



SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM  
INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee was held on December 6, 2023, at Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Jeffrey Hare called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Directors Barbara F. Keegan and John L. Varela expressed their appreciation and thanks to the Members for their participation in the Independent Monitoring Committee.

**1.1. ROLL CALL**

A quorum was established with 8 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Marc Rauser	
District 2	Jeffrey Hare	Kathy Sutherland
District 3	Will Ector	
District 5	George Fohner	
District 6	Hon. Patrick S. Kwok	Hon. Andres Quintero
District 7	Forest Peterson, Ph.D.	

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 3	Jean Marlowe
District 5	Bill Hoeft
District 7	Cari Templeton (participated as a member of the public)

Board Members in attendance were: Director John L. Varela (Board Chair, Director, District 1) and Director Barbara F. Keegan (Board Vice Chair, District 2).

Staff members in attendance were: Andres Acevedo, Emmanuel Aryee, Lisa Bankosh, Ricardo Barajas, Mark Bilski, Wade Blackard, John Bourgeois, Glenna Brambill,

Lynn Burke, Jennifer Codianne, Jessica Collins, Steven De La O, Zooey Diggory, James Downing, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Laura Garrison, Alexander Gordon, Christopher Hakes, Nicholas Ingram, Navroop Jassal, Chris Komlos, Emelia Lamas, Juan Ledesma, Marta Lugo, Janice Lum, Becky Manchester, Lizzie Mercado, Judy Nam, Tony Ndah, Karl Neuman, Julianne O'Brien, Carlos Orellana, Sophie Padilla, Peter Park, Luz Penilla, James Randol, Metra Richert, Amandeep Saini, Kevin Sibley, Ryan Tregoning, Kirsten Struve, Liang Xu, Kristen Yasukawa, Bhavani Yerrapotu, and Tina Yoke.

Public In Attendance were: David Bini, Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter) and SJ.

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

There was no one who wished to speak.

**3. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**3.1 ELECTION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Committee Chair Jeffrey Hare opened the floor for nominations. Hon. Patrick S. Kwok nominated Jeffrey Hare for Chair. The Committee unanimously elected Jeffrey Hare as the 2024 Independent Monitoring Committee Chair.

Committee Chair Jeffrey Hare nominated Cari Templeton as the Vice Chair. The Committee unanimously elected Cari Templeton as the 2024 Independent Monitoring Committee Vice Chair.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES, FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

It was moved by Will Ector, seconded by Marc Rauser, and carried by majority vote, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2023, Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee meeting as presented. Hon. Patrick S. Kwok abstained.

**5. REGULAR AGENDA**

**5.1 INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE REQUESTED PRESENTATIONS**

Mark Bilski reviewed the agenda item and was available to answer questions.

The Independent Monitoring Committee discussed the following: City funding, enforcement powers, Valley Water creating its own Police Department, the number of unhoused individuals, the number of available permanent housing units, outreach, what the Committee would need to monitor, the passage of AB1469, and the Cherry Avenue site.

Director Barbara F. Keegan and Jennifer Codianne were available to answer questions.

The Independent Monitoring Committee took no action.

Committee Chair Jeffrey Hare moved to Agenda Item 5.3.

### **5.3 OUTCOME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON MODIFYING THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM**

Jessica Collins and Meenakshi Ganjoo reviewed the agenda item and were available to answer questions.

The Independent Monitoring Committee took no action.

Committee Chair Jeffrey Hare moved to Agenda Item 5.2.

### **5.2 INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM'S FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT**

Meenakshi Ganjoo reviewed the agenda item and was available to answer questions.

The Independent Monitoring Committee discussed the following: Pacheco Reservoir Project, the Board adding or deleting projects at public hearings, on-target process gains visibility, confidence levels, KPI's, and the Board's efforts.

Jessica Collins was available to answer questions.

The Independent Monitoring Committee took no action, however, decided to use the subcommittees from 2023 as noted below, subject to change after the schedule is emailed.

- Priority A/C: George Fohner, Jeffrey Hare, Hon. Patrick S. Kwok (Chair), Forest Peterson (Ph.D., Marc Rauser {5 Members}
- Priority B: Will Ector (Chair), Bill Hoeft, Kathy Sutherland, Cari Templeton {4 Members}
- Priority D: Jean Marlowe, Marc Rauser, Kathy Sutherland (Chair), Cari Templeton {4 Members}
- Priority E: Will Ector, Jeffrey Hair, Hon. Andres Quintero, Forest Peterson, Ph. D. (Chair) {4 Members}
- Priority F: Jeffrey Hare, Hon. Andres Quintero, Kathy Sutherland, Cari Templeton (need a Chair) {4 Members}
- Financial: George Fohner, Bill Hoeft (Chair), Hon. Patrick S. Kwok {3 Members}

Staff suggested that Members would read the report, previous subcommittee notes, other information to help with the recruitment of vacant spots, and documenting ideas to keep for reference. Members can attend public meetings, however, speaking on behalf of the committee would need to be cleared, but members can speak as an individual on the obstacles/challenges or delays that Valley Water faces on projects.

### **6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**

The SCW Program Independent Monitoring Committee took no formal action.

**7. ADJOURN**  
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Committee Chair Jeffery Hare adjourned the meeting at 5.52 p.m.

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

Approved: January 24, 2024