **5.1 STANDING ITEMS REPORT**

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission approved on consent.

### **6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were no action items.

### **7. REPORTS**

#### **7.1 Director's Report**

Director John L. Varela reported on:

- Costs of water increased, Imported Water (State and Federal), allocations, drought is ongoing, working with the Santa Clara County Farm Bureau, San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) and Region 5 of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) on the water related issues, concerns and costs of doing business. Reminded the Commissioners that rates were frozen in 2018 because of the drought during that time.

Director Gary Kremen reported on:

- Talk with constituents on the rates, importance of social justice and non-rate payer, funds are contributed to help people with water bills via agencies such as Sacred Heart,
- Price of water has gone up 4 times and Valley Water must purchase emergency water and that is the reason why you see the rate increases,
- Valley Water does support farmers, believe in open space credit and keeping local agriculture in Santa Clara County,
- Valley Water has no jurisdiction over land use, nor RHNA.

## **7.2 Manager's Report**

Mr. Aaron Baker reported on:

- State has water in reservoirs, Shasta, and Trinity are not so fortunate,
- Still in drought and it is important to continue working with the retailers and municipalities on the importance of drought messaging and water conservation.

Ms. Amy Fonseca reported on:

- Grants, the grant application portal is now open for standard grants! This year, we have \$1.4 million in grant funding available and looking for great ideas from schools, businesses, government agencies and other organizations that have projects that improve water conservation, wildlife habitat restoration, access to trails and open space, pollution prevention, volunteer creek cleanups, and education. Grant applications will be accepted through March 4, 2022. More information can be viewed at website: <https://www.valleywater.org/learning-center/grants-partnerships>. Thank you again for the opportunity to announce our FY22 Standard Grant Cycle. Please share this information with your networks and constituents.

Hon. Sergio Lopez, Hon. Lynette Lee Eng, and Hon. Liz Lawler logged off at approximately 1:10 p.m. and did not return.

Ms. Glenna Brambill reminded the Commissioners of the next scheduled meeting to be held earlier in the month on April 13, 2022, because of the Groundwater Production Charges discussion.

## **7.3 Commission Member Reports**

Hon. Rishi Kumar would like to receive Board Meetings information.

- It was moved by Hon. Rishi Kumar, seconded by Hon. Carmen Montano and by roll call and unanimous vote the Water Commission approved adding Water Surcharges to April's Agenda,

## **7.4 Informational Link Reports**

None, information located in the agenda.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Chair Hon. Pam Foley adjourned at 1:25 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Glenna Brambill  
Board Committee Liaison  
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved:





# Santa Clara Valley Water District

**File No.:** 22-0494

**Agenda Date:** 4/13/2022

**Item No.:** 5.1.

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

**SUBJECT:**

Update on progress towards Santa Clara Valley Water District's drought emergency response and drought-related water conservation efforts.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive an update on Santa Clara Valley Water District's drought emergency response, progress towards meeting the Board's call for water use reduction in response to the water shortage emergency condition, and water conservation efforts.

**SUMMARY:**

On June 9, 2021, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors declared a water shortage emergency condition pursuant to California Water Code §350, called for water use reduction of 15% compared to 2019, and urged the County of Santa Clara to proclaim a local emergency. The County adopted a Resolution ratifying the proclamation of a local emergency due to the drought on June 22, 2021.

The first three months of 2022 were among the driest on record for both California and Santa Clara County. The U.S. Drought Monitor data from March 24, 2022, indicates that the county is in severe drought. The northern Sierra Nevada snowpack, a primary source of imported water, is 31% of normal for March 28, 2022. Reflecting critically dry conditions across the state, the Central Valley Project and State Water Project drastically reduced imported water allocations in 2021 and 2022, which typically comprise half of Valley Water's annual water supply. Valley Water is negotiating additional purchases of emergency transfer water in 2022.

Although groundwater levels have declined over recent years due to the drought, groundwater conditions improved this winter due to seasonal recovery, the use of emergency imported water supplies, and water use reduction by the community. However, if dry conditions continue and the Board's water use reduction target is not met, there remains some risk of resumed subsidence in North County and wells going dry, particularly in South County. In South County, groundwater is the only drinking water supply.

Consequently, water conservation is critically important to help alleviate these negative impacts.

### Water Conservation Outreach

Valley Water continues to provide multi-language radio, TV, digital and social media ads to increase

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conservation and expand our county's use of purified water. Media interest continues to focus on the drought during the dry months of January, February, and March, water conservation, water supply issues, the latest snowpack survey, and the initial water allocation from the Central Valley Project.

On social media, Valley Water's purified water influencer campaign continues to run. To date, there has been a total of over 1 million impressions. Influencers are sharing the message that purified water is a locally sourced, drought-proof solution. Messages are also being posted in Spanish. Valley Water also launched a series promoting water conservation habits on social media. These posts highlight easy activities residents can do to save water such as reducing or turning off outdoor irrigation (during the winter), taking five-minute showers and fixing leaks. The posts are being boosted on Facebook to reach a larger audience.

Valley Water continues to provide Speakers Bureau presentations. Speakers Bureau videos were released featuring all seven Valley Water Board members, which urge individuals or groups to schedule a 30-minute Speakers Bureau presentation focused on the drought, our future water supply and ways to conserve water.

### **Water Conservation Programs**

Valley Water has received a significant increase in applications for our landscape rebates, requests for water-saving devices, and reports of water waste in 2021 and 2022. This shows that people are taking this drought seriously and are taking actions to support water use reduction. The seasonal jump in applications that typically occurs in spring occurred in February this year. February Landscape Rebate Program participation was 113% higher than February 2021.

### **Countywide Water Use Reduction**

Valley Water is engaging with retailers and cities to encourage drought response actions. As of March 28, 2022, the County of Santa Clara and 14 cities in Santa Clara County have taken action to their Councils in response to the extreme drought conditions and to Valley Water's call to reduce water use by 15% compared to 2019 levels. Cities that have not yet taken formal Council action still recognize the current drought conditions and are conducting drought messaging.

Santa Clara County has made progress in reducing water use since Valley Water's call to reduce water use in June 2021. The cumulative water savings from June 2021 - February 2022 is 6%. Valley Water expects to achieve the greatest water savings in spring and summer. During these months, irrigation is greater and there is more potential for water savings by reducing outdoor water use. Valley Water continues its multilingual, multi-platform outreach to the media and community to encourage residents, businesses, farms, and others to save water in order to achieve a cumulative 15% reduction in water use in 2022.

### **Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance**

Valley Water has continued to conduct outreach to the municipalities for their consideration and adoption of the Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO), either in whole or in part, which would ensure new developments meet strong water efficiency standards. Unique to this

year, jurisdictions may include MWENDO measures as part of this year's triennial building code update. Valley Water also stands ready to provide jurisdictions with technical support regarding MWENDO.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Drought Emergency Response Update PowerPoint

