



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

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# MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was held on October 26, 2022, 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**

**Representative**

**Alternate**

City of Campbell

Hon. Susan M. Landry

City of Cupertino

Hon. Hung Wei

City of Gilroy

Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz

City of Los Altos

Hon. Lynette Lee Eng

Town of Los Altos Hills

Hon. Lisa Schmidt\*

Town of Los Gatos

Hon. Maria Ristow

City of Monte Sereno

Hon. Bryan Mekechuk

City of Morgan Hill

Hon. Rich Constantine\*

City of Mountain View

Hon. Lucas Ramirez

City of Palo Alto

Hon. Greg Tanaka\*

City of San José

Hon. Pam Foley

City of Santa Clara

Hon. Karen Hardy

City of Saratoga

Hon. Rishi Kumar\*

City of Sunnyvale

County of Santa Clara

Hon. Mike Wasserman

Santa Clara Valley Open Space

Hon. Helen Chapman

Authority

Midpeninsula Regional Open Space

Hon. Jed Cyr

District

**Members not in attendance were:**

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate</u></b>
City of Campbell		Hon. Sergio Lopez
City of Cupertino		Hon. Jon Willey
City of Milpitas	Hon. Carmen Montano	
City of Monte Sereno	Hon. Liz Lawler	
City of Morgan Hill		Hon. Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Mountain View		Hon. Pat Showalter
City of San José		Kerrie Romanow
City of Santa Clara		Hon. Kathy Watanabe
City of Saratoga		Hon. Mary-Lynne Bernald
City of Sunnyvale	Hon. Omar Din	Hon. Gustav Larsson
County of Santa Clara		Hon. Cindy Chavez
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority	Hon. Mike Flaughner	
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District		Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto

\*Commission Members arrived at time indicated below.

Board members in attendance were: Directors Barbara F. Keegan (District 2) and John L. Varela (District 1), (Board Representatives).

Staff members in attendance were: Gina Adriano, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Christopher Hakes, Marta Lugo, Leslie Orta, Melanie Richardson, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, and Kirsten Struve.

Guests in attendance were: Elizabeth Flegel (City of Mountain View), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter), Gary Welling (City of Santa Clara), and James Sylvain (City of Morgan Hill).

Public in attendance were: Elizabeth Sanford.

**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. Mike Wasserman, seconded by Hon. Jed Cyr , and unanimously approved the April 13, 2022, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission meeting minutes as presented.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

It was moved by Hon. Pam Foley, seconded by Mike Wasserman, and unanimously approved to move Agenda Item 6.1 on consent.

**5. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**5.1 UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT'S DROUGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND DROUGHT-RELATED WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS.**

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

\*Hon. Rishi Kumar arrived at 12:06 p.m.

\*Hon. Rich Constantine arrived at 12:10 p.m.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission discussed the following: complaints, easy access links, water used by municipalities or retailers, usage data, MWENDO, educating needs to happen, and monitoring wells,

Kirsten Struve, Director John L. Varela, Sherilyn Tran, and Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

**5.2 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. Pam Foley reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

**6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**6.1 REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BOARD WORK PLAN**

Agenda Item was moved on consent calendar above.

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

Glenna Brambill reported there were no action items.

**8. REPORTS**

**8.1 Director's Report**

Director John L. Varela reported on:

- On behalf of the Board of Directors he thanked Hon. Mike Wasserman for his many years of service, dedication and working with his constituents
- The Board's work plan is continuing to concentrate on water recycling, expanding water storage, potable water, offering safe, clean, and reliable water

**8.2 Manager's Report**

Donald Rocha reported on:

- Water Conservation Outreach Campaign "Say Yes to Saving Water"
- Valley Water Board approved \$2 million for the Low-Income Residential Water Rate

Assistance Program to help families pay water bills. Valley Water partnered with Sacred Heart Community Service to implement the program and continue providing this critical service to low-income households in Santa Clara County.

Rachael Gibson also reported on

- Water Conservation's co-branding with the cities and other agencies.

### **8.3 Commission Member Report**

Hon. Mike Wasserman bid the Commissioners and Valley Water Staff farewell as he was retiring and termed out of office. He has been part of the Committees/Commission over the past twenty years and has had a successful partnership with Valley Water.

\*Hon. Greg Tanaka arrived at 12:40 p.m.

### **8.4 Informational Links Report**

None, information located on the agenda.

Hon. Rishi Kumar left at 12:42 p.m. and did not return.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Commission Chair Hon. Pam Foley adjourned at 12:46 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

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

Approved: 1-25-2023