



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on April 18, 2022, at 5700 Almaden Expressway, in San Jose, California.

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

Committee Chair Mr. Bob Levy called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was established with 10 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Loren Lewis		
District 2	Charles Ice	Elizabeth Sarmiento	
District 3	Janet Higaki*	Hon. Bob Nuñez	Charles Taylor
District 4	Bob Levy		
District 5	Hon. Tara Martin-Milius		
District 7	Tess Byler	Hon. Stephen A. Jordan	Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Bonnie Bamburg		
District 5	Mike Michitaka		
District 6	Hon. Patrick S. Kwok	Diego Mora Tejeda	

*Committee Member arrived as indicated below.

Board members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera and Director Linda J. LeZotte (Board Representatives) and Director Nai Hsueh (Board Alternate).

Staff members in attendance were: Lisa Bankosh, John Bourgeois, Glenna Brambill, Clelia Busadas, Mike Cook, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Michele King, Clayton Leal, Michael Martin, Brian Mendenhall, Metra Richert, Afshin Rouhani, Kirsten Struve, Damaris Villalobos-Galindo, and Sarah Young.

Public in attendance were: Hon. Jim Beall, Jim Piazza, and Luke Wang.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hon. Bob Nuñez, seconded by Ms. Tess Byler, and unanimous vote carried, to approve the January 24, 2022, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 RECEIVED UPDATES ON FISH AND AQUATIC HABITAT COLLABORATIVE EFFORT (FAHCE)

Mr. John Bourgeois reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed the following: monitoring program (habitat) sites, fish counts, creeks dried up, and next steps/timelines.

SPOC meeting May 12, 2022, need a liaison for this committee.

Mr. Clayton Leal was available to answer questions.

*Ms. Janet Higaki logged on at 6:26 p.m.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.2 DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN UPDATE – BENCHMARK STUDY

Mr. Michael Martin reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed the following: climate change-development-balancing of all variables, watering days, desalination, conveyance projects, usage population, any incentives, semi-tropic water bank, storing water to get out of drought, how is drought doing, groundwater, vulnerabilities, triggers and demand actions, and weather tracking.

Ms. Kirsten Struve, Director Tony Estremera, Director Nai Hsueh, and Ms. Samantha Greene were available to answer questions.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.3 ONE WATER PLAN – GENERAL UPDATE AND UPPER PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED PLANNING

Ms. Lisa Bankosh, Ms. Damaris Villalobos-Galindo and Ms. Clelia Busadas reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed the following: the mural tool, adding input to the different categories, metered vs non-metered wells, flood

protection, trails, creeks/streams cleanups, groundwater recharge, and stakeholder process.

Hon. Bob Nuñez left at 7:38 p.m. and did not return.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action:

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

Committee Chair Mr. Bob Levy reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee received the following working groups reports:

Natural Flood Protection Working Group Lead, Arthur M. Keller

No report

Water Supply Working Group Lead, Arthur M. Keller

No report

Environmental Stewardship Working Group Lead, Bob Levy reported on:

The group plans to meet in early May.

Climate Change Working Group Bob Levy reported on:

Working Group met and will be meeting regularly to be more involved and giving input for many of the Plans such as One Water.

Integrated Water Resources Management Working Group Loren Lewis reported on:

Working Group met and discussed One Water planning, timelines for input, setting ground rules, and Elizabeth Sarmiento will serve as Lead.

Ms. Janet Higaki will be the Liaison for the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (ECCC) and Ms. Tess Byler will be the Liaison for the Streams Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC).

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.5 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Committee Chair Mr. Bob Levy reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action, but Committee Chair Bob Levy and Committee Vice Chair Dr. Arthur M. Keller, will work with staff regarding July meeting agenda items.

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

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

6. REPORTS

6.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

6.2. MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

6.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento reported on:

April 22, 2022, Earth Day events, share information about the Gray Water Workshop.

Ms. Janet Higaki reported on:

April 22, 2022, Earth Day Event, at the Bay Point Park in San Jose, planting of 100 trees, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., link will be sent to the Committee.

6.4 INFORMATIONAL LINK REPORTS

Links are contained in the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Bob Levy adjourned at 8:18 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Approved: 8-22-2022