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Donald Rocha, 408-630-2338





# Drought emergency response and water conservation updates

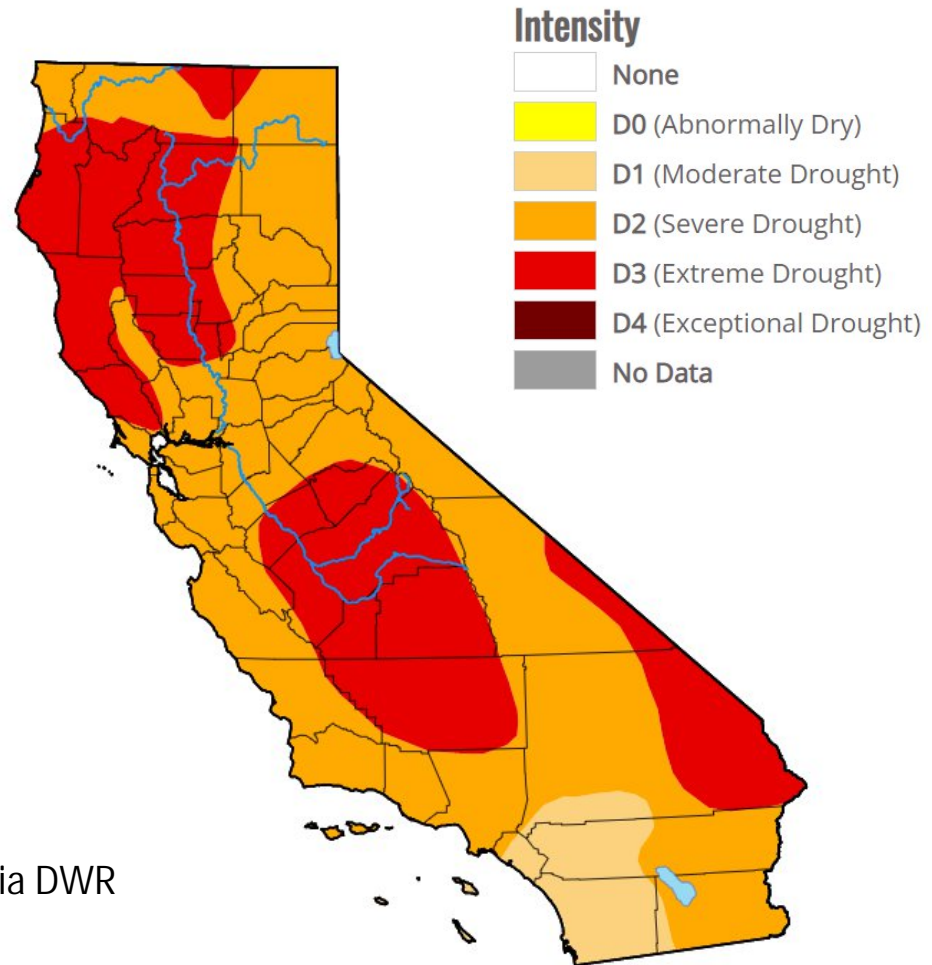
Santa Clara Valley Water Commission  
April 13, 2022



# Drought Status

- Record low rainfall Jan-Mar 2022
- Low state snowpack, reservoir levels

Data sources: U.S. Drought Monitor, Mar. 24, California DWR



## Water Supply Outlook

- Low imported water allocations
- Semitropic water bank withdrawal
- Emergency transfers – under negotiations
- Below average groundwater recharge
- Improvement in groundwater levels, but risk of subsidence and dry wells continues



## Countywide Water Savings

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- Council action or administrative measures by County of Santa Clara and 14 cities
- June 2021 – February 2022 Cumulative Savings – 6%
- Greatest savings expected during spring and summer, when outdoor water use is higher



# Drought and Conservation Public Outreach

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Board of Directors videos  
Media Outreach  
Social media messaging  
Speakers Bureau presentations



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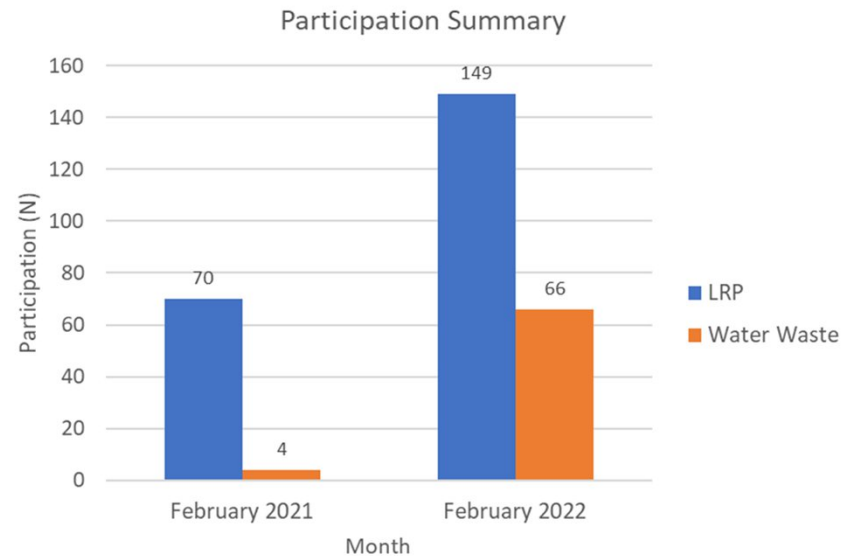
# Water Conservation

Increased program participation

- eCart, water waste reports, and LRP (Landscape Rebate Program)

Outreach to agriculture

- Letters
- Farm Bureau meetings



# Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance

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- Valley Water continues to work with jurisdictions to encourage adoption
- Jurisdictions may include measures as part of this year's triennial building code update
- Valley Water can provide technical assistance

# QUESTIONS





# Santa Clara Valley Water District

**File No.:** 22-0495

**Agenda Date:** 4/13/2022

**Item No.:** 5.2.

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

### Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

**SUBJECT:**

Review Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Groundwater Production Charges and Receive Commission Feedback.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Review Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Groundwater Production Charges and Receive Commission Feedback.

**SUMMARY:**

The current and severe drought has impacted everyone in Santa Clara County, and as water becomes scarce it also becomes more expensive. As the primary water wholesaler, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) has experienced reduced contract water allocations and availability of water imported into the County. Purchasing emergency water supplies on the open market has resulted in higher than normal expenditures for the Water Utility. The combination of reduced revenues, driven by conservation, and drought-related expenses have put significant pressure on future water rates in the next couple of years. In an effort to mitigate water rate impacts, Valley Water has employed several strategies including using cash reserves to help pay for emergency water purchases.

In the context of this very challenging financial picture, staff proposes a maximum 15% increase in the North County Zone W-2 Municipal and Industrial groundwater production charge from \$1,499 per acre foot (AF) to \$1,724/AF. The proposal equates to a monthly bill increase for the average household of \$7.75 or about 26 cents a day.

In the South County Zone W-5, staff proposes a maximum 5.2% increase in the M&I groundwater production charge from \$488/AF to \$513/AF. The proposal equates to a monthly bill increase for the average household of \$0.86 or about 3 cents per day.

In the South County Zone W-7, staff proposes a maximum 10.3% increase in the M&I groundwater production charge from \$528.50/AF to \$582.50/AF. The proposal equates to a monthly bill increase for the average household of \$1.86 or about 6 cents per day.

In the South County Zone W-8, staff proposes a maximum 8% increase in the M&I groundwater production charge from \$341.50/AF to \$368.50/AF. The proposal equates to a monthly bill increase for the average household of \$0.93 or about 3 cents per day.

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Based on Board direction, the proposed maximum agricultural groundwater production charge is 10% of M&I for Zone W-8, which would mean an increase from \$34.15/AF (10% of Zone W-8) to \$36.85/AF. The proposed maximum groundwater production charge for agricultural rates would translate to an increase of up to \$0.45 per month per acre, assuming 2 (two) acre-feet of water usage per acre per year.

Customers in both areas of North and South County may also experience additional charge increases enacted by their retail water providers.

The proposed maximum groundwater production charges for FY 2022-23 are necessary to pay for emergency water purchases in response to the severe current drought, investments in water supply infrastructure rehabilitation and upgrades, and new water supply reliability investments.

