



AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

A regular meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on October 2, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Jan Garrod called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Erin Gil
	Mitchell Mariani
District 2	James Provenzano
District 5	Jan Garrod
	Trevor Garrod
District 6	Robert Long
Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District	Peter Van Dyke

Members in not attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 4	Sheila Barry
	Brent Bonino
District 6	Tim Chiala
Santa Clara County Farm Bureau	Dhruv Khanna

Board members in attendance were: Director Jim Beall (District 4), Board Alternate, Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), and Director John L. Varela Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Jennifer Abadilla, Chanie Abuye, Jason Araujo, Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Luan Buckley, Vanessa De La Piedra, Samantha Greene, Jason Gurdak, Heather Hamp, Bassam Kassab, Candice Kwok-Smith, Emelia Lamas, Dave Leon, Becky Manchester, Carmen Narayanan, Nicholas Simard, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Greg Williams, and Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance was: Hon. Rebecca Eisenberg (Valley Board Member-District 7), Andrew Fisher, Ph.D. UC Santa Cruz, and Jim Lipina.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Erin Gil, second by James Provenzano, and carried by unanimous vote approved the August 7, 2023, Agricultural Water Advisory Committee special meeting minutes, as presented.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

4.1 UNTREATED SURFACE WATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND WATER MASTER CHARGE PRICING FOLLOW-UP

Darin Taylor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: water distribution breakdown, surface water master charges, differences between Municipal/Industrial (M&I) and Agricultural users, open space, ad valorem tax, drought credits, sustainable water, recycled and purified water sources, and recapturing water.

Aaron Baker, Carmen Narayanan, and Gregory Williams were available to answer questions.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

4.2 FLOOD-MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE (FLOOD-MAR) PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Samantha Greene reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: refilling of reservoirs, wetlands restoration, groundwater recharging, percolation ponds, available funds for aquifer development, and infrastructure projects.

Dr. Andrew Fisher (U.C. Santa Cruz), Vanessa De La Piedra, Jason Gurdak, and Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

4.3 REVIEW AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS; AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda and answered questions as needed.

January Agenda items:

- Election of Chair/Vice Chair
- Accomplishments Report
- Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges 2024-2025
- Water Supply Master Plan
- Standing Items Report

Erin presented the article handout on the *Climate The Detection and Attribution of Northern Hemisphere Land Surface Warming (1850–2018) in Terms of Human and Natural Factors: Challenges of Inadequate Data* key points:

- 38% temperature difference rural vs urban areas
- Ecosystem benefits in rural areas and living assets in the urban spheres
- Measuring the sun and use toward how fast warming/cooling
- Scientific application with managing future climate change—it will be beneficial to have living assets as well as the ecosystem benefits, such as open space, agriculture, and urban landscape for policy planning purposes.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Erin Gil, second by Peter Van Dyke, and carried by unanimous vote approved to have the Board consider placing the topic of climate change and ecosystem benefits on agriculture in Santa Clara County on the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee's work plan but would like staff to review the article first to see if this topic is relevant to the committee. This same item was approved at the committee's August meeting and received by the Board on October 10, 2023, without any action.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, January 8, 2024, 1:30 p.m.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5.1 REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BOARD WORK PLAN

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda and answered questions as needed.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

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

Glenna Brambill reported there was one action for Board consideration:

Agenda Item 4.3:

1. The Committee unanimously voted to approve to have the Board consider placing the topic of ecosystems benefits on agriculture in Santa Clara

County on the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee's work plan but would like staff to review the article first to see if this topic is relevant to the committee. This same item was approved at the committee's August meeting and received by the Board on October 10, 2023, without action.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Director's Report

Director John L. Varela reported on inviting the Committee Members to tour:

- Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center
 - Anderson Dam Update
- Invited the Farm Bureau as well to tour these sites

Director Richard P. Santos reported:

- Tim Chiala won a certificate of green business (\$125,000 from Measure S award) from Santa Clara Valley Water District.

7.2 Manager's Report

None.

7.3 Committee Member Reports

Peter Van Dyke shared some information regarding the September 28, 2023, Anderson Dam tour some of the committee members attended. The tour was very informative and the project is coming along nicely.

7.4 Informational Link Reports

Links are noted on the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 Adjourn

Committee Chair Jan Garrod adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m. to the regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 1:30 p. m.

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: January 8, 2024