

**MINUTES OF THE  
SAN JOSÉ/SANTA CLARA  
TREATMENT PLANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

San José City Hall  
Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

The Treatment Plant Advisory Committee Meeting convened at 4:01 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members in attendance.

**Committee Members:** Domingo Candelas, David Cohen, Dan Furtado, Karen Hardy, Patrick Kwok, Michael Mulcahy, Manuel Pineda

**Committee Member Albert Gonzalez joined the meeting in progress at 4:06 p.m. and was not present at the time of roll call.**

**Ayes – 7** (Candelas, Cohen, Furtado, Hardy, Kwok, Mulcahy, Pineda)

**Nays - 0**

**Abstain – 0**

**Absent – 2** (Gonzalez, Montano)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. June 12, 2025

**Action: On a motion made by Committee Member Patrick Kwok and a second by Vice Chair David Cohen, TPAC recommended approval of the Minutes:**

**Ayes - 7** (Candelas, Cohen, Furtado, Hardy, Pineda, Kwok, Mulcahy)

**Nays - 0**

**Abstain – 0**

**Absent – 2** (Gonzalez, Montano)

**Committee Member Albert Gonzalez joined the meeting in progress at 4:06 p.m. and was not present at the time of the approval of the minutes.**

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS**

Chair Karen Hardy (Hardy) commented that she is looking forward to having a TPAC meeting at the Regional Wastewater Facility (RWF) this fall.

4. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

A. Director's Report (verbal)  
**CIP Quarterly Status Report: April – June 2025**

Committee Member Patrick Kwok (Kwok) asked if the dewatering facility is close to completion. ESD Director Jeff Provenzano (Provenzano) answered that the dewatering facility will be at final occupancy around January 2026. Kwok asked when TPAC will have a meeting at RWF. Provenzano and Hardy confirmed that the plan is to hold the November 2025 TPAC meeting at the RWF, along with a tour.

Committee Member Michael Mulcahy (Mulcahy) asked if the new entrance at the RWF will be complete by the November TPAC meeting. Provenzano answered that the new entrance will not be complete until Spring 2026.

Hardy asked about the reasoning behind noting the "design bid build" for some items and the "design build" for others. Wastewater Facility Principal Engineer David Ohlson (Ohlson) responded that "design build" is noted for larger, more complex projects.

Hardy asked a question regarding the vacancy rate trend rising while the vacancy percentage remained the same. Ohlson responded that the vacancy rate is compared to the previous quarter. Hardy expressed a concern about the expenditures, but that the rest of the CIP report looks good. Hardy commented that the CIP budget appears to have a large jump in 27-28, and commented that she'd rather have a smaller planned increase for rate payers than a large one-time increase like the one in the CIP report. Ohlson replied that the carryover is largely from construction projects that have been awarded, and that about \$165 million of the carryover for this fiscal year is for construction. Ohlson also said that the 27-28 figure is increased due to the additional digester project. Hardy clarified that the suggested rates have this increase built in to ensure the increase isn't all at once. Ohlson responded that these costs have been reflected in the RWF's capital budget. Provenzano added that while San Jose tries to avoid sanitary sewer spikes to its rate payers, the RWF costs are based upon funding requirements for RWF. Hardy commented that the dewatering facility costs were built into Santa Clara's sanitary sewer budget over time.

Kwok asked if there are any other projects included in the 27-28 budget that could be pushed back or forward so that the budget could be decreased. Provenzano responded that they are looking into project schedules to identify any potential scheduling changes, and staff will report back to TPAC on any changes.

Hardy asked about the figure in the report which state that the CIP is \$51 million over budget. Ohlson clarified that the budget was forecasted for \$269 million, and that only \$218 million was spent. Ohlson and Hardy clarified that the additional \$51 million would go into savings or be re-budgeted into this fiscal year. Hardy clarified that this amount was part of CIP carryover. Ohlson responded that is correct.

5. **AGREEMENTS/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Election of Chair

Kwok nominated Committee Member David Cohen (Cohen). Cohen declined and nominated Committee Member Domingo Candelas (Candelas). Candelas accepted the nomination.

**Action: TPAC elected Domingo Candelas as TPAC Chair**

**Ayes – 8 (Candelas, Cohen, Furtado, Gonzalez, Hardy, Kwok, Mulcahy, Pineda)**

**Nays - 0**

**Abstain – 0**

**Absent – 1 (Montano)**

**B. Election of Vice Chair**

Kwok nominated Hardy. There were no other nominations. Hardy accepted the nomination.

**Action: TPAC elected Karen Hardy as TPAC Vice Chair**

**Ayes – 8 (Candelas, Cohen, Furtado, Gonzalez, Hardy, Kwok, Mulcahy, Pineda)**

**Nays - 0**

**Abstain – 0**

**Absent – 1 (Montano)**

**C. Agreement with enfoTech & Consulting Inc for an Environmental Enforcement Data Management System**

**Staff Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to:

- 1) Negotiate and execute an agreement for the Environmental Enforcement Data Management System with enfoTech & Consulting Inc. (Brunswick, New Jersey) for an initial three-year term, beginning on or about August 25, 2025, with a maximum compensation not to exceed \$801,895, subject to the appropriation of funds;
- 2) Negotiate and execute amendments, as required, for any unanticipated changes to the agreement with enfoTech & Consulting Inc. not to exceed a total amount of \$98,105 during the initial term, subject to the appropriation of funds; and
- 3) Exercise up to four additional one-year options to extend the term of the agreement through August 25, 2032, subject to the appropriation of funds.