The Board is seeking input with regard to staff's groundwater production charge recommendation for FY 2022-23.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: PowerPoint Presentation

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Darin Taylor, 408-630-3068





FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

# Groundwater Production & Other Water Charges

## Water Commission Meeting

Presented by  
Darin Taylor, Chief Financial Officer  
April 13, 2022



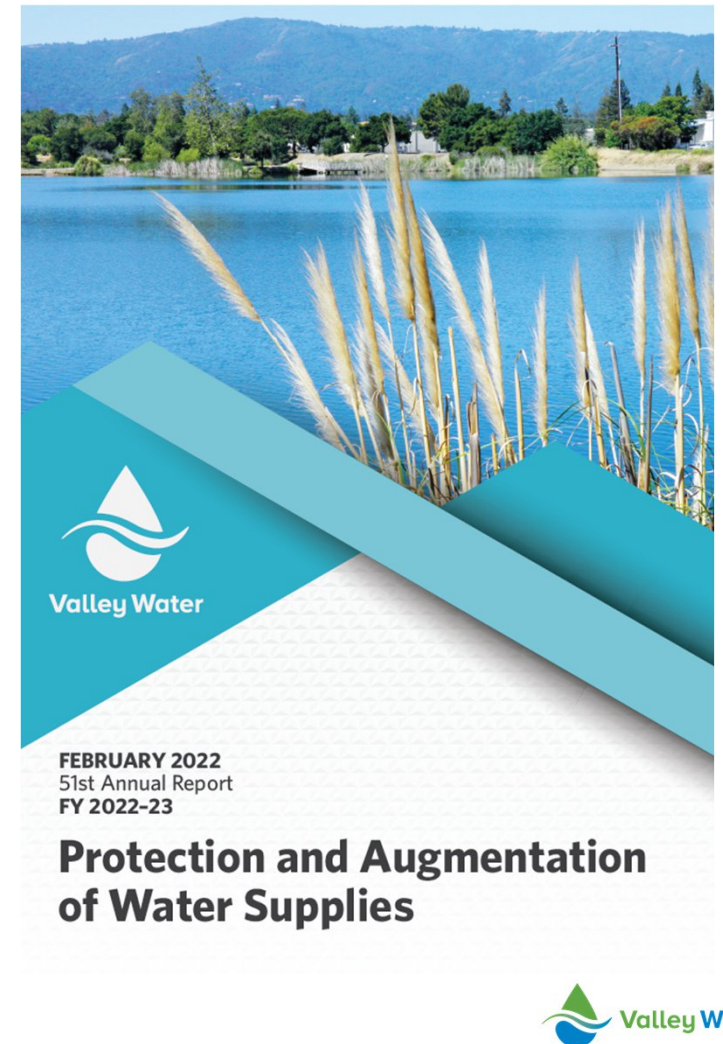
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# A comprehensive, flexible water system

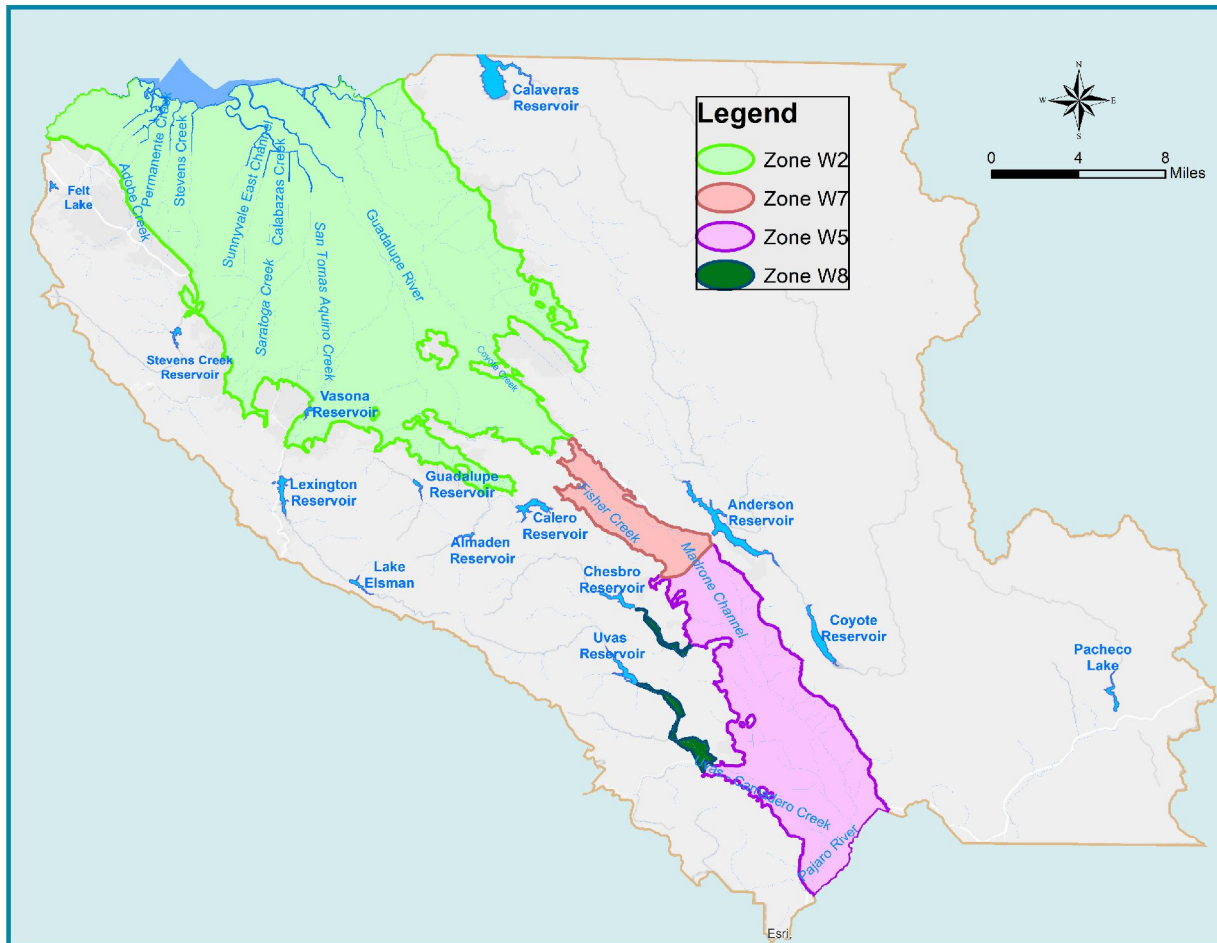
## SERVING OVER 2.0 MILLION PEOPLE:

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# Resolution 99-21 is the Board's Pricing Policy

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## Board Pricing Policy Summary

- Groundwater charges are levied within a zone for benefits received
  - Modified zones shown became effective on 7/1/2020
- All water sources and water facilities contribute to common benefit within a zone regardless of cost, known as “pooling” concept
  - Helps maximize effective use of available resources
- Agricultural water charge shall not exceed 10% of M&I water charge



# Infrastructure

## DRIVES DIFFERENT GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES IN EACH ZONE

### North County

- 3 water treatment plants
- Reservoirs –
  - Almaden
  - Calero
  - Guadalupe
  - Lexington
  - Stevens Creek
  - Vasona
- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center
- Imported Water – State Water Project

### Shared

- Reservoirs –
  - Anderson
  - Coyote
  - Pacheco
- Imported Water –
  - Central Valley Project
- Shared facilities do not benefit Zone W-8

### South County

- Reservoirs –
  - Chesbro
  - Uvas
    - Does not benefit Zone W-7
- SCRWA Recycled Water System
  - Benefits Zone W-5 only

# Drought has significant impact on Proposed Water Charges

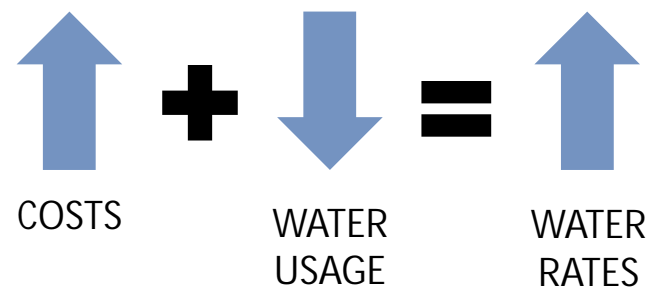
## DROUGHT IMPACT PUTS PRESSURE ON WATER RATES:

### Drought Emergency Cost increases

- Emergency Water Purchases projected to be \$67.7M from FY23 to FY25
- Emergency Conservation activities projected to be \$19.8M from FY23 to FY25

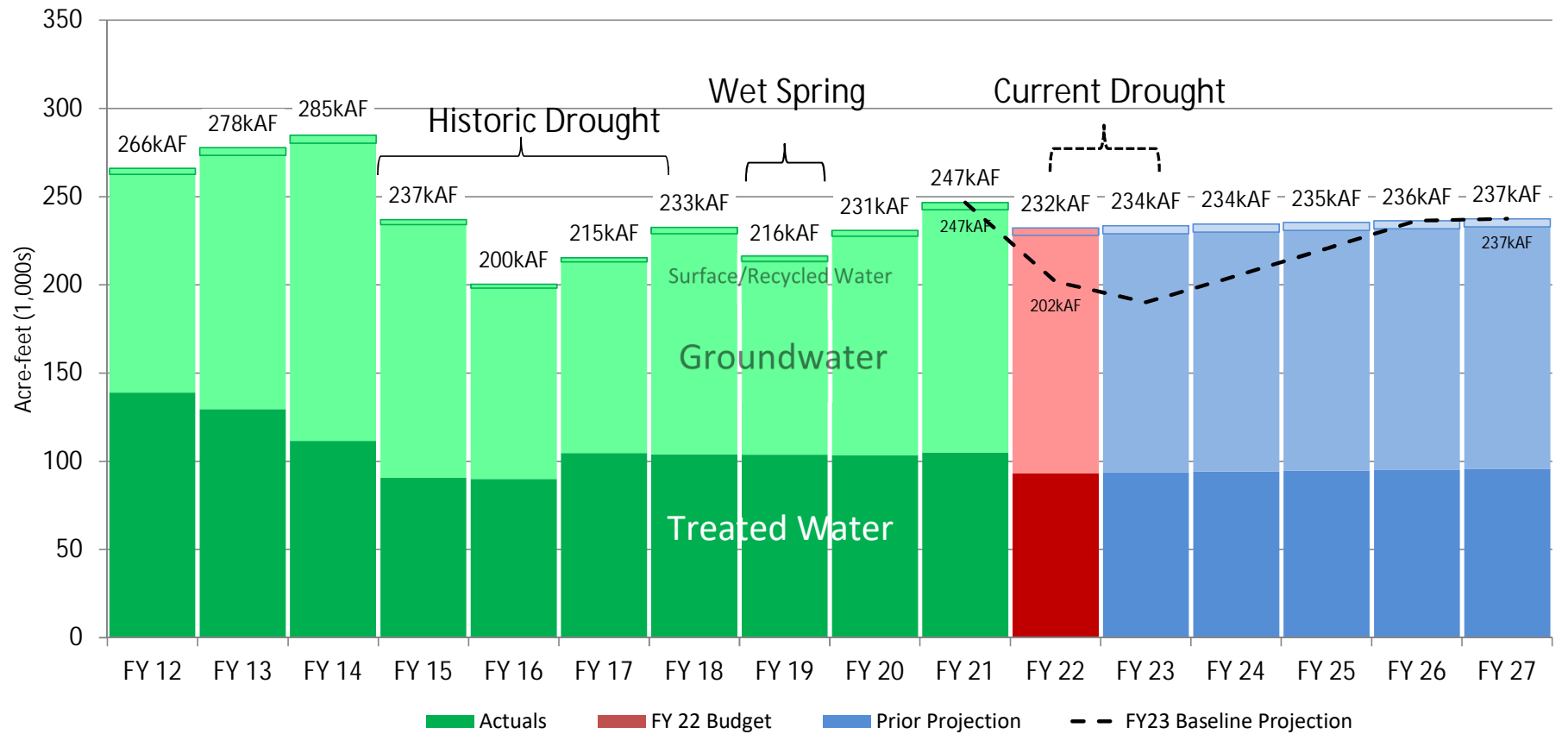
### Water Usage down

- Mandatory 15% call for conservation compared to 2019 (achieved by FY23)
- Results in lower revenue to pay for highly fixed cost structure



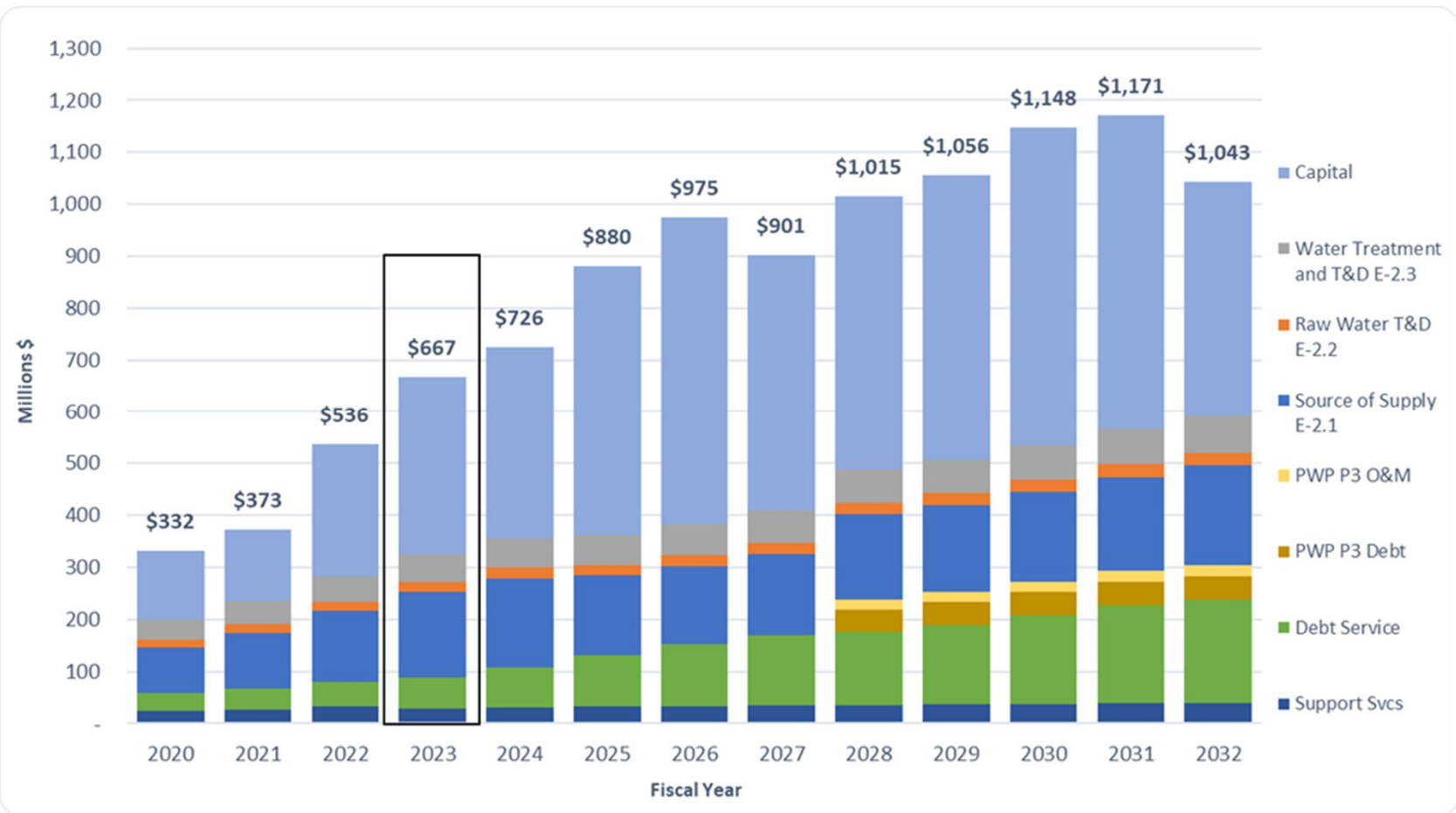
# Water Usage (District Managed)

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# Long Term Cost Projection

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# Infrastructure Repair and Water Supply Investments Drive Water Rates 9

## Smart infrastructure investments needed today:

- Critical to providing safe, clean water to Santa Clara County
- Investing now is most cost-efficient way to get critical multi-year projects done

## Priority infrastructure investments needed include:

- Fixing Anderson Dam
  - Address public health and safety concerns and relieve operational restrictions
- Upgrading Rinconada Water Treatment Plant
  - Extend service life of plant for next 50 years and expand plant capacity
- Building local storage with Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project
  - Add water storage to help face extended droughts
- Expanding Purified Water Project
  - Provide incremental drought proof water supply





# Recommended rate setting strategy for FY 2022-23

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## FY 2022-23 BASELINE CASE ASSUMPTIONS:

