



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was held on January 25, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Hon. Pam Foley called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. A quorum of 13 was established.

Members in attendance were:

Municipality

City of Campbell
City of Cupertino
City of Los Altos
Town of Los Gatos
City of Monte Sereno
City of Morgan Hill

City of Mountain View
City of Palo Alto
City of San José
City of Santa Clara
City of Saratoga
Santa Clara Valley Open Space
Authority

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Representative

Hon. Susan M. Landry
Hon. Kitty Moore
Hon. Neysa Fligor

Hon. Lucas Ramirez
Hon. Lydia Kou
Hon. Pam Foley
Hon. Karen Hardy
Hon. Chuck Page
Hon. Mike Flaughner

Alternate

Hon. Matthew Hudes
Hon. Bryan Mekechuk
Hon. Yvonne Martinez
Beltran

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
City of Campbell		Hon. Sergio Lopez
City of Cupertino		Hon. Liang Chao
City of Gilroy	Hon.. Dion Bracco	Hon. Fred Tovar
Town of Los Altos Hills	Hon. Lisa Schmidt	
Town of Los Gatos	Hon. Maria Ristow	
City of Milpitas	Hon. Carmen Montano	
City of Monte Sereno	Hon. Evert Wolsheimer	
City of Morgan Hill		
City of Mountain View		Hon. Pat Showalter
City of Palo Alto		Hon. Vicki Veenker
City of San José		Kerrie Romanow
City of Santa Clara		Hon. Kathy Watanabe
City of Saratoga		Hon. Belal Aftab
City of Sunnyvale	Hon. Alysa Cisneros	Hon. Richard Mehlinger
County of Santa Clara		Hon. Cindy Chavez
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority		Helen Chapman
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District		Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto

Board member in attendance was: Director Barbara F. Keegan (District 2, Board Representative).

Staff members in attendance were: Jennifer Abadilla, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Neeta Bijoor, Rechelle Blank, Glenna Brambill, Rick Callender, Jennifer Codianne, Anthony Fulcher, Rachael Gibson, Chris Hakes, Emelia Lamas, Shanika Medina, Rene Moreno, Carmen Narayanan, Carlos Orellana, Melanie Richardson, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, and Gregory Williams.

Guests in attendance were: Lisa Au (City of Mountain View), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter), Hon. Lynette Lee Eng (City of Los Altos), and Mansour Nasser (City of Sunnyvale).

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

It was moved by Hon. Susan M. Landry, seconded by Hon. Karen Hardy, and by majority vote approved the October 26, 2022, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission meeting minutes as presented. There were abstentions by Hon. Kitty Moore, Hon. Neysa Fligor, and Hon. Yvonne Martinez-Beltran.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
Nothing on the consent calendar.

5. **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**
5.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Commission Chair Hon. Pam Foley opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Hon. Karen Hardy self-nominated and was unanimously elected as Water Commission Chair for 2023. Hon. Kitty Moore self-nominated and was unanimously elected as Water Commission Vice Chair for 2023.

5.2. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2022 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD (COMMISSION CHAIR)

Commission Chair Hon. Karen Hardy reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took the following action.
It was moved by Hon. Bryan Mekechuk, seconded by Hon. Susan Landry, and unanimously approved the 2022 Annual Accomplishments Report.

5.3. UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS VALLEY WATER'S DROUGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DROUGHT-RELATED WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Neeta Bijoor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission discussed the following: non-functional turf, conservation messaging is helpful, implications of drought, semi-tropic water, water wasters, Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO), adoption, reach codes, percolation ponds, subsidence, and Water 101 Academy opened application period until February 5, 2023.

Hon. Bryan Mekechuk left at 12:53 p.m. and did not return.

Kirsten Struve, Rachael Gibson, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, were available to answer questions.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

5.4 DISCUSS PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 PRELIMINARY GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGE ANALYSIS; PROVIDE COMMENT TO THE BOARD

Carmen Narayanan reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Hon. Pam Foley left at 1:04 p.m. and did not return.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission discussed the following: simplified rate differences, purified water, Advanced Water Purification Center tour, purple piping, treated water, recharge concerns, desalination, costs, debt service, population/housing, RHNA numbers, Pacheco Reservoir, and different rates and zones.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

Kirsten Struve, Melanie Richardson, Chris Hakes, and Darin Taylor were available to answer questions.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

5.5. REVIEW SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS AND THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Commission Chair Hon. Karen Hardy reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took the following actions:

It was moved by Hon. Chuck Page, seconded by Hon. Mike Flaughner, and by majority vote approved to add Percolation Ponds to the work plan. Hon. Lucas Ramirez voted no.

It was moved by Hon. Susan M. Landry, seconded by Hon. Kitty Moore, and by majority vote approved to add Riparian Corridors and Development Guidelines to the work plan. Hon. Lucas Ramirez voted no.

Hon. Lucas Ramirez left at 2:01 p.m. and did not return. Hon. Matthew Hudes left at 2:02 p.m. and did not return. Hon. Susan M. Landry left at 2:03 p.m. and did not return.

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

6.1 REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BOARD WORK PLAN

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

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

7. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Glenna Brambill reported there were the following action items.

Agenda Item 5.2:

The Water Commission approved the 2022 Annual Accomplishments Report.

Agenda Item 5.5:

The Water Commission approved adding percolation ponds, riparian corridors and developmental guidelines to the work plan.

8. REPORTS

8.1 Director's Report

None.

8.2 Manager's Report

Don Rocha reported on Grants:

- Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Grants/Partnerships Program is year-round, 2 grant opportunities:
 - ✓County \$5,000 per grant towards the purchase, installation, and maintenance of a water refill station of your choice
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 - ✓Mini grants program small \$5,000 grants that are related to water conservation, environmental stewardship and flood protection located within Santa Clara County.
 - ✓Grants information is at our website:
<https://www.valleywater.org/learning-center/grants-partnerships>

8.3 Commission Member Report

None.

8.4 Informational Links Report

Information located on the agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commission Chair Hon. Karen Hardy adjourned at 2:05 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

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

Approved: 4-12-2023