



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

A regular meeting of the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee was held on October 23, 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 11:03 a.m.

1.1. ROLL CALL

Committee Board Members in attendance were: Committee Member Director Barbara F. Keegan (District 2), Committee Chair, Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), and Committee Vice Chair Director Rebecca Eisenberg (District 7), establishing a quorum.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