- Baseline Projects\*
- SWP Tax pays for 100% of SWP costs (excludes SWP portion of Delta Conveyance)
- Delta Conveyance SWP portion at 3.23%
- Los Vaqueros (Transfer Bethany Pipeline)
- Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit with WIFIA loans (up to 49% of TPC)
- Purified Water Expansion via P3 with operations beginning in FY28
  - Assumes 100% debt financing through P3 entity
- Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project (PREP) with \$496M Proposition 1 grants, WIFIA loans (up to 49% of TPC) and Partnership Participation at 35% of TPC
- Master Plan Projects Placeholder\*\*: Assumes \$369M from FY23-FY32, mainly after 5 Year CIP

\* Includes but not limited to dam seismic retrofits, Rinconada WTP reliability improvement, 10-year pipeline rehabilitation program

\*\* Master Plan Project Placeholder includes anticipated costs for new pipelines, pipeline rehabilitations, treatment plant upgrades & SCADA implementation projects

TPC: Total Project Cost





## Recommended rate impact minimization strategies for FY 2022-23

### WATER RATE IMPACT MINIMIZATION STRATEGIES:

1. Transfer \$39M unspent funds from PREP to Rate Stabilization Reserve in FY 2021-22; future PREP cost projection adjusted such that Total Project Cost (TPC) is unchanged
2. Leverage available reserves: draw down \$64M total in FY 2022-23 & FY 2023-24 (including \$39M from PREP unspent funds)
3. One-time transfer of \$25M from WSS Fund to Water Utility in FY 2022-23



# FY 2022-23 Recommended Groundwater Charge Projection

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M&I Groundwater Charge Year to Year Growth %

Staff Recommendation	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32
North County Zone W-2	15%	15%	15%	9.1%	9.1%	9.1%	9.1%	5%	5%	5%
South County Zone W-5	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%
South County Zone W-7	10.3%	10.3%	10.3%	10.3%	10.3%	10.3%	10.3%	10.3%	10.3%	10.3%
South County Zone W-8	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%



# Estimated Monthly Impact to Average Household

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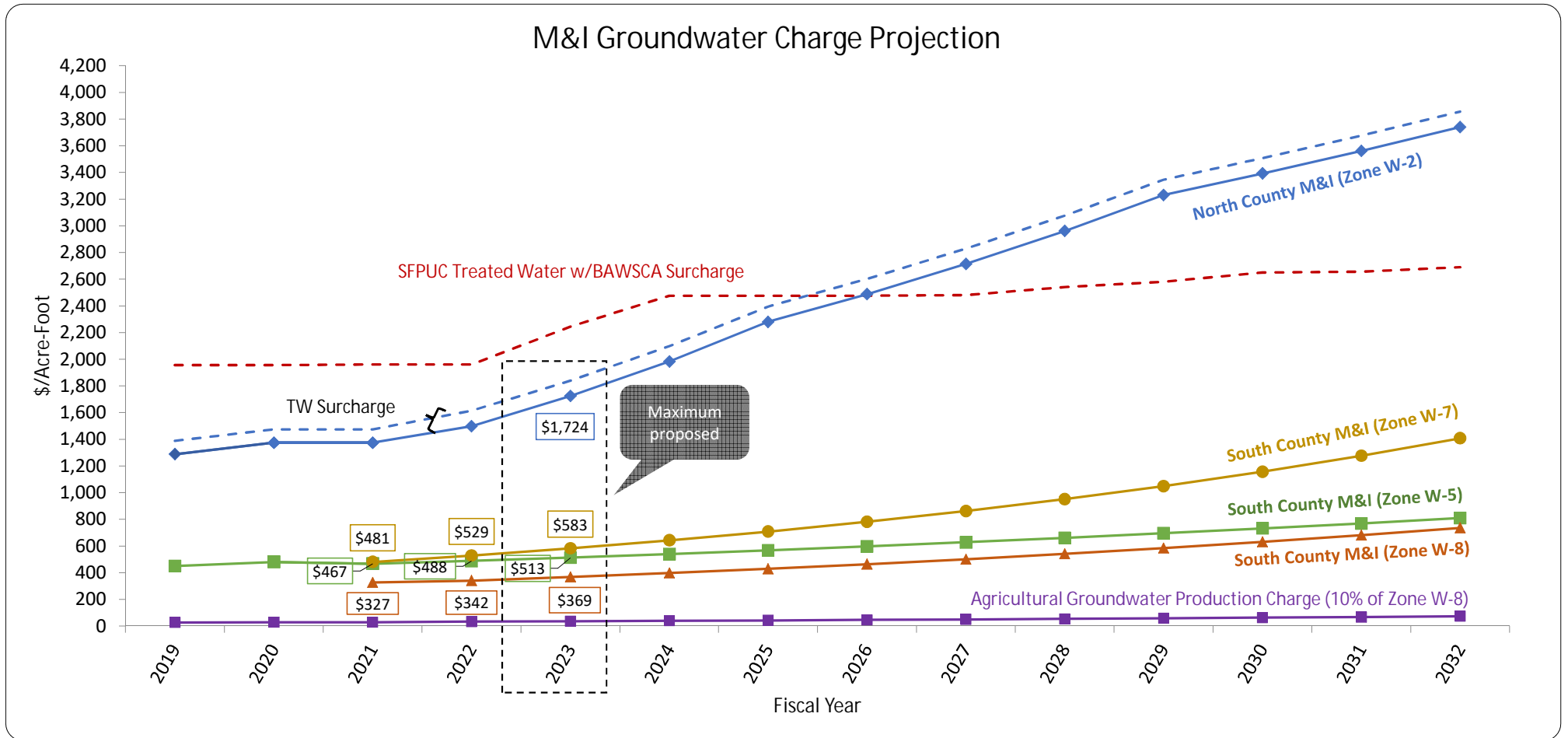
## M&I Groundwater Charge Monthly Impact to Average Household

Staff Recommendation	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	FY30	FY31	FY32
North County Zone W-2	\$7.75	\$8.91	\$10.24	\$7.15	\$7.80	\$8.51	\$9.28	\$5.56	\$5.84	\$6.13
South County Zone W-5	\$0.86	\$0.92	\$0.97	\$1.02	\$1.07	\$1.13	\$1.18	\$1.25	\$1.31	\$1.38
South County Zone W-7	\$1.86	\$2.07	\$2.28	\$2.51	\$2.77	\$3.06	\$3.37	\$3.72	\$4.10	\$4.53
South County Zone W-8	\$0.93	\$1.02	\$1.10	\$1.18	\$1.28	\$1.38	\$1.49	\$1.61	\$1.74	\$1.88



# FY 2022-23 Recommended Groundwater Charge Projection

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# FY 2022-23 North County Zone W-2 Maximum Proposed Charges

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Zone W-2 (North County)	Dollars Per Acre Foot		
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	Proposed Maximum FY 2022-23
Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge			
Municipal & Industrial	1,374.00	1,499.00	1,724.00
Agricultural	28.86	34.15	36.85
Surface Water Charge			
Surface Water Master Charge	37.50	40.90	47.10
Total Surface Water, Municipal & Industrial*	1,411.50	1,539.90	1,771.10
Total Surface Water, Agricultural*	66.36	75.05	83.95
Treated Water Charges			
Contract Surcharge	100.00	115.00	115.00
Total Treated Water Contract Charge**	1,474.00	1,614.00	1,839.00
Non-Contract Surcharge	200.00	200.00	200.00
Total Treated Water Non-Contract Charge***	1,574.00	1,699.00	1,924.00



\* The total surface water charge is the sum of the basic user charge (which equals the groundwater production charge) plus the water master charge

\*\* The total treated water contract charge is the sum of the basic user charge (which equals the groundwater production charge) plus the contract surcharge

\*\*\* The total treated water non-contract charge is the sum of the basic user charge (which equals the groundwater production charge) plus the non-contract surcharge

FY 23 M&I Increase equates to approximately \$7.75 per month to the average household.

