



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**Monday, November 7, 2022
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER
1.1 ROLL CALL**

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board Policy and Planning Committee (Committee) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on November 7, 2022.

Board Members in attendance: Director Nai Hsueh-District 5; Director Barbara Keegan-District 2; and Director Linda LeZotte-District 4 constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance: Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Rechelle Blank, Rick Callender, Theresa Chinte, Jessica Collins, Rachael Gibson, Alex Gordon, Jeff Ham, Brian Hopper, Michele King, Carlos Orellana, Melanie Richardson, Greg Williams, Sunny Williams, and Tina Yoke.

Arthur Keller, Vice Chair, Environmental and Water Resources Committee was in attendance.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT AN 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 – September 1, 2022.

The Committee considered the draft minutes from the September 1, 2022, meeting. It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

4. Information and Action Items

4.1 Fuel Management Policy and Wildfire Resilience Plan.

Jeff Ham, Program Administrator, reviewed the information on this item, per the information contained in Attachment 1.

The Committee provided the following input:

- Information should be included on how fire protection along the creek corridors will incorporate expectations of other property owners who may or may not have resources to participate in the plan.
- Include all resource costs, staff time and consultant work, in future presentations.

- Include a plan for extensive outreach in future presentation.
- The consultant should coordinate with other agencies and municipalities that are also coordinating fire protection services within the county.
- Ensure that Valley Water doesn't take on any responsibility that isn't within our authority.
- If Board feedback is needed, then a board policy-level product needs to be identified for future input or identify it as a staff-level plan that is just for Board information.

Dr. Keller, Environmental and Water Resources Committee Vice Chair, suggested the plan document how fire could affect the water coming from the upper watershed property.

This item will return to the committee at a future meeting.

4.2 2022 WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Michele King, Clerk of the Board, reviewed the updated committee work plan and meeting schedule.

Email from Trish Mulvey, identified as Handout 4.2-A, conveying questions and comments regarding the Board Governance Policies was distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

Director Keegan suggested, and the committee agreed, that in response to Ms. Mulvey's email and prior Board interest, that a request be made to the full Board for the Committee to be assigned review of the Governance Policies related to Board's ethics, code of conduct, rules of decorum, to be completed next year after a new committee member is appointed.

Ms. Mulvey thanked the Committee for considering the policy review and suggested scheduling time to gain Director LeZotte's knowledge on this subject, prior to the end of her term, if possible.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

There were no formal requests from the Committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:05 p.m. to a December 5, 2022, regular meeting.



Michele L. King
Clerk of the Board

Approved: December 5, 2022