



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

# MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was held on October 25, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose CA 95118.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Hon. Karen Hardy called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. A quorum of 13 was established.

**Members in attendance were:**

**Municipality**

**Representative**

**Alternate**

City of Campbell

Hon. Susan M. Landry

City of Cupertino

Hon. J. R. Fruen

City of Los Altos

Hon. Pete Dailey

Town of Los Altos Hills

Hon. Lisa Schmidt

Town of Los Gatos

Hon. Matthew Hudes

City of Milpitas

Hon. Carmen Montano\*

City of Monte Sereno

Hon. Bryan Mekechuk

City of Morgan Hill

Hon. Gino Borgioli

City of Palo Alto

Hon. Lydia Kou

City of San José

Hon. Domingo Candelas

City of Santa Clara

Hon. Karen Hardy

City of Saratoga

Hon. Chuck Page\*

City of Sunnyvale

Hon. Alysia Cisneros

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Hon. Jed Cyr

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

Hon. Mike Flaughner

**Members not in attendance were:**

**Municipality**

**Representative**

**Alternate**

City of Campbell

Hon. Sergio Lopez

City of Cupertino

Hon. Liang Chao

City of Gilroy	Hon.. Dion Bracco	Hon. Fred Tovar
City of Los Altos	Hon. Neysa Fligor	
Town of Los Gatos	Hon. Maria Ristow	
City of Monte Sereno	Hon. Evert Wolsheimer	
City of Morgan Hill		Hon. Yvonne Martinez-Beltran
City of Mountain View	Hon. Lucas Ramirez	Hon. Pat Showalter
City of Palo Alto		Hon. Vicki Veenker
City of San José		Kerrie Romanow
City of Santa Clara		Hon. Kathy Watanabe
City of Saratoga		Hon. Belal Aftab
City of Sunnyvale		Hon. Richard Mehlinger
County of Santa Clara	Hon. Sylvia Arenas	Hon. Cindy Chavez
Midpeninsula Regional Open		Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto
Space District		
Santa Clara Valley Open Space		Helen Chapman
Authority		

\*Water Commission Members arrived as noted below.

Board member in attendance was: Director/Board Vice Chair Barbara F. Keegan (District 2) (Board Representative).

Staff members in attendance were: Brandon Adriano, Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Jennifer Codianne, Rachael Gibson, Christopher Hakes, Joel Jenkins, Emelia Lamas, Marta Lugo, Becky Manchester, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, and Kirsten Struve.

Public in attendance were: Hon. Rebecca Eisenberg (Valley Water Board Member-District 7), and Gary Williams (City of Santa Clara).

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Hon. Domingo Candelas, seconded by Hon. Susan Landry, and by majority vote approved the special August 23, 2023, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission meeting minutes as presented. Hon. Alysa Cisneros and Hon. Mike Flaughner abstained.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

There was no action taken.

**5. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**5.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Commission Chair Hon. Karen Hardy reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. The floor was open for nominations and Hon. Lydia Kou self-nominated for the

Vice Chair, Hon. J. R. Fruen nominated Hon. Domingo Candelas and Hon. Lydia Kou seconded and withdrew her name. Hon. Domingo Candelas was unanimously approved for the 2023 Water Commission Vice Chair.

\*Hon. Carmen Montano arrived at 12:10 p.m.

## **5.2 OVERVIEW OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION AND COLLABORATION**

Rachael Gibson reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions.

\*Hon. Chuck Page arrived at 12:15 p.m.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission discussed the following: educating public about safe drinking water from the tap, involvement in the Art Planning, getting the youth involved (outreach team), volunteer opportunities, Landscape Rebate Program, creek cleanups, weed abatement, bottled water, flood insurance, ADU's, unhoused issues, and Low Assistance Program.

Don Rocha, Director Barbara F. Keegan, and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no formal action.

## **5.3 REVIEW SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS; AND THE COMMISSION'S NEXT AGENDA**

Commission Chair Hon. Karen Hardy and Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Hon. Domingo Candelas left at 1:14 p.m. and did not return.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission had questions on the agenda items: unhoused issues, Cities adopting MWENDO, purification lines extending, and climate change.

Aaron Baker and Director Barbara F. Keegan were available to answer questions.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took the following action:  
It was moved by Hon. Gino Borgioli, seconded by Hon. Susan Landry, and unanimously voted to approve the Water Commission's work plan.

## **6. INFORMATION ITEM:**

### **6.1. STANDING ITEMS REPORT**

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no formal action.

**7. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

Glenna Brambill reported there were no actions for the Board's consideration.

**Agenda Item 5.3**

The Water Commission unanimously approved the 2023 Water Commission's work plan.

**8. REPORTS**

**8.1 Director's Report**

Director Barbara F. Keegan reported on:

- The Stream Maintenance Program
- Filling of sandbags
- Flood Ready website real-time information

**8.2 Manager's Report**

Rachael Gibson reported on.

- Flood Ready website has been corrected and the mailer will be going out

**8.3 Commission Member Report**

Hon. Gino Borgioli reported on:

- Little Llagas Flood Protection Project going well

**8.4 Informational Links Report**

Information located on the agenda.

**9. 9.1. ADJOURN**

Commission Chair Hon. Karen Hardy adjourned at 1:44 p.m. to the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

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

Approved: January 24, 2024