Note: Does not include any increase that a retailer would layer on top



# FY 2022-23 South County Zone W-5 Maximum Proposed Charges

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Zone W-5 (Llagas Subbasin)	Dollars Per Acre Foot		
	FY 2020–21	FY 2021–22	Proposed Maximum FY 2022–23
Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge			
Municipal & Industrial	467.00	488.00	513.00
Agricultural	28.86	34.15	36.85
Surface Water Charge			
Surface Water Master Charge	37.50	40.90	47.10
Total Surface Water, Municipal & Industrial*	504.50	528.90	560.10
Total Surface Water, Agricultural*	66.36	75.05	83.95
Recycled Water Charges			
Municipal & Industrial	447.00	468.00	493.00
Agricultural	56.26	61.55	64.25

FY 23 M&I Increase equates to approximately \$0.86 per month to the average household.

Note: Does not include any increase that a retailer would layer on top



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# FY 2022-23 South County Zone W-7 Maximum Proposed Charges

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Zone W-7 (Coyote Valley)	Dollars Per Acre Foot		
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	Proposed Maximum FY 2022-23
Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge			
Municipal & Industrial	481.00	528.50	582.50
Agricultural	28.86	34.15	36.85
Surface Water Charge			
Surface Water Master Charge	37.50	40.90	47.10
Total Surface Water, Municipal & Industrial*	518.50	569.40	629.60
Total Surface Water, Agricultural*	66.36	75.05	83.95

FY 23 M&I Increase equates to approximately \$1.86 per month to the average household.

Note: Does not include any increase that a retailer would layer on top



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# FY 2022-23 South County Zone W-8 Maximum Proposed Charges

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Zone W-8 (Uvas / Chesbro)	Dollars Per Acre Foot		
	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	Proposed Maximum FY 2022-23
Basic User/Groundwater Production Charge			
Municipal & Industrial	327.00	341.50	368.50
Agricultural	28.86	34.15	36.85
Surface Water Charge			
Surface Water Master Charge	37.50	40.90	47.10
Total Surface Water, Municipal & Industrial*	364.50	382.40	415.60
Total Surface Water, Agricultural*	66.36	75.05	83.95

FY 23 M&I Increase equates to approximately \$0.93 per month to the average household.  
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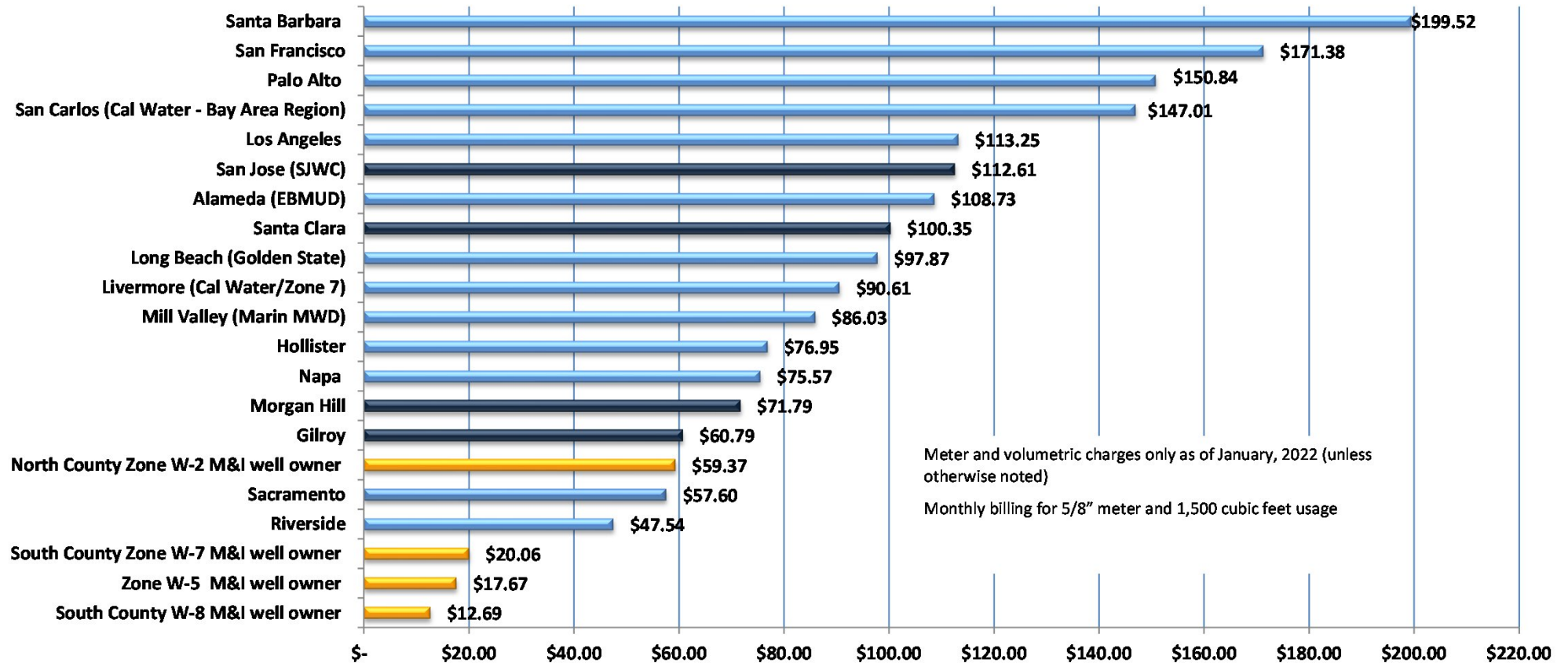
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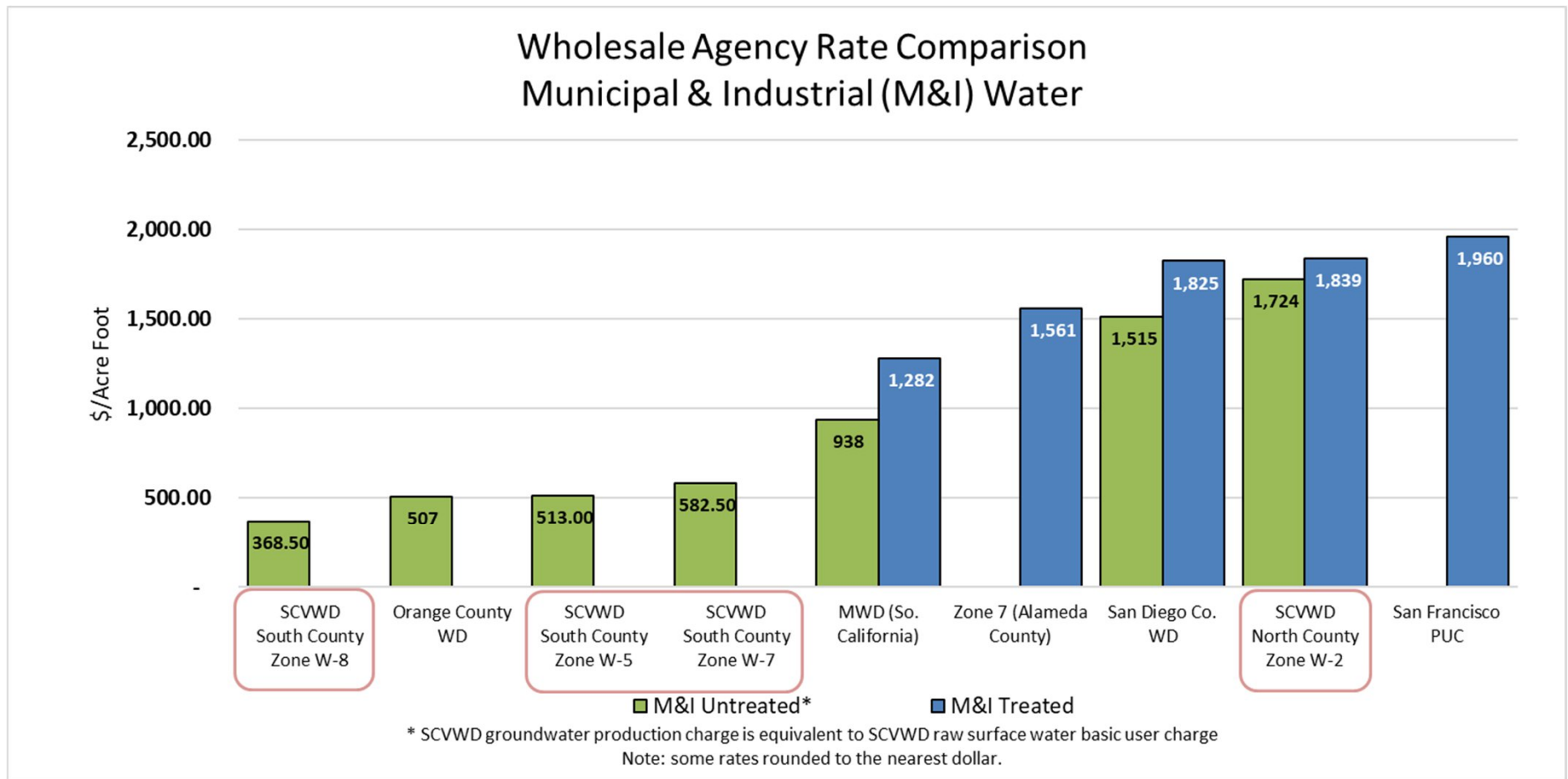
# Retail Agency Benchmarks

