



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

DATE :
NOVEMBER 6, 2024

TIME:
8:00 A.M.

-  1021 E. Miramar Avenue | Claremont, CA 91711
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-  909.621.5568

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THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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NOTICE OF VIDEOCONFERENCE/TELECONFERENCE ACCESSIBILITY

Three Valleys MWD will hold this meeting of its Board of Directors on the date and time, and at the location set forth above. The public may participate in the meeting by physical attendance at the meeting or by videoconference or teleconference utilizing the following links:

Link to join webinar: <https://tvmwd.zoom.us/j/89245220022>

OR

Dial in: (669) 900-9128, Webinar ID: 892 4522 0022

Any member of the public wishing to participate in public comment may do so in any of the following manners: (1) by using the "Raise Hand" feature on the Zoom platform and when prompted by the Board President during the public comment period, (2) by filling out the electronic speaker's card at the following link <https://arcg.is/0z5GqO> prior to the close of public comment, (3) by sending an email to PublicComment@tvmwd.com prior to the close of public comment, or (4) those attending the meeting in person may complete a speaker's card and provide it to the Executive Board Secretary prior to the close of public comment.

1. CALL TO ORDER

ROBERTO

2. ROLL CALL

AGUIRRE

Jody Roberto, President
Mike Ti, Vice President
Carlos Goytia, Secretary/Treasurer
David De Jesus, Director
Jeff Hanlon, Director
Bob Kuhn, Director
Danielle Soto, Director

3. FLAG SALUTE

ROBERTO

4. DIRECTOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO AB 2449 [Government Code Section 54953(f)] ROBERTO

4.A NOTIFICATION DUE TO JUST CAUSE

4.B REQUEST DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES

BOARD ACTION REQUIRED ITEM 4.B

Staff Recommendation: None

5. AGENDA REORDER/ADDITIONS [Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2)] ROBERTO

Additions to the agenda may be considered when two-thirds of the board members present determine a need for immediate action, and the need to act came to the attention of TVMWD after the agenda was posted; this exception requires a degree of urgency. If fewer than two-thirds of the board members are present, all must affirm the action to add an item to the agenda. The Board shall call for public comment prior to voting to add any item to the agenda after posting.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Government Code Section 54954.3) ROBERTO

Opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Board on items of public interest within its jurisdiction. The public may also address the Board on items being considered on this agenda. TVMWD requests that all public speakers complete a speaker's card and provide it to the Executive Board Secretary.

We request that remarks be limited to three minutes or less. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, if speaker is utilizing a translator, the total allotted time will be doubled.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT LITCHFIELD

The Executive Leadership Team will provide brief updates on existing matters under their purview.

7.A LEGISLATIVE & ELECTION UPDATE HOWIE

7.B GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING VELASQUEZ

7.C DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT LITCHFIELD

7.D PROJECTS UPDATE	PANZER
8. DIRECTORS'/GENERAL MANAGER'S ORAL REPORTS	ROBERTO
Directors may report on activities for meetings to which they are assigned to serve as the representative or alternate of TVMWD and on other areas of interest.	
8.A METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT	DE JESUS
8.B CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER	KUHN
8.C SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER QUALITY AUTHORITY	KUHN
8.D MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATERMASTER	TI
8.E SIX BASINS WATERMASTER	HANLON
8.F ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBER REPORTS	ALL
8.G GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS	HOWIE
9. CLOSED SESSION	ROBERTO
9.A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]	
Name of Case: Chino Basin Municipal Water District v. City of Chino, et al., San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. RCV RS 51010	
9.B CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]	
Name of Case: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, et al., San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CPF-14-514004 (Consolidated with Case Nos. CPF-16-515282 and CPF-18-516389)	
9.C CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)]	
Name of Case: Victor Asemota et al. v. City of Claremont, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 24STCV08598	

9.D CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS [Government Code Section 54956.8]

Property: State Parcel DD 64045-01-01, Padua Avenue, Claremont, California

Agency Negotiator: Matthew Litchfield, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: California Department of Transportation

Under Negotiation: Purchase and Sale Agreement

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ROBERTO

11. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

ROBERTO


The Board will adjourn to a regular Board meeting on November 20, 2024.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Government Code Section 54954.2(a), if special assistance is needed to participate in this public meeting, please contact the Executive Board Secretary at (909) 621-5568 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5, materials related to an item on this agenda submitted after distribution of the agenda packet will be posted on the TVMWD website at www.threevalleys.com.

Three Valleys MWD Board meeting packets and agendas are available for review at www.threevalleys.com

**BOARD INFORMATION****BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STAFF REPORT**

To: TVMWD Board of Directors
From: Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager 
Date: November 6, 2024
Subject: Legislative & Election Update – November 2024

Funds Budgeted: \$

Fiscal Impact: \$

Staff Recommendation

No Action Necessary – Informational Item Only

Discussion

The California general election took place yesterday on November 5th. All 80 Assembly districts and 20 of the 40 Senate districts had elections. The new 2025-2026 Legislative Session officially begins on Monday December 2nd with the swearing in of the newly elected members of the Legislature.

