



## ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

**MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on August 22, 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 6:02 p.m. A quorum was established with 8 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		
District 4	Bob Levy		
District 5	Mike Michitaka		
District 6	Hon. Patrick S. Kwok	Jim Piazza*	
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 2	Elizabeth Sarmiento		
District 3	Hon. Bob Nuñez		

\*Committee Member arrived as indicated below.

Board members in attendance was: Director Linda J. LeZotte (Board Representative).

Staff members in attendance were: Lisa Bankosh, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Vincent Gin, Nick Mascarello, Brian Mendenhall, Metra Richert, Sunshine Ventura Julian, Jing Wu, Bhavani Yerrapotu, and Hannah Young.

Public in attendance were: Hon. Tara Martin-Milius, Director Richard P. Santos (Valley Water Board Member-District 3), and Charles Taylor.

### 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 Arthur Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Tess Byler, and majority vote carried, to approve the April 18, 2022, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented with a note that Tess volunteered to be the Liaison for the Streams Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC). Two abstentions by Hon. Patrick S. Kwok and Mike Michitaka.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1 CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN – IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE AND ADAPTATION**

Nick Mascarello reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed the following: the service area, community input, goals to convert to electric, recognition to procurement emissions, inventory baseline, rolling plan, greenhouse gas goals, state level policy, tracking indirect gasses, purchasing water, costs, lead indicators, other action plans, collaboration with other agencies, key performance indicators (KPI's), metrics, acre-feet, creeks, number of parcels, zoning rules, policy changes, setbacks, codes, flooding, data collection, riparian corridors, and ecosystems.

Brian Mendenhall, John Bourgeois, and Lisa Bankosh were available to answer questions.

\*Jim Piazza arrived at 6:26 p.m.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

**4.2 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO BAY SHORELINE PHASE II FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE**

Sunshine Ventura Julian reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed the following: next study to be released, the project partners, drought, groundwater levels, and subsidence.

Bhavani Yerrapotu 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.**

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

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

Water Supply Working Group Lead, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

Hon. Steve Jordan reported on attending the Water Storage Exploratory Committee Meeting on July 13, 2022, there were 2 main items on the agenda, Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project (LVE) considering a range of storage to purchase going to Valley Water's Board for consideration and discussed Valley Water's participation on the Sites Reservoir which is a future project-10 years out.

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 Bob Levy and Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee Chair Bob Levy and Committee Vice Chair Dr. Arthur M. Keller will work with staff regarding October meeting agenda items.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

### **5. INFORMATION ITEM**

#### **5.1 STANDING ITEMS REPORT**

Glenna Brambill reviewed the standing items report.

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 Linda J. LeZotte reported on:

- LVE's participation is going to the Board on August 23, 2022, for Board consideration
- Friday, August 26, 2022, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Water Summit at the Santa Clara Convention Center, in-person and via zoom, will send committee more information, and details located on valleywater.org website.

#### **7.2. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Vincent Gin reported on

- Valley Water's Santa Clara County's and Water Conservation efforts
- 15% target from the State
- State's Severe drought outlook
- Water Waste Restriction Ordinance effective June 1, 2022
- State's Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Properties (CII) Ban and Valley Water's Board will consider amending to the current Ordinance on September 13, 2022
- Landscape Rebate Program

John Bourgeois reported on:  
•FAHCE Update-Baykeeper's potential lawsuit

### **7.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Glenna Brambill reported on the resignation of 4 EWRC Members; Bonnie Bamburg, Susan Blake, Janet Higaki, and Diego Mora Tejeda. The respective Directors will be contacted regarding the vacancies.

### **7.4 INFORMATIONAL LINK REPORTS**

Links are contained in the agenda.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

### **8.1 ADJOURN**

Committee Chair Bob Levy adjourned at 7:51 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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

Approved: 10-17-2022