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# Wholesale Agency Rate Comparison

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Valley Water FY 23 Proposed Maximums Shown versus FY 22 comparator rates



# FY 2022-23 State Water Project Tax Recommendation

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- Staff recommends increasing the SWP tax from \$26M to \$27M
- The SWP tax bill for the average single-family residence would go up from about \$40.00/year to about \$41.00/year.

Impact if SWP tax not approved:

- \$177/AF in terms of North County M&I groundwater production charge
- In terms of South County M&I groundwater production charge:
  - \$37/AF for Zone W-5
  - \$60/AF for Zone W-7
  - \$27/AF for Zone W-8
- \$885,200 in terms of Open Space Credit

TAXING AGENCY	VALUE	RATES (%)	PRORATION (%)	AMOUNT
<b>LAND, IMPROVEMENTS, PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>				
1% MAXIMUM LEVY				
CO BOND 2008 HOSP FAC	1,718,310	1.000000		
CO LIBRARY RETIREMENT	1,718,310	0.006900		
CO RETIREMENT LEVY	1,718,310	0.002400		
CO. HOUSING BOND 2016	1,718,310	0.038800		
COMM COLLEGE BONDS	1,718,310	0.010000		
ELEM OR UNIF SCH BONDS	1,718,310	0.019900		
<b>TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE TAXES</b>	<b>1,718,310</b>	<b>1.182600</b>		
<b>LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS</b>				
SCVWD-STATE WATER PROJ	1,718,310	0.004100	50.00	10,160.37
<b>TOTAL LAND &amp; IMPROVEMENT TAXES</b>	<b>1,718,310</b>	<b>0.004100</b>	50.00	35.23
ROUNDING ADJUSTMENT				0.00
<b>TAXES DUE</b>				<b>\$10,195.60</b>



# 2022 Schedule

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Jan 3	Ag Water Advisory Committee
Jan 11	Board Meeting: Preliminary Groundwater Charge Analysis
Jan 19	Water Retailers Meeting: Preliminary Groundwater Charge Analysis
Jan 26	Water Commission Meeting: Preliminary Groundwater Charge Analysis
Feb 8	Board Meeting: Set time & place of Public Hearing
Feb 25	Mail notice of public hearing and file PAWS report
Mar 8	Board Meeting: Budget development update
Mar 16	Water Retailers Meeting: FY 23 Groundwater Charge Recommendation
Apr 4	Ag Water Advisory Committee
Apr 12	Open Public Hearing
Apr 13	Water Commission Meeting
Apr 14	Continue Public Hearing in South County
Apr 26	Conclude Public Hearing
Apr 27-28	Board Meeting: Budget work study session
May 10	Adopt budget & groundwater production and other water charges



# Summary and Next Steps

## Key Drivers for Water Rate Increases:

- Emergency water purchases to ensure water supply for Silicon Valley and preparing for ongoing drought over next 2 years
- Smart infrastructure investments needed today:
  - Investing now is most cost-efficient way to get critical multi-year projects done

## Valley Water is leveraging all available tools to minimize rate impacts now

- Continue to reassess drought status & recovery for future year rate impacts

## Proposed Maximum FY 23 Groundwater Production Charge for North County in terms of average household increase are:

- Increase of \$7.75 per month in Zone W-2 for groundwater and treated water

## Proposed Maximum FY 23 Groundwater Projection Charges for South County in terms of average household increase are:

- Increase of \$0.86 per month in Zone W-5
- Increase of \$1.86 per month in Zone W-7
- Increase of \$0.93 per month in Zone W-8

## Next Steps

- Continue Public Hearing on April 14th





# Valley Water

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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**File No.:** 22-0496

**Agenda Date:** 4/13/2022

**Item No.:** 5.3.

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## **COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

### **Santa Clara Valley Water Commission**

#### **SUBJECT:**

Review Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Review the Commission work plan to guide the commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

#### **SUMMARY:**

The attached Work Plan outlines the Board-approved topics for discussion to be able to prepare policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. The work plan is agendaized at each meeting as accomplishments are updated and to review additional work plan assignments by the Board.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

##### **Governance Process Policy-8:**

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Advisory Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Advisory Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: Water Commission 2022 Work Plan

#### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

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Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193



## 2022 Work Plan: Santa Clara Valley Water Commission

Update: March 2022

The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The committee work plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting the District occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the District Board of Directors.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only)	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
1	Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2022	January 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission Elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2022 <b>(Action)</b></li> </ul>	<b>Accomplished January 26, 2022:</b> The Commission unanimously approved Hon. Pam Foley as the 2022 Water Commission Chair and Hon. Lynette Lee Eng as the 2022 Water Commission Vice Chair.
2	Annual Accomplishments Report	January 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and approve 2020 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board. <b>(Action)</b></li> <li>Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<b>Accomplished January 26, 2022:</b> The Commission unanimously approved the 2021 Annual Accomplishments Report on consent.  <i>The Board received the Commission's presentation at its March 8, 2022, meeting.</i>
3	Update on progress towards Valley Water's drought emergency response and drought-related water conservation efforts.	January 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive Update on progress towards Valley Water's drought emergency response and drought-related water conservation efforts. <b>(Action)</b></li> </ul>	<b>Accomplished January 26, 2022:</b> The Commission received an update on the Drought Response and took no action.
4	Review and Comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges.	January 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges. <b>(Action)</b></li> <li>Submit comments to the Board, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<b>Accomplished January 26, 2022:</b> The Commission received a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges and took no action.

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5	Review of Santa Clara Valley Water Commission Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests, and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda	January 26 April 13 July 27 October 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive and review the 2022 Board-approved Commission work plan. <b>(Action)</b></li> <li>Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accomplished January 26, 2022:</b> The Commission unanimously approved the Board-approved Commission work plan on consent.</p> <p>The Commission took the following action under Agenda 7.3: Water Commission unanimously approved adding Water Surcharges to April's Agenda.</p> <p><i>The Board received the Commission's requests at its March 8, 2022, meeting and approved adding the Homeless Encampment to the commission's work plan. The surcharges request was not approved.</i></p>
6	Standing Items Reports Fiscal Year 2022:	January 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive quarterly reports on standing items. <b>(Information)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Accomplished January 26, 2022:</b> The Commission unanimously approved the quarterly reports on consent.</p>
GOAL	STRATEGY	FY22 FOCUS AREAS		MONITORING COMMITTEE
INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	<b>Strategy #1</b> Protect and maintain existing assets and infrastructure and advance new infrastructure projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be strategic in managing existing flood protection assets consistent with the Safe Clean Water Program.</li> <li>Advance new infrastructure projects identified in the Asset Management Plan and Operations &amp; Maintenance Plan.</li> <li>Increase engagement with cities on flood plain management, Community Rating System (CRS) program, and emergency action plans.</li> </ul>		Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC)
	<b>Strategy #2</b> Pursue opportunities to improve internal capacity to acquire regulatory permits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to provide for agency-wide regulatory planning and permitting effort and pursue other efforts at the state and federal level to expedite permit review.</li> <li>Continue to foster better relationships with regulatory agencies and open dialogue with environmental, environmental justice and other stakeholders.</li> </ul>		BPPC

