



Central San Representative:
Director Mike McGill

DSRSD Representatives:
Vice President Ann Marie Johnson (Chair)
Director Dinesh Govindarao

MINUTES

CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SANITARY DISTRICT/DUBLIN SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

**Central Contra Costa Sanitary District – Headquarters Office Building
2nd Floor Conference Room
5019 Imhoff Place
Martinez, CA 94553**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023
4:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

DSRSD Vice President Ann Marie Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Committee Members (Elected Officials) Present:

- Mike McGill, Director, Central San
- Ann Marie Johnson, Vice President, DSRSD
- Dinesh Govindarao, Director, DSRSD

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San) Staff Present:

- Roger Bailey, General Manager
- Phil Leiber, Deputy General Manager
- Emily Barnett, Communications and Government Relations Manager
- Melody LaBella, Resource Recovery Program Manager
- Nitin Goel, Operations Optimization Division Manager

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Staff Present:

- Jan Lee, Assistant General Manager

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A. Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2021

On a motion by DSRSD Vice President Ann Marie Johnson and seconded by Central San Director Mike McGill, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

4. Discussion Items

4.A. Central San Recycled Water Updates (Central San staff)

Central San Resource Recovery Program Manager Melody LaBella reviewed a presentation that provided an overview of Central San's overall operation and existing Recycled Water Program. She reviewed the history of the Temporary Diversion of Wastewater Project between Central San and the DSRSD – East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Recycled Water Authority (DERWA) partners. Ms. LaBella provided an update on Central San's efforts to evaluate large, advanced-treatment recycled water projects, including the Refinery Recycled Water Exchange Project – a potential partnership between Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) and Valley Water. The concept for this project is for Central San to produce and distribute recycled water for two refineries located near Central San's wastewater treatment plant that, combined, use approximately 13 million gallons per day (mgd) of potable water from CCWD, thus freeing up potable water that could potentially be delivered to a third-party, such as Valley Water. Los Vaqueros Reservoir and the Transfer-Bethany Pipeline could potentially be used to store and convey the freed-up supply to Valley Water, or another interested party. Ms. LaBella explained that the next steps on the project would be a joint meeting with the US Bureau of Reclamation to discuss policy issues on future water allocation and the yield of the project under critically dry conditions.

Ms. LaBella also shared an update on Central San's Recycled Water Memorandum of Understanding with EBMUD, which will evaluate an array of potential potable and non-potable recycled water projects between the two agencies. This feasibility study, which is being led by EBMUD, includes evaluation of making the Central San-DERWA Temporary Diversion of Wastewater Project permanent. EBMUD procured a consultant team, and results of the study are expected by the end of 2023.

4.B. DSRSD Recycled Water Updates (DSRSD staff)

DSRSD Assistant General Manager Jan Lee gave an overview on the DERWA operations and facilities, including review of the supply and demand projections and near-term options to address DERWA's supply shortage. Ms. Lee also shared information on the Regional Purified Water Pilot Project, which is being developed in collaboration with six neighboring water and wastewater agencies. This pilot project would produce up to 0.2 mgd of purified water that would supplement flows in Alameda Creek and be diverted by Alameda County Water District downstream for groundwater recharge. A key purpose of this project is building public awareness on the benefits of purified water projects. The project is currently in Phase 2, which focuses on public outreach and grant funding opportunities.

4.C. Agency Information Sharing (Central San and DSRSD staff)

Central San Resource Recovery Program Manager Melody LaBella gave an update on Central San's Solids Handling Phase 1 Project, which at approximately \$200 million is the largest

project Central San has undertaken since the Clean Water Act. The project will replace centrifuges and cake pumps, along with updating the air pollution control train and adding seismic bracing to the building. Central San General Manager Roger Bailey gave an update on a regional evaluation that Central San will be conducting to determine the benefits of a centralized, thermal solids handling facility located at Central San. Mr. Bailey noted that with PFAS, it may be advantageous for agencies to collaborate on a regional facility rather than having each agency construct their own. Ms. LaBella concluded Central San's update by sharing information on Central San's effort to evaluate a potential Net Zero greenhouse gas commitment.

DSRSD Assistant General Manager Jan Lee gave an update on DSRSD's Energy Master Plan. The study was initiated in January 2022 and is anticipated to take approximately two years to complete. It is a comprehensive, top-to-bottom assessment of the energy and greenhouse gas impacts of all of the District's business enterprises – water, recycled water, and wastewater. The results of the study will be used to develop a DSRSD Energy policy, which will guide DSRSD decisions and investments for improving long-term energy efficiency and reliability and promoting environmental sustainability.

4.D. Future Agenda Topics (DSRSD and Central San elected officials' discussion)

No future agenda topics were raised. The Committee expressed interest in having Agency Information as a standing item.

5. Next Meeting

The Committee members expressed an interest in meeting more regularly and perhaps earlier next year. Staff agreed to schedule one or two meetings in 2024, as appropriate.

6. Adjournment

DSRSD Vice President Ann Marie Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.