



AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022

A special meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on November 14, 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

David Vanni

Sheila Barry

Jan Garrod

Trevor Garrod

Robert Long

Sandra Carrico

Peter Van Dyke

Dhruv Khanna*

Members not in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 3

District 4

District 6

Representative

Russ Bonino

William Cilker

Brent Bonino

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: Jennifer Abadilla, Chanie Abuye, Aaron Baker, Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Luan Buckley, Justin Burks, Kelia Cisneros, Vanessa De La Piedra, Paola Giles, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Jason Gurdak, Candice Kwok-Smith, Carmen Narayanan, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, and Greg Williams.

Public in attendance was: James Crowder

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 Peter Van Dyke, second by Sandra Carrico and carried by unanimous vote approved the July 11, 2022, Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

*Dhruv Khanna arrived at 1:38 p.m.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 DROUGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND WATER SUPPLY UPDATE

Neeta Bijoor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: reliable water supply, Anderson Dam Tour, and comparison data from U. S. Drought Monitoring Report.

Aaron Baker, Vanessa De La Piedra, and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

4.2 RECEIVE INFORMATION ON AGRICULTURE AND GROUNDWATER RECHARGE IN RESPONSE TO THE FARM BUREAU LETTER DATED JULY 7, 2022

Vanessa De La Piedra reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: the permeable sediments (sands and gravels), clay layers, recharge, run-off, percolating sites, overlapping farmlands, Drainage Manual open space credit {subsidy}, retention/detention ponds, and water storage {Colorado River}.

Jason Gurdak, Darin Taylor, Kirsten Struve, Director John L. Varela, Director Richard P. Santos, and Aaron Baker 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 following items may be considered for the January 9th meeting:

- ✚ Preliminary Groundwater Production Charges
- ✚ Drought Update
- ✚ FloodMAR
- ✚ Agricultural Water Use Baseline Study
- ✚ Information on Proposal to Update the Untreated Surface Water Program

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5.1 REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BOARD WORK PLAN

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 no action items for Board consideration.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Director's Report

Director Richard P. Santos stated:

- Working together so that politics align with the farmers' water needs and projects, etc.

Director John L. Varela reported on:

- Water Conservation messaging (outreach)
- Landscape Rebate Program and lawn conversions-drought tolerant plants
- South County Projects Updates
 - Upper and Lower Llagas
 - Tunnel Project
 - Lake Silveira Project is finished (early completion/was on schedule)

Director Nai Hsueh reported further:

On the details of Lake Silveira being a flood protection project

7.2 Manager's Report

Aaron Baker reported on:

- The need of having sustainable water

7.3 Committee Member Reports

Peter Van Dyke reported on:

- Thanked Valley Water for the successful restoration of habitat removal of evasive species

Glenna Brambill introduced new Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Member, Trevor Garrod. Also, explained the process if committee members need to participate via zoom you would need to provide an alternate address (which would be open to the public) the week before the meeting to participate via zoom.

7.4 Informational Link Reports

Links were provided in the Committee's agenda packet.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Jan Garrod adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m. to the regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 1:30 p. m.

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

Approved: 1-9-2023