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	<b>Strategy #3</b> Engage and educate the community, elected officials and staff on our management of water resources in Santa Clara County		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Regional Water Quality Control Board.</li> <li>Continue to apply strategies for effective outreach, engagement, and education.</li> <li>Continue to develop and refine metrics to understand and improve the return on investment (ROI) of outreach strategies.</li> <li>Continue increasing efforts to educate the public about the mix of different types of water in Valley Water's portfolio, as well as our flood protection and environmental stewardship efforts.</li> <li>Engage directly with local government jurisdictions through joint meetings.</li> </ul>	Board of Directors
GOAL	STRATEGY	FY22 FOCUS AREAS		MONITORING COMMITTEE
WATER SUPPLY	<b>Strategy #1</b> Actively Pursue New Water Supply and Storage Opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore opportunities to develop new surface and groundwater storage projects that align with Valley Water's mission.</li> <li>Determine level of participation for projects and decisions about partnerships in accordance with the Water Supply Master Plan and water affordability.</li> <li>Make decisions on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project following review of the project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR).</li> </ul>		Water Storage Exploratory Committee (WSEC)
	<b>Strategy #2</b> Actively Participate in decisions regarding the CA Delta Conveyance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a voice for Northern California, continue to engage and negotiate, through serving on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority and Finance Authority and Stakeholder Engagement Committee in adherence to Board approved Guiding Principles, to protect Santa Clara County's interests.</li> </ul>		Board of Directors
	<b>Strategy #3</b> Lead Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with committed partners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advance the Expedited Purified Water Program by releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for at least one Locally Sponsored Project.</li> <li>Implement the Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan.</li> <li>Continue to monitor Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) guidance and implement actions as needed.</li> <li>Finalize negotiations on term sheet for South County recycled water and agreement on governance.</li> </ul>		Recycled Water Committee (RWC)
	<b>Strategy #4</b> Advance Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue construction on the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project (ADTP).</li> <li>Continue to work with appropriate regulatory agencies to advance the ADSRP.</li> <li>Release for review the Draft Environmental Report for the ADSRP.</li> <li>Continue to educate and engage the public, key stakeholders, decision makers, and elected officials of the project progress and construction timeline.</li> <li>Coordinate long term ADSRP operations with the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE).</li> </ul>		Capital Improvement Program (CIP) <a href="#">Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC)</a>
	<b>Strategy #5</b> Promote Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life in Santa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase communication and education outreach to promote Valley Water's water conservation programs to customers.</li> <li>Increase collaboration with retailers to promote Valley Water's water conservation programs.</li> </ul>		Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee (WCaDMC)

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	Clara County.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement new water conservation programs and engagement strategies identified within the Water Conservation Strategic Plan.</li> <li>Engage and support private-sector stakeholders, local, state, and federal agencies that promote water conservation.</li> </ul>	
GOAL	STRATEGY	FY22 FOCUS AREAS		MONITORING COMMITTEE
NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION	<b>Strategy #1</b> Plan, design and maintain flood protection projects with multiple benefits, including protecting ecosystem functions and enhancing habitat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to advance Shoreline EIA 11 levee construction.</li> <li><a href="#">Finalize the One Water Coyote Creek Watershed plan and make significant progress on the Guadalupe and Pajaro watershed plans.</a></li> <li>Use a holistic approach to maintaining streams for flow conveyance and habitat enhancement.</li> <li>Complete construction of Phase I of the Upper Llagas Flood Protection Project, a multi-benefit project providing flood protection while restoring habitat and benefiting the environmental ecosystem.</li> </ul>		CIP BPPC
	<b>Strategy #2</b> Provide flood protection equitably in all regions of the County, prioritizing disadvantaged communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Advance One Water Countywide Framework in a comprehensive manner that includes diverse community-wide stakeholders and the incorporation of environmental justice policies in all planning efforts.</a></li> <li>Continue progress on flood protection capital projects consistent with Valley Water's commitment to the Safe, Clean Water Program and equitably in all regions.</li> </ul>		CIP BPPC
GOAL	STRATEGY	FY22 FOCUS AREAS		MONITORING COMMITTEE
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP	<b>Strategy #1</b> Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing flood protection and water supply projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of the One Water Countywide Framework planning process, continue to develop an integrated water resource plan for each watershed, including appropriate metrics to monitor Valley Water's impacts on and benefit to the environment.</li> <li>Ensure that stewardship efforts are integrated and not focused primarily on mitigation.</li> </ul>		BPPC
	<b>Strategy #2</b> Promote the protection of creeks, bay, and other aquatic ecosystems from threats of pollution and degradation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue efforts to protect the ecosystem and water quality of our water bodies and the integrity of our infrastructure. Such efforts include preventing stormwater pollution, increased implementation of green stormwater infrastructure, addressing mercury pollution, and <a href="#">homeless encampment clean ups</a>.</li> <li>Continue partnerships and investments on a regional scale such as the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration and Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP).</li> </ul>		<a href="#">Homeless Encampment Committee (HEC)</a> SPOC
	<b>Strategy #3</b> Continue the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue implementation of feasibility studies, monitoring activities, and planning and construction of various fish passage improvements.</li> </ul>		SPOC

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advance the Guadalupe River and Stevens Creek Environmental Impact Report (EIR) consistent with all stakeholder agreements.</li> <li>Develop a programmatic approach to implementing FAHCE settlement.</li> <li>Advance Adaptive Management Plan to encompass all three creeks.</li> </ul>	

GOAL	STRATEGY	FY22 FOCUS AREAS	MONITORING COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	<b>Strategy #1</b> Advance racial equity, diversity, and inclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin implementation of best practices to address internal and external disparities and build an organizational culture consistent with the Board's Resolution addressing racial equity, diversity, and inclusion.</li> <li>Remain committed to environmental justice and the fair treatment and meaningful engagement of all people regardless of race, color, gender identity, disability status, national origin, tribe, culture, income, immigration status, or English language proficiency, with respect to the planning, projects, policies, services, and operations of Valley Water.</li> </ul>	Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee (D&I)
	<b>Strategy #2</b> Maintain appropriate staffing levels and expertise and ensure the safety of our staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and finalize a long-term staffing strategy that aligns with future capital and operational needs.</li> <li>Develop classification career ladders to provide understanding of requirements for professional growth.</li> <li>Advance the development of a skilled trades apprenticeship program.</li> <li>Maximize the safety of staff working in creeks, homeless encampments and Valley Water facilities and continue to promote health &amp; safety guidance to protect staff from public health emergencies and environmental impacts.</li> </ul>	D&I
	<b>Strategy #3</b> Provide affordable and cost- effective level of services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to establish benchmarking with other agencies, particularly water agencies, in order to understand areas for improvement.</li> <li>Research and identify best practices from other agencies around water affordability, particularly with disadvantaged communities.</li> <li>Establish Valley Water as a statewide leader in conversations around water affordability.</li> </ul>	Financial Sustainability Working Group (FSWG) Board Audit Committee (BAC)
GOAL	STRATEGY	FY22 FOCUS AREAS	MONITORING COMMITTEE
CLIMATE CHANGE	<b>Strategy #1</b> Address future impacts of climate change to Valley Water's mission and operations.	Begin implementation of Climate Change Action Plan.	BPPC

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7	Consent Calendar	April 13 July 27 October 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent Calendar (the Chair will note those items on each agenda that are of no impact (information only) to move the meeting more efficiently).</li> </ul>	
8	Review and Comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Proposed Groundwater Production Charges.	April 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Groundwater Production Charges. <b>(Action)</b></li> </ul>	
9	Encampment Management along waterways (Homeless Encampment Strategies by Santa Clara Valley Water District Along Creek Beds)	July 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received information on the Encampment Management along waterways.</li> </ul>	
10	Review FY2023 Board Work Plan.	July 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review FY2023 Board Work Plan. <b>(Information)</b></li> </ul>	

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