



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, April 21, 2025

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on January 27, 2025, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Charles Ice called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was established with 10 members present.

Members in attendance were:

District 1: Loren Lewis

District 2: Chairperson Charles Ice, Edgar Echevarria, Uyen Mai

District 4: Bob Levy

District 5: Patrick Kwok , Mike Michitaka

District 6: Rebecca Gallardo

District 7: Tess Byler, Vice Chairperson Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

Members not in attendance were:

District 1: Swanee Edwards

District 3: Charles Taylor, Bill Roth

District 5: Rachel Lam

District 6: Jim Piazza, Eleni Jacobson

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh (District 5).

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, John Bourgeois, Samantha Greene, Chris Hakes, Dave Leon, Kirsten Struve, and Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: XXX-XXX-8214, Rebecca's iPhone, and Richard Santos.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Ice declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

It was moved by Member Byler, seconded by Member Gallardo, and carried by a vote of 9-0, to approve the January 27, 2025 Committee meeting minutes as submitted. Member Michitaka abstained.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1. RECEIVE INFORMATION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON VALLEY WATER'S WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN 2050

Recommendation: Provide feedback on the development of Water Supply Master Plan 2050.

Jing Wu reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2. Jing Wu, Aaron Baker, and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to shortage estimates and funding sources for the Anderson Dam project, groundwater banking, detecting and preventing leaks, and funding coordination

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.2 RECEIVE UPDATE AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON WEST VALLEY AND LOWER PENINSULA WATERSHED MASTER PLANS

Recommendation: Receive an update on the West Valley and Lower Peninsula Watershed Master Plans and provide feedback as necessary.

Samantha Greene reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2. Samantha Greene, Aaron Baker, John Bourgeois, and Lisa Bankosh were available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to target groups to engage to build a community network, the effect of watersheds on wildlife, and sea level rise.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.3 REVIEW AND RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS

Recommendation:

- A. Review and receive updates on the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups, and
- B. Provide comments to the Board on implementation of Valley Water's mission applicable to working groups' recommendations.

Dave Leon and John Bourgeois reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2, and was available to answer questions.

Without discussion, the Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.4 REVIEW ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS; AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Recommendation: Review the Committee work plan to guide the committee's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

Dave Leon and John Bourgeois reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2 and were available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to possible movement of items from the October agenda to the July agenda.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

5. STANDING ITEMS

5.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Hsueh welcomed the newly-appointed Committee members.

5.2 MANAGER'S REPORTS

No reports were given.

6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

The Committee took no action.

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 ADJOURN

Chairperson Ice adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Dave Leon
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date approved: July 21, 2025

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK