



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on October 17, 2022, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

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

Committee Chair Mr. Bob Levy called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. A quorum was established with 9 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Swanee Edwards	Loren Lewis	Mary Lou Mazzone
District 2	Charles Ice	Elizabeth Sarmiento	
District 4	Bob Levy		
District 5	Mike Michitaka		
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 3	Hon. Bob Nuñez	Charles Taylor	
District 5	Hon Tara Martin-Milius		
District 6	Hon. Patrick S. Kwok	Jim Piazza	
District 7	Hon. Stephen A. Jordan		

*Committee Member arrived as indicated below.

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

Staff members in attendance were: Lisa Bankosh, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Michael Martin, Brian Mendenhall, Mark Seelos, Sarah Young and Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Hon. Jim Beall, Ryan Castillo, Hon. Stephen A. Jordan, and Hon. Tara Martin-Milius.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Hon. Tara Martin-Milius asked about the map of the piping for tertiary water going into the Water Purification Plant and staff will provide information off-line.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Tess Byler, seconded by Mike Michitaka, and majority vote carried, to approve the August 22, 2022, Environmental and Water Resources Committee special meeting minutes as presented. Two abstentions by Swanee Edwards and Mary Lou Mazzone.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN-DRAFT VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

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

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed the following: Water Supply Master Plan, drought percentages, water conservation summary, semitropic water, south county-rural-and agricultural water, potable water use, groundwater banking diversification, different sources of water researched, level of responsibility distributed, water quality in south county, implementation of SGMA, climate change, earthquake events, recycled water, PFOS, microfiltration and reverse osmosis, groundwater recharge/contamination, and conversion of lawns/landscaping.

Samantha Greene, Vincent Gin, and Director Nai Hsueh were available to answer questions.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.2 EXPANSION OF THE WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION MANUAL (RIGHT OF WAY USE POLICY PROJECT)

Mark Seelos reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed the following: permitting, flood control projects, regulatory gaps, number of violators fined, and illegally built bridges.

Public Comment:

Hon. Jim Beall had questions on, How many violators are fined every year? Which cities are lapsed in setbacks enforcement and conditions?

Lisa Bankosh 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 reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

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

- 1.Environmental Stewardship working group met and discussed the Baykeeper's lawsuit.
- 2.The Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed receiving the study on Environmental Injustice Among Hispanics in SCC CA-a human-environment heat vulnerability assessment in Santa Clara County be shared with the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Climate Change working groups, and the full committee so everyone can review and be ready for discussion at a later meeting.

John Bourgeois, Brian Mendenhall, and Director Linda J. LeZotte were available to answer questions.

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

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

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, January 23, 2023.

5. INFORMATION ITEM

5.1 REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BOARD WORK PLAN

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 Linda J. LeZotte reported on:

- Her last meeting as she is retiring after a long record of public service
- Thanked members for volunteering to serve on this committee and the hard work from Valley Water staff
- Hon. Jim Beall will be the new Director for District 4

Director Nai Hsueh noted Director LeZotte will be missed.

7.2. MANAGER'S REPORT

John Bourgeois reported on:

- Baykeeper did file a lawsuit

Vincent Gin reported on:

- Federal and State reporting that groundwater levels are healthy
- Santa Clara County met the August-to-August water conservation targeted goal

7.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., thanked staff for the Board Work Plan Report

Glenna Brambill reported on several committee members that will be terming out on December 31, 2022.

7.4 INFORMATIONAL LINK REPORTS

Links are contained in the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 ADJOURN

Committee Chair Bob Levy adjourned at 8:05 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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

Approved: 1-23-2023