



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023

A regular meeting of the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee was held on May 22, 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 11:02 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 11:08 a.m.).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Gina Adriano, Joseph Aranda, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Vanessa De La Piedra, Phil Dolan, Anthony Fulcher, Paola Giles, Vincent Gin, Christopher Hakes, Linh Hoang, Matt Keller, Candice Kwok-Smith, Jessica Lovering, Carlos Orellana, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Clarissa Sangalang, Ashley Shannon, Nicholas Simard, Kirsten Struve, Cindy Torres, Sana Wazit, Jing Wu, and Beckie Zisser.

Guests in attendance were: Brian Boyer (Cinnabar Hills Golf Club) and Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter).

Public in attendance were: Arthur M. Keller, Ph. D., Julia Nussbaum, and Kyle Ramey.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh moved to Agenda Item 4.1.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND ENFORCEMENT TO SUPPORT WATER CONSERVATION AS A WAY OF LIFE.

Neeta Bijoor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: water conservation a way of life resolution and enforcement ordinance for Santa Clara County, partnerships, suggestions to the 10 guiding principles, ways to fund the program, concerns about new developments, sustainable practices, and data on the major water wasters.

Public Comments:

Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter) suggested adding the word “equity” to principle #10 and possibly throughout the document for those underserved communities.

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., had questions on Retailers’ tiered rates and how many cities have adopted Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance (MWENDO).

Metra Richert, Joseph Aranda, Aaron Baker, Kirsten Struve, Director Nai Hsueh, and Don Rocha were available to answer questions.

Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh moved to Agenda Item 3.1.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES APRIL 24, 2023

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items. It was moved by Director Barbara F. Keegan, seconded by Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the April 24, 2023, Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee special meeting with one correction-Page 13, read= retailers’ schedule and stormwater capture and was corrected to read contractual opportunities related to water conservation and stormwater capture.

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh moved to Agenda Item 4.2.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.2 REVIEW AND APPROVED PROPOSED WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS; AND THE COMMITTEE’S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh and Kirsten Struve reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

June agenda items: Monthly Update and Drought Response Plan.

The next meeting will be June 26, 2023, 11:00 a.m. The Committee scheduled a special meeting on June 5, 2023.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS

Glenna Brambill stated there were no formal action items for Board consideration, however, the committee had made suggestions for staff consideration on the guided principles, resolution and ordinance.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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

Approved: 6-26-2023