



AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

A special meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on August 7, 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 1:30 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 2

District 4

District 5

District 6

Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District

Santa Clara County Farm Bureau

Representative

Erin Gil

Mitchell Mariani

James Provenzano

Brent Bonino

Jan Garrod

Trevor Garrod

Tim Chiala*

Robert Long

Peter Van Dyke

Dhruv Khanna

Members in not attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 4

Representative

Sheila Barry

Committee Member arrived at time noted below.

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

Staff members in attendance were Jennifer Abadilla, Gina Adriano, Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Luan Buckley, Justin Burks, Usha Chatwani, Vanessa De La Piedra, Paola Giles, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Jason Gurdak, Cindy Kao, Candice Kwok-Smith, Dave Leon, Carmen Narayanan, Maral Najafkhani, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, Diahann Soleno, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor,

Greg Williams, and Eric Worrell.

Public in attendance was: Hon. Rebecca Eisenberg (Valley Board Member-District 7).

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

Director Richard P. Santos advised the Committee about vacancies for Districts 3 and 7 and could use the Committee's assistance to help find farmers to fill these spots.

Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Member Dhruv Khanna noted concerns with the homeless issues within the County.

*Tim Chiala arrived at 1:40 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by James Provenzano, second by Peter Van Dyke, and carried by unanimous vote approved the April 3, 2023, Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

4.1 UNTREATED SURFACE WATER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND WATER MASTER CHARGE OVERVIEW

Gregory Williams and Carmen Narayanan reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: revenue collections, costs, readings, surface water vs. groundwater, municipal vs ag water and the master charge.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action; however, more information is needed to come back to the committee.

4.2 CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDED REQUIREMENTS FOR METERING OF WELLS IN ALL VALLEY WATER GROUNDWATER BENEFIT ZONES

Carmen Narayanan reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: meters, crop factors and enforcement policy.

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:

It was moved by Dhruv Khanna, second Tim Chiala, and unanimously approved to have the Board consider the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee's recommendation to receive an update of Valley Water's activities of the unhoused and information of the enforcement of violations for private landowners.

Committee Member would like information on the Joe Serna Farmworker Housing Program, no formal motion.

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 ecosystems benefits on agriculture in Santa Clara County on the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee's work plan.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5.1 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

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

Glenna Brambill reported there were 2 actions for Board consideration:

Agenda Item 4.3:

1. The Committee unanimously voted to approve to have the Board consider the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee's recommendation to receive an update of Valley Water's activities of the unhoused and information of the enforcement of violations for private landowners.
2. 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.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Director's Report

Director Jim Beall reported on:

- Legislation - Valley Water Bills looking good
- Valley Water Capital Projects

Director Richard P. Santos thanked everyone for the topical discussion

7.2 Manager's Report

Aaron Baker thanked everyone for the discussion and input

7.3 Committee Member Reports

Glenna Brambill gave an update on working to schedule the tour to Anderson Dam.

Peter Van Dyke shared some important activities Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District is working on:

- organic growing with a focus for minorities/underserved communities
- flood damage inspections
- Land Trust meetings/Habitat Agencies
- mitigating urban expansion

Dhruv Khanna reported on:

- wine sales are down and the decrease of corporate events

7.4 Informational Link Reports

Links were provided in the Committee's agenda packet. Please add the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee link.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Jan Garrod adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m. to the regular meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 1:30 p. m.

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

Approved: 10-2-2023