This item will be considered by City Council on August 19, 2025.

Hardy asked for clarification as to whether this is a part of a larger agreement that the City of San José will have with enfoTech, and that TPAC will only be paying for the portion of the system used by the RWF. Provenzano confirmed that the software is for multiple

programs, and that a small portion of it will be used by the lab at the RWF. Provenzano confirmed that TPAC will only be paying for the portion used by the RWF.

Hardy commented that the lab at the RWF has been helpful in testing for coronavirus. Provenzano confirmed that the lab tests tens of thousands of samples per year and is a top-rated certified lab. Provenzano commented that they will try to include a tour of the lab the next time TPAC is at the RWF.

Committee Member Dan Furtado (Furtado) commented that he has taken a tour of the lab and has recommended the lab manager to speak at council meetings for the City of Campbell.

Cohen asked to clarify whether the \$800,000 is the total amount of the contract, or if that is the amount for the RWF's portion. Provenzano answered that the \$800,000 is the total shared amount.

Candelas commented that the lab at RWF helps ensure compliance with state and federal regulatory compliance.

**Action: On a motion made by Cohen and a second by Hardy, TPAC recommended approval of the item:**

**Ayes – 8 (Candelas, Cohen Furtado, Gonzalez, Hardy, Pineda, Kwok, Mulcahy)**

**Nays - 0**

**Abstain – 0**

**Absent – 1 (Montano)**

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Status Update on Purified Water Project**

Hardy asked for clarification as to whether the road will be updated, and that part of the land will be given to Valley Water in perpetuity. Provenzano confirmed that development will occur around the RWF, and that this agreement is an exclusive lease agreement with Valley Water, giving them a 10-year option to enter into a long-term lease arrangement with the City of San José to create a large-scale potable reuse facility. Provenzano explained that this agreement gives Valley Water a land boundary to plan around.

Hardy asked about the other land being developed near the RWF, and whether TPAC will be included in future conversations regarding what is done with that land. Provenzano responded that TPAC will be included in those conversations for both RWF expansion and lease generating options.

Candelas commented that the City of San José Council will be having a joint meeting on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and that this item is on the agenda.

Mulcahy asked if the City of San José could provide a large visual of the RWF site for future meetings. Provenzano agreed that they could provide a large map of the RWF site, as well as a flow diagram for TPAC to reference during meetings.

7. **STATUS OF ITEMS PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY TPAC**

**A. Proposed 2025-2026 Operating & Maintenance Budget for RWF**

**Staff Recommendation:**

TPAC approval of the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Proposed 2025-2026 Operating & Maintenance Budget.

**This item was approved by City Council on June 17, 2025.**

**B. Proposed 2026-2030 CIP for RWF**

**Staff Recommendation:**

TPAC approval of the San José-Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility Proposed Five Year 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Program.

**This item was approved by City Council on June 17, 2025.**

**C. Master Service Agreements for On-Call Environmental Consulting Support for Various City Projects**

**Staff Recommendation:**

Authorize City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute master service agreements with the following firms for on-call environmental consulting services for various City projects:

1. Kleinfelder, Inc. from the date of execution through June 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000;
2. Haley & Aldrich, Inc. from the date of execution through June 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000;
3. Cornerstone Earth Group, Inc. from the date of execution through June 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; and
4. WSP USA, Inc. from the date of execution through June 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.

**This item was approved by City Council on June 17, 2025.**

**D. Actions Related to the 10541 - On-Call Construction Contract for Repairs of Water Services and Mains 2025-2028**

**Staff Recommendation:**

Award of a contract for the 10541 – On-Call Construction Contract for Repairs of Water Services and Mains 2025-2028 project to San José Water Company, pursuant to City of San José Charter Section 1217 (h), for a maximum amount not to exceed \$3,300,000 and for a term of three years.

**This item was approved by City Council on June 17, 2025.**

**8. REPORTS**

**A. Open Purchase Orders Greater Than \$100,000 (including Service Orders)**

For Procurement and Contract Activity between \$100,000 and \$1.43 Million for Goods and \$100,000 and \$350,000 for Services.

**8. A. Purchase Order Report 6/1/2025 – 7/31/2025**

There were no comments from the committee or the public on this item.

**9. MISCELLANEOUS**


- A.** The next regular TPAC Meeting is scheduled in person on **September 11, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.** at City Hall, Room T1734.

**10. OPEN FORUM**

Kwok asked regarding the status of the flow study. ESD Division Manager Nick Ajluni (Ajluni) responded that they plan to bring the flow study to TPAC in November, and that they are waiting for the final proposal from the vendor. Provenzano added that a draft scope has been provided to the TAC members. Provenzano also stated that the intention is to work closely with all of the tributary agencies on this project.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The Treatment Plant Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.



Domingo Candelas, Chair  
TREATMENT PLANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE