



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday, September 7, 2023
2:30 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 ROLL CALL

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board Policy and Planning Committee (Committee) was called to order at 2:30 p.m. on September 7, 2023.

Board Members in attendance: Director Nai Hsueh – District 5; Director Tony Estremera – District 6, constituting a quorum of the Committee. Director Rebecca Eisenberg – District 7, arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance: Lisa Bankosh, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Rick Callender, Theresa Chinte, Jennifer Codianne, Rachael Gibson, Chris Hakes, Brian Hopper, Michele King, Patrice McElroy, Brian Mendenhall, Carlos Orellana, Leslie Orta, Don Rocha, Kirsten Struve, Greg Williams, Tina Yoke, and Sarah Young.

2. **Time Open for Public Comment on Any Item Not on Agenda**

Committee Chair Hsueh declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who requested to speak.

3. **3.1 Approval of Minutes.**

The Committee considered the August 10, 2023, meeting minutes.

Director Hsueh requested the following changes to minutes:

On Page 2, in the Conduct, section, second paragraph, remove the word “we’ve” and replace with “that a director has.”

In the fifth paragraph, after the words “and include a note,” insert “*in the memo,*” and after “Never publicly criticize an individual employee,” insert “*including BAOs as stated above,*” and remove the remain text, “*because it prohibits a director from speaking negatively above the CEO, District Counsel, and Clerk because they are different from personnel.*”

On Page 3, in Item 4.2 summary, third paragraph, remove the words “*listed in the EUP goals.*”

It was moved by Director Estremera, seconded by Director Hsueh, to approve the August 10, 2023, Minutes as amended, with Director Eisenberg absent.

4. **Information and Action Items**

4.1 2023 Climate Change Action Plan.

Lisa Bankosh, Assistant Officer, Fred Hochberg, Senior Climate Action Specialist, Ascent Environmental, and Brian Mendenhall, Senior Water Resource Specialist, reviewed the information on this item as outlined in the memo and PowerPoint presentation.

Director Eisenberg arrived during the presentation of this item.

The Committee expressed the need to identify a process to incorporate carbon neutrality alternatives into the CIP process, including at the beginning of the evaluations process and in current projects in the CIP.

Katja Irvin, had comments and questions on the update on flood adaptation, coastal flood protection and sea level rise project design, and the outreach and collaboration process and the possibility to include more public and stakeholders in the process.

Staff will include an item on the BPPC October agenda relative to sea level rise and will return in spring of 2024 with strategies on how to incorporate carbon reduction consideration into the CIP process.

4.2 Board Governance Encampments of Unsheltered People Ends Policy E-6.

Jennifer Codianne, Deputy Operating Officer, introduced this item.

It was moved by Director Estremera, seconded by Director Eisenberg, and unanimously approved to recommend the presented Encampments of Unsheltered People Ends Policy E-6 to the full board for adoptions consideration.

4.3 Review Feedback Provided by the Board Advisory Committees Relating to Assigned Purposes, Accomplishments, and Suggested Areas of Improvement and Identify any Improvement Recommendations for Full Board Consideration.

Michele King, Clerk of the Board, reviewed the information on this item as presented in the memo.

It was moved by Director Hsueh, seconded by Director Estremra, and unanimously approved to recommend that the board consider approving staff support to the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission and Agricultural Water Advisory Committee, at the same level that has been successful for the Environmental and Water Resources Committee.

It was also recommended that staff incorporate an orientation modeled after the Water Ambassador program for new Commissioners, and the other improvement subjects identified by the Advisory Committee members be incorporated into the appropriate Advisory Committee work plans.

4.4 Review Committee 2023 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule.

Chair Hsueh reviewed the work plan and meeting schedule, which includes review of the Executive Limitation Governance Policies, and the newly added Sea Level Rise information item. It was also identified that the review of the Chairperson Roles and Responsibilities from the line item.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

Michele King, Clerk of the Board, reviewed the actions taken by the Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:25 p.m.



Michele L. King
Clerk of the Board

Approved: November 6, 2023