



SCV Water Agency Water Resources and Watershed Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 10, 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

BY PHONE

Toll Free: 1-(833)-568-8864
Webinar ID: 161 247 5733

VIRTUALLY

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Have a Public Comment?

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This meeting will be recorded and the audio recording for all Committee meetings will be posted to yourSCVwater.com within 3 business days from the date of the Committee meeting.

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Date: July 2, 2024

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

From: Steve Cole, Assistant General Manager

The **Water Resources and Watershed Committee** meeting for **Wednesday, July 10, 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

This meeting will be conducted in person at the address listed above. As a convenience to the public, members of the public may also participate virtually by using the **Agency's Call-In Number 1-833-568-8864, Webinar ID: 161 247 5733 or Zoom Webinar by clicking on the link scvwa.zoomgov.com/j/1612475733**. Any member of the public may listen to the meeting or make comments to the Committee using the call-in number or Zoom Webinar link above. However, in the event there is a disruption of service which prevents the Agency from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using either the call-in option or internet-based service, this meeting will not be postponed or rescheduled but will continue without remote participation. The remote participation option is being provided as a convenience to the public and is not required. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in person.

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MEETING AGENDA

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1.	<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>	
2.	<u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u> – 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. Members of the public wishing to comment on item covered in Closed Session before they are considered by the Committee must request to make comment at the commencement of the meeting at 5:30 PM. (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.	
3.	Water Resources Director’s Report:	
	3.1 Devil’s Den Semi Annual Report	1
	3.2 Staff Activities	
4.	Sustainability Manager’s Report:	
	4.1 Staff Activities	
5. *	Committee Planning Calendar	3
6.	<u>CLOSED SESSION</u>	
	6.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of Case: Cemex water rights application no. A029967	
7.	<u>CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>	
8.	Adjournment	
*	Indicates Attachment	
◆	Indicates Handout	

NOTICES:

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Posted on July 2, 2024

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COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 1, 2024

TO: Water Resources and Watershed Committee

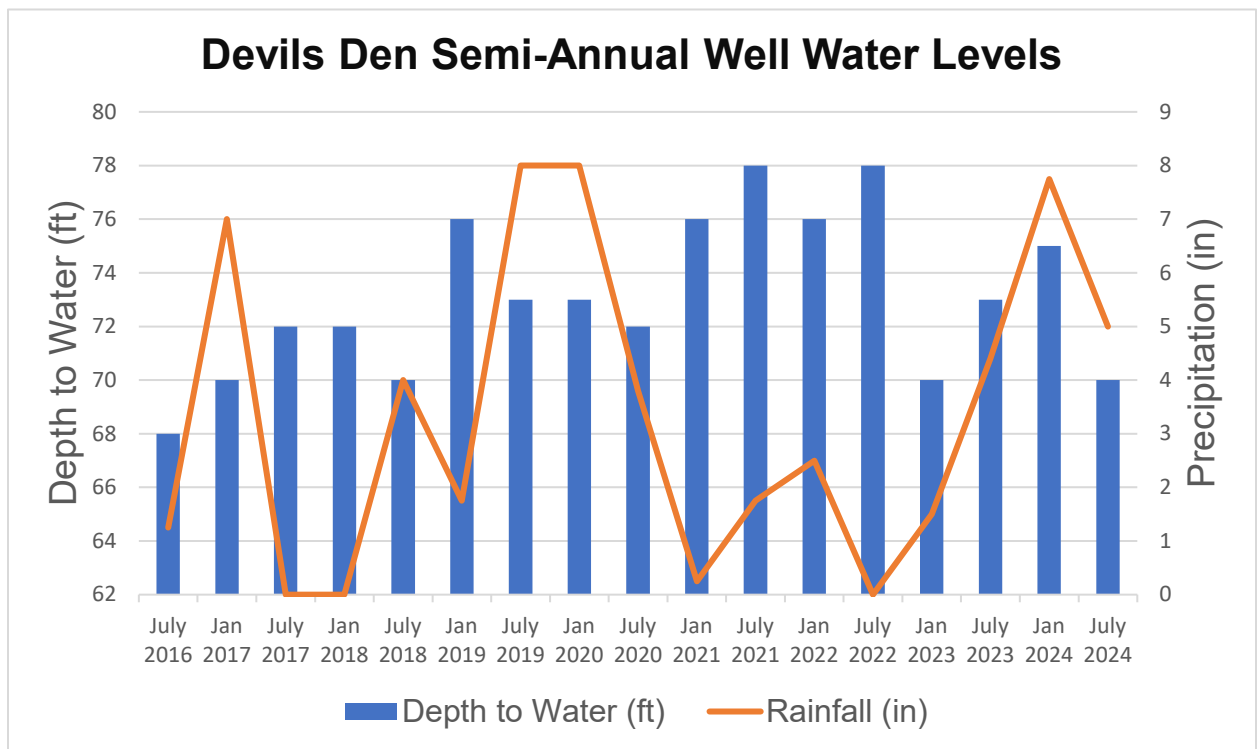
FROM: Ali Elhassan
Director of Water Resources *AE*

SUBJECT: Devil's Den Semi Annual Report (January 2024 - June 2024)

SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

SCV Water’s Devil’s Den property encompasses 8,656 acres in Kern and Kings Counties. The Devil’s Den Water District is an existing entity, although its State Water Project (SWP) contract rights of 12,700 Acre-Feet (AF) have been transferred to SCV Water. A summary of activities at the Devil’s Den property during the first six months of 2024 are as follows:

1. Groundwater levels are checked bi-annually at the north end of the property to monitor the potential effects of groundwater pumping by neighboring agriculture operations. Current water levels as of the July 2024 reading are approximately 70 feet below ground surface elevation. This reflects a decrease of 5 feet in the test wells’ depth to water level over the last six months. Prior to 2010, typical static water levels were approximately 70 feet.



2. Currently there are 520 head of cattle being grazed on the Devil's Den site.
3. The agricultural lease between Rolling Hills Farms (RHF) and SCVWA will conclude on December 31, 2026.
4. Rolling Hills Farms continues mechanical weed control in areas of the property where cattle are not being grazed, such as fence lines and roadsides.
5. The property received approximately 5.0" of rain between January 2024 and July 2024.
6. Rolling Hills Farms requested 2,000 AF of State Water Project water for 2024 but was only granted 500 AF due to a low initial SWP allocation early in 2024. To date this year, 314 AF has been delivered to Devils Den for RHF use.
7. Rolling Hills Farms has planted 300 acres of non-irrigated barley and 75 acres of alfalfa in 2024. The alfalfa will need to be irrigated to survive. The 300 acres of 2024 barley plus an additional 400 acres of barley (planted in previous years that had not germinated due to lack of moisture) will be harvestable this year. The irrigated alfalfa should provide 6 cuttings this year.
8. SCV Water finalized an option lease agreement with IP Land Holdings, LLC (Intersect Power) on March 19, 2024, for approximately 8,133.67 acres of the Devils Den property for the purpose of solar generation.
9. SCV Water has received the initial option payment of \$488,020.00 for the first year of the option agreement. Option payments will continue on a yearly basis at an increased rate until Intersect Power decides to enter into the land lease agreement prior to construction or cancels the project altogether.
10. Intersect Power started their initial biological studies in June 2024 and has requested that SCV Water not disturb the parcels currently not being farmed until further notice.
11. Intersect Power is also currently working on securing their generation interconnection to connect the proposed project to the transmission line.

STRATEGIC PLAN NEXUS

Development and maintenance of the Devils Den property helps meet SCV Water's objective and Strategic Plan Goal G: "Environmental Stewardship: Achieve environmental compliance and strive for sustainable policies, projects and practices."

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATION

For information only. No action to be taken.

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

**ITEM NO.
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July 10, 2024 Committee Meeting

1. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
Name of Case: Cemex water rights application no. A029967
2. Water Resources Director's Report:
 - Devil's Den Semi Annual Report
 - Staff Activities
3. Sustainability Manager's Report – Staff Activities

August 6, 2024 Board Meeting

1. Approve Authorizing the General Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Purpose of Funding the Next Phase of the Delta Conveyance Project Planning Cost
2. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
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August 14, 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. Recommend Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Contract for Continued California Environmental Flows Framework (CEFF) Analysis, Support, and Coordination on Technical and Regulatory Matters.
5. Status Update on the Solar Array Performance Evaluation
6. Water Resources Director's Report:
 - Status of Water Resiliency Initiative
 - Staff Activities
7. Sustainability Manager's Report – Staff Activities

September 3, 2024 Board Meeting

1. Consideration of Adopting an Ordinance of the Board of Directors of Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency to Provide for the Mandatory Use of Recycled Water Within the Agency's Service Area.
2. Approval of Princessa Crossing Water Supply Assessment
3. Approve Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Contract for a Water Reuse Optimization Study
4. Approve Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Contract for Groundwater Recharge Phase 2 Analysis
5. Approve Authorizing the General Manager to Enter into a Contract for Continued California Environmental Flows Framework (CEFF) Analysis, Support, and Coordination on Technical and Regulatory Matters.

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