



# SCV Water Agency Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting

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**Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

**Committee Meeting Begins at 5:30 PM**

**Members of the public may attend by the following options:**

#### **IN PERSON**

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency  
Engineering Services Section  
Boardroom  
26521 Summit Circle  
Santa Clarita, CA 91350

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**Date:** June 5, 2024

**To:** **Water Resources and Watershed Committee**  
Piotr Orzechowski, Chair  
William Cooper  
Dirk Marks  
Gary Martin

**From:** Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager 

The rescheduled **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** meeting for **Wednesday, June 12, 2024 at 5:30 PM at 26521 Summit Circle, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Engineering Services Section (ESS) Boardroom**. Members of the public may attend in person or virtually. To attend this meeting virtually, please see below.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

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## MEETING AGENDA

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1.	<b><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b>	
2.	<b><u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u></b> – Members of the public may comment as to items within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Agency that are not on the Agenda at this time. Members of the public wishing to comment on items covered in this Agenda may do so at the time each item is considered. (Comments may, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, be limited to three minutes for each speaker.) To participate in public comment from your computer, tablet, or smartphone, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. You will be notified when it is your turn to speak, please unmute when requested. To participate in public comment via phone, dial *9 to raise your hand. When it is your turn to speak, dial *6 to unmute.	
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Posted on June 5, 2024

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## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 12, 2024

**TO:** Water Resources and Watershed Committee

**FROM:** Ali Elhassan, Ph. D., P.E.  
Director of Water Resources *AE*

**SUBJECT** Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter Into a Department of Water Resources Funding Agreement for the Arundo Removal and Management Project

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### SUMMARY

Consistent with Board direction to pursue grant opportunities, staff applied for funding (through Assemblyperson Pilar Schiavo's office) for funding of an Arundo Removal and Management Project. SCV Water was awarded \$1 Million for the Project and is in the process of negotiating the funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources (DWR). In advance of execution of the funding agreement, SCV Water must submit a resolution: (1) authorizing the General Manager, or designee, to enter into the agreement; (2) execute the agreement and any amendments thereto; and (3) submit any required documents, invoices and reports necessary to obtain State funds.

### DISCUSSION

The July 2023 Assembly Bill 102 designated \$1,000,000 in funding to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) for its Arundo Removal and Management Project (Project). The project will seek to advance a formal organizational framework and governance structure to seek effective public-private partnerships to support long-term sustainability of a Watershed-Wide Arundo Management (WWAM) Strategy and will design and implement Arundo removal project(s), including investigation into effective, science-based Arundo removal, suppression and maintenance methods in the Santa Clara River Watershed.

The funding will cover costs of project administration, permitting and environmental documentation, planning and design and construction (Arundo removal projects). There is no SCV Water match required under the funding agreement.

### STRATEGIC PLAN NEXUS

This Project will help meet the Agency's Strategic Plan goals as follows:

*Strategy E.1 - Establish rates and charges that cover SCV Water costs.*

- E.1.4 Optimize grant opportunities to manage rate impacts

*Strategy G.1 – Collaborate and engage with partners to advance Watershed Resiliency*

- G.1.4 Develop and implement a plan for Arundo removal
- G.1.5 Monitor progress in Arundo removal plan and implantation

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Funding for the for the Project is included in the FY2025 (\$350K) and FY2026 (\$500K) Capital Projects Budget, with the remainder of funding (\$150K) to be included in the FY2027 budget request. There is no SCV Water match required or anticipated for Project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Water Resources and Watershed Committee recommends that the Board of Directors adopt a resolution authorizing the General Manager to: (1) to enter into the funding agreement; (2) execute the agreement and any amendments thereto; and (3) submit any required documents, invoices and reports necessary to obtain State funds.

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Attachment



RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY  
AUTHORIZING THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY TO ENTER  
INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
WATER RESOURCES TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR THE ARUNDO REMOVAL  
AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL  
MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE SANTA  
CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the July 2023 Assembly Bill 102 designated \$1,000,000 in funding to the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) for its Arundo Removal and Management Project, a project to develop a sustainable, scientifically driven management framework that will ultimately lead to the removal of Arundo Donax throughout the Santa Clara River watershed (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility for the administration of the fund, including establishing the necessary procedures for disbursement of the fund, to the California Department of Water Resources ("CDWR"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Authority agrees that the funds should be allocated by CDWR to SCV Water; and

**WHEREAS**, CDWR requires a resolution from SCV Water authorizing SCV Water to enter into an agreement with CDWR to receive funds and to authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency does hereby authorize and direct the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to enter into an agreement with the State of California Department of Water Resources to receive \$1 million in funding for its Arundo Removal and Management Project and authorizes the General Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement, any amendments thereto; and to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain State funds.

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**WATER RESOURCES AND WATERSHED COMMITTEE  
AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR 2024**

**ITEM NO.  
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**June 12, 2024 Committee Meeting**

1. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Department of Water Resources Funding Agreement for the Arundo Removal and Management Project
2. Water Resources Director's Report
  - Status of Water Supplies
  - Staff Activities
3. Sustainability Manager's Report – Staff Activities

**June 18, 2024 Board Meeting**

1. Approval of a Resolution Amending and Adopting New 2024 Local CEQA Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 ET SEQ.) for Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency

**July 2, 2024 Board Meeting**

1. Approve Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Department of Water Resources Funding Agreement for the Arundo Removal and Management Project
2. Approve Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Purpose of Funding the Next Phase of the Delta Conveyance Project Planning Cost

**July 10, 2024 Committee Meeting**

1. Recommend Approval of Princessa Crossing Water Supply Assessment
2. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Contract for a Water Reuse Optimization Study
3. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Contract for Groundwater Recharge Phase 2 Analysis
4. Water Resources Director's Report – Staff Activities
  - Status of Water Resiliency Initiative
  - Devil's Den Semi – Annual Update
5. Sustainability Manager's Report – Staff Activities

**August 6, 2024 Board Meeting**

1. Approval of the Princessa Crossing Water Supply Assessment
2. Approve Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Contract for a Water Reuse Optimization Study
3. Approve Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Contract for Groundwater Recharge Phase 2 Analysis

**August 14, 2024 Committee Meeting**

1. Status Update on the Solar Array Performance Evaluation
2. Water Resources Director's Report – Staff Activities
3. Sustainability Manager's Report – Staff Activities

**September 11, 2024 Committee Meeting**

1. Water Resources Director's Report – Staff Activities
2. Sustainability Manager's Report – Staff Activities

**October 9, 2024 Committee Meeting**

1. Water Resources Director's Report – Staff Activities
2. Sustainability Manager's Report – Staff Activities

**November 13, 2024 Committee Meeting**

1. Water Resources Director's Report – Staff Activities
2. Sustainability Manager's Report – Staff Activities

**December 11, 2024 Committee Meeting**

1. Water Resources Director's Report – Staff Activities
2. Sustainability Manager's Report – Staff Activities