

Legislation Text

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Santa Clara Valley Water Districts Efforts to Develop Purified Water Projects in Santa Clara County. (Mayor, Jones and Jimenez)

Accept staff's recommendation to accept the report regarding the status of the Santa Clara Valley Water District's (Valley Water) Purified Water Project in Santa Clara County and direct the Administration to:

1. Negotiate an amended or new Master Agreement between Valley Water and the City of San José and Valley Water relating to Valley Water's Payment for City's support services to the expedited purified water program for an amount adequate to fund all costs incurred by the City to support negotiation of new agreements including legal services and a facilitator.
2. Coordinate with Valley Water to negotiate and enter into a three-party agreement with a consultant to facilitate negotiation meetings between the City and Valley Water for six months; and establish the executive steering committee comprised of representatives from the San Jose City Council and Valley Water Board, staff from each agency only if the negotiation with the facilitator requires additional guidance.
3. Negotiate with Valley Water an agreement to fund the reservation of wastewater effluent for potential water reuse projects with terms and conditions substantially similar to the Partnership Agreement to Advance Resilient Water Reuse Programs in Santa Clara County between Valley Water and the cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View dated December 10, 2019.
4. Return to the San José City Council in December 2021 for action/consideration on a reservation of wastewater effluent agreement with Valley Water.
5. Following the reservation of wastewater effluent, engage Valley Water to negotiate an amended or new Ground Lease and Property Use Agreement for the existing Advanced Water Treatment Facility, concurrently with an amended or new Recycled Water Facilities and Programs Integration Agreement.
6. Direct the administration to continue prior Council direction on negotiating the expanded use of recycled water with Valley Water to increase a local, drought-resilient water supply and reduce reliance on imported water.
7. Return to the San José City Council on June 15, 2021 with an update regarding the status of the negotiations.