



AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on July 11, 2022, 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 1:34 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

District 6

District 7

Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District

Private Well Owner (Non Retail)

Representative

Mitchell Mariani*

James Provenzano

William Cilker

David Vanni

Sheila Barry

Brent Bonino*

Jan Garrod

Robert Long

Sandra Carrico

Peter Van Dyke

Dhruv Khanna

Members not in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 5

District 6

Representative

Russ Bonino

Michael Miller

Tim Chiala

*Committee Members arrived as indicated below.

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Board Alternate, Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), and Director John L. Varela (District 1), Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were Antonio Alfaro, Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Neeta Bijoor, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Glenna Brambill, Clelia Busadas, Justin Burks, Usha Chatwani, Vanessa De La Piedra, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Jason Gurdak, Candice Kwok-Smith, Brian Mendenhall, Carmen Narayanan, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, and Damaris Villalobos-Galindo.

Public in attendance was: Director Linda J. LeZotte (Valley Water District 4).

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

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Peter Van Dyke, second by Mr. David Vanni and carried by unanimous vote approved the April 4, 2022, Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

*Brent Bonino arrived at 1:36 p.m.

*Mitchell Mariani arrived at 1:39 p.m.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Drought Emergency Response and Water Supply Update

Ms. Neeta Bijoor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: imported water, enforcement, incentives for landscape replacement, public supply wells, permitted wells, comparative data on water usage, SGMA impacts, housing/population growth and water conservation.

Aaron Baker, Vanessa De La Piedra and Samantha Greene were available to answer questions.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

4.2 ONE WATER – UPPER PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED PLAN – INFORMATION ON PLAN SCOPE, OVERVIEW AND STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Ms. Damaris Villalobos-Galindo reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: open space/cattle lands, drought and climate change, impacts of loss lands, water yields, absence of water concerns, funding ways to move water, desalination, and look at long range pipeline needs.

Aaron Baker and Brian Mendenhall 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.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took the following action:

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee unanimously approved asking that the Board consider adding "Request to recognize growers as land-use stewards, contributors to groundwater recharge" to their October agenda for an in-depth discussion.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5.1 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

No report was made.

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

Glenna Brambill reported there was one action item for Board consideration.

Agenda 4.3:

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took the following action: by

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7. REPORTS

7.1 Director's Report

Director John L. Varela reported on:

- Water Conservation messaging (outreach)
- On-going drought issues and concerns
- Water Supply-sustainable drinking water

7.2 Manager's Report

None.

7.3 Committee Member Reports

None.

7.4 Informational Link Reports

Links were provided in the Committee's agenda packet.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Jan Garrod adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m. to the regular meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 1:30 p. m.

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

Approved: 11-14-2022