



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

A regular meeting of the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee was held on March 27, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, in San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

1.1. ROLL CALL

Committee Board Members in attendance were: Committee Chair, Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Director Barbara F. Keegan (District 2), establishing a quorum, and Committee Vice Chair, Eisenberg (District 7-arrived at 11:21 a.m.).

Staff members in attendance were: Gina Adriano, Joseph Aranda, Meghan Azalon, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Rick Callender, Vanessa De La Piedra, Phil Dolan, Anthony Fulcher, Rachael Gibson, Paola Giles, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Jason Gurdak, Chris Hakes, Linh Hoang, Cindy Kao, Matt Keller, Michele King, Candice Kwok-Smith, Jessica Lovering, Carlos Orellana, Colin Resch, Melanie Richardson, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Clarissa Sangalang, Ashley Shannon, Kirsten Struve, Gregory Williams, Jing Wu, and Beckie Zisser.

Guest Agencies in attendance were: Brian Boyer (Cinnabar Hills Golf Club), Diane Asuncion (City of Santa Clara), Kurt Elvert, Curt Rayer and Bill Tuttle (San Jose Water Company-SJWC).

Public in attendance was: Julia Nussbaum,

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

3.1. CONSIDER CHANGES TO WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY CONDITION

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

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: Governor's new Executive Order, punitive fines, showing the public what Valley Water is doing now and what is being proposed, low-income residents still a concern with water conservation, 2-day week watering requirement, 15% call, CII Ban, clear messaging on the levels,

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took the following action. It was moved by Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh, second by Director Barbara F. Keegan, and by majority vote approved staff's recommendation:

- A. Adopt a Resolution Rescinding: (i) Resolution 21-68 Declaring a Water Shortage Emergency Condition Calling for Water Use Reduction, and (ii) Resolution 22-20, which amended Resolution 21-68; and
- B. Suspend enforcement prohibition 3.1 (a), the 2-day per week watering limit of residential nonfunctional turf, in Amended Water Use Restriction Ordinance 22-02; and
- C. Direct the CEO to bring a recommendation for the Board's consideration, which calls for water conservation as a way of life in Santa Clara County. For consideration at the April 11, 2023, Board of Directors meeting. Director Rebecca Eisenberg voted No.

3.2 REVIEW WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS; AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

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Committee's suggested agenda items; impacts of water recycling on demand, storm water capture on demand, and desalination/brackish.

The next meeting is April 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

4. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS

Glenna Brambill stated there was one action item for Board consideration.

Agenda Item 3.1:

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5. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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

Approved: 4-24-2023