



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on January 23, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Committee Chair Loren Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. A quorum was established with 11 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Swanee Edwards	Loren Lewis	
District 2	Charles Ice	Elizabeth Sarmiento*	
District 3	Hon. Bob Nuñez*	Charles Taylor	
District 4	Bob Levy		
District 5	Mike Michitaka		
District 6	Jim Piazza		
District 7	Tess Byler	Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.	

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 5	Hon. Patrick S. Kwok		
District 6	Eleni Jacobson		

*Committee Members arrived at the noted time below.

Board members in attendance were: Director Rebecca Eisenberg (Board Representative) and Director Nai Hsueh (Board Alternate).

Staff members in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Jason Gurdak, Chris Hakes, Michele King, Metra Richert, and Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Valley Water Director Tony Estremera (District 6), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter), CS, and Valley Water Director John L. Varela (Board Chair, District 1).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present who wished to speak.

*Hon. Bob Nuñez arrived at 6:04 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Charles Ice, seconded by Tess Byler, and majority vote carried, to approve the January 23, 2023, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented. Three abstentions by Loren Lewis, Hon. Bob Nuñez, and Charles Taylor.

3.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Charles Ice, seconded by Tess Byler, and majority vote carried, to approve the April 17, 2023, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented. Three abstentions by Loren Lewis, Hon. Bob Nuñez, and Charles Taylor.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1. FLOOD-MANAGED AQUIFER RECHARGE PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR SANTA CLARA COUNTY

Samantha Greene reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

*Elizabeth Sarmiento arrived at 6:12 p.m.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed the following: adding Valley Water's watersheds to the overlay maps, percolation ponds, stormwater capture, farming, agricultural accounting set ups, jurisdictional maps, question on water rights, aquifer recovery, injection wells, treated sewer systems, water recharge, scheduling, groundwater basins, robust water conservation programs, available lands, and grant funding.

Chris Hakes, Vincent Gin, and Jason Gurdak were available to answer questions,

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.2 DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN - DRAFT DROUGHT TRIGGERS AND ACTIONS

Samantha Greene reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed the following: step graphs, template (State/Federal level), scope of plan, relationship to One Water Plan, surface water index, proposed exit triggers/stages/DSCI, quantifying water wise projects, converting grass, and how would exit triggers work.

Vincent Gin was available to answer questions

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.3 REVIEW AND RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS

There were no updates from the working groups.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.4 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES 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 item and Committee Chair/Vice Chair will work with staff to confirm October agenda items.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

5. INFORMATION ITEM

5.1 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

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

Glenna Brambill reported there were no action items for Board consideration.

7. REPORTS

7.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Nai Hsueh reported on:

- Board/Committees took a recess in July
- August 22nd Board meeting will have the following items on the agenda:

Encampments along Waterways and the Pacheco Reservoir Project Update

Director Rebecca Eisenberg advised Committee Members that she is opened to meeting with anyone that would like to speak with her on environmental or scientific areas of concern.

7.2. MANAGER'S REPORT

Vincent Gin reported on:

- Water Supply work, Recharge Program encourage committee members to look at the ponds/aquifers along Hwy 85 and other areas within the County.

7.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Glenna Brambill reported

- District 3 (Director Richard P. Santos) has a vacancy since Laurel Pathman has resigned, please help fill this and other vacancy for the Committee

7.4 INFORMATIONAL LINK REPORTS

Links are contained in the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 ADJOURN

Committee Chair Loren Lewis adjourned at 7:35 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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

Approved: October 16, 2023