Staff will provide an election update this morning with preliminary results on key local races, including state and federal elections as well as other key initiatives.

Plans are continuing to be developed for the introduction of new Brown Act legislation in 2025. The current law under our successful 2022 legislation, AB 2449, is set to sunset in January 2026 and we are working with proposed bill sponsor California Special Districts Association (CSDA) to eliminate the sunset date. Staff has engaged with prospective author Assembly Member Blanca Rubio and is also working with legal counsel and our lobbyist to get this on the docket for 2025.

Environmental Impact

None

Strategic Plan Objective(s)

1.5 – Advocacy
2.4 – Legislation

Attachment(s)

Exhibit A – 2024 Legislative Calendar

Meeting History

None

NA/KH





BOARD INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STAFF REPORT

To: TVMWD Board of Directors

From: Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager 

Date: November 6, 2024

Subject: Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Funds Budgeted: \$

Fiscal Impact: \$

Staff Recommendation

No Action Necessary – Informational Item Only

Discussion

Three Valleys Municipal Water District (TVMWD) has been awarded the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This is the sixteenth consecutive year TVMWD has received this award.

This certificate is awarded to government units whose Annual Comprehensive Financial Report achieves the highest standards in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Receiving this award demonstrates TVMWD's continued commitment to transparency and full disclosure in our financial reporting.

Environmental Impact

None

Strategic Plan Objective(s)

2.1 – Financial Stability

2.2 – Accountability

Attachment(s)

Exhibit A – Financial Report Award

Meeting History

None

NA/JV





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9/30/2024

Jody Roberto
Board President
Three Valleys Municipal Water District, California

Dear Jody:

We are pleased to notify you that your annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 qualifies for GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the Certificate. This award has been sent to the submitter as designated on the application.

We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and give appropriate publicity to this notable achievement. A sample news release is included to assist with this effort.

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

Sincerely,

Michele Mark Levine
Director, Technical Services



Government Finance Officers Association

Certificate of
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Reporting

Presented to

**Three Valleys Municipal Water District
California**

For its Annual Comprehensive
Financial Report
For the Fiscal Year Ended

June 30, 2023

Christopher P. Morill


Executive Director/CEO



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STAFF REPORT

To: TVMWD Board of Directors

From: Matthew H. Litchfield, General Manager 

Date: November 6, 2024

Subject: Delta Conveyance Project Draft Resolution of Support

Funds Budgeted: \$

Fiscal Impact: \$

Staff Recommendation

No Action Necessary – Information Only

Background

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta is essential to the State Water Project (SWP), which supplies water to 27 million people, 750,000 acres of farmland, and supports California's economy. Built in the 1960s, the SWP now faces challenges due to population growth, environmental factors, and climate change, making infrastructure upgrades crucial. The Department of Water Resources' Delta Conveyance Project (DCP), a project designed to modernize intake and delivery of supplies for the SWP, is nearing the end of its environmental review. As such, support from stakeholders and beneficiaries is key for continued progress. In advance of a vital decision by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) regarding project funding for additional planning efforts, the Three Valleys Municipal Water District (Three Valleys) Board of Directors will review the draft resolution attached as **Exhibit A** expressing support for the Delta Conveyance Project.

Discussion

The DCP is a critical initiative that promises to enhance water reliability for millions of Californians, protect vital ecosystems, and support hundreds of thousands of acres of agriculture. By modernizing our water infrastructure, the project will help secure a consistent water supply, particularly in the face of climate change and increasing drought conditions.

Climate change continues to increase the challenges of managing water both locally and statewide. Climate change effects include rising temperatures, more unpredictable flashier precipitation events, reductions in annual snowpack, and thus changes in the timing and volumes of runoff to existing rivers, streams, and reservoirs. In addition to these challenges, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta (Delta), a vital conveyance component of the SWP, is also at risk of failure due to sea level rise, levee failures, earthquakes, regulatory hurdles, protection of listed endangered or threatened species and habitat, and unpredictable river flows.

There have been no meaningful investments to modernize the SWP since its construction in the 1960s, yet the climate and population have changed significantly. If the DCP had been in place prior to the winter of 2021-2022, more than 1.4 million acre-feet of water would have been captured through June of 2024 during high-flow storm events. These flows would have supported nearly 14.6 million Californians for a year. The DCP is a crucial solution that will address our climate and environmental challenges by modernizing the SWP, giving the State's water managers more flexibility to move supplies when they are available. The DCP consists of a 45-mile long, 36-foot diameter single tunnel that will be constructed 100-130 feet below the Delta. The project includes two new intakes in the North Delta, which will have a total capacity of delivering 6,000 cubic feet per second during peak flows, and a new pumping plant connecting the tunnel directly to the existing Bethany Reservoir on the California Aqueduct, south of the delta.

The DCP will benefit 27 million Californians, including 7 million in disadvantaged communities, and 750,000 acres of agriculture. The DCP will benefit the residents and businesses served by Three Valleys, by increasing imported water reliability. In addition, the DCP is designed to 1.) be earthquake resistant, 2.) protect supply delivery against 10 feet of sea level rise, 3.) eliminate dependence on peat-filled levees to direct supply flows, 4.) avoid listed species and critical habitat, and 5.) withstand 200-year flood events.

After decades of discussion and project design efforts to modernize the SWP, the current DCP is an elegant, thoughtful solution. The DCP has gone through an extensive public engagement process to collect feedback, and with the release of the final environmental impact report last year, the environmental permitting process is nearly complete.

Given the significance and complexity of the DCP, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is requesting additional funding for planning, engineering, field investigation, surveys, and permitting. MWD, who represents its member agencies, including Three Valleys, as a State Water Contractor, is being asked to fund an additional \$141.6 million, the agency's proportional share, over the next three fiscal years to advance the project toward construction.

A project to modernize the SWP has never made it this far in the planning process, meaning the State Water Contractors have a rare opportunity to ensure the DCP moves toward construction. With a 15-year construction timeline, combined with the inflation of the project's costs, time is of the utmost importance.

Investing in this project means investing in the future of California ensuring that our communities have access to clean, safe water while also safeguarding the Delta's unique ecosystems. Additionally, it will bolster our economy by supporting agriculture and creating jobs in construction and maintenance. By supporting the DCP, Three Valleys is taking a proactive step toward a resilient and sustainable water management system that benefits all Californians, including Three Valley's 13 member agencies, today and for generations to come.

MWD, in the next few months, is expected to consider a funding request from DWR for continued planning for the DCP. Given the critical importance of water reliability both Statewide and within Three Valleys service area, the draft resolution will be brought back to the November 20, 2024, Board of Directors meeting for consideration of approval. Adopting the resolution will support the DCP and support Three Valleys Board representative to MWD in approving the necessary actions to fund MWD's proportional share of additional planning for the Delta Conveyance Project.

Environmental Impact

None

Strategic Plan Objective(s)

3.3 – Be accountable and transparent with major decisions

Attachment(s)

Exhibit A – Draft Resolution Delta Conveyance Project

Meeting History

None

NA/ML

RESOLUTION NO. 24-11-DRAFT
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
SUPPORTING THE DELTA CONVEYANCE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Three Valleys Municipal Water District (Three Valleys) has made significant investments in local water supplies over the last several decades, but imported water supplies are still a significant portion of its water supply and will continue to be for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Project, which provides high-quality drinking water to 27 million Californians, 750,000 acres of farmland and businesses throughout the state, and is the primary source of imported water that Three Valleys relies on for its water supply; and

WHEREAS, climate change has made managing water supplies significantly more challenging through decreasing snowpack levels, less runoff from melting snow from increasing air temperatures, and shorter, flashier, and less predictable rain storms that make capturing water more difficult; and

WHEREAS, since the winter of 2021-2022, more than 1.4 million acre-feet of water was unable to be captured during high-flow events due to capacity and other environmental restraints; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay-Delta (Delta) is the source water for the State Water Project, but is at significant risk from earthquakes, sea level rise, failing levees, and other natural and manmade disasters; and

WHEREAS, there have been no major investments to modernize the State Water Project since its construction in the 1960s, yet the climate and population have changed significantly since then; and

WHEREAS, several different project scenarios have been proposed over the years to modernize the State Water Project intake system, including construction of the Peripheral Canal, California WaterFix, and the now-proposed Delta Conveyance Project (DCP); and

WHEREAS, the DCP is a single 36 feet diameter tunnel that would be constructed 100 to 130 feet below ground and move water 45 miles from the north end to the south end of the Delta, and also includes the construction of two new

intakes that would have the capacity to move 6,000 cubic feet per second of water during peak flows; and

WHEREAS, the DCP would be resilient to earthquakes, withstand 200 year flood events, and be safe from 10.2 feet of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the DCP would be able to capture more water during high-flow storm and flooding events and move it to areas across the state where it can be stored and used during future droughts; and

WHEREAS, the DCP has undergone the environmental review process and is nearing the point where financial commitments must be made in order for construction to begin, which is expected to take 10 to 15 years to complete; and

WHEREAS, after decades of discussions on a solution to the Delta, the proposed DCP project is vital to the future of California and Three Valleys service area, making it imperative for Three Valleys to support the DCP; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Three Valleys Municipal Water District Board of Directors hereby officially supports the Delta Conveyance Project.

ADOPTED and **PASSED** at a meeting of the Three Valleys Municipal Water District's Board of Directors, on this 20th day of November 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Jody Roberto, President

ATTEST:

Carlos Goytia, Secretary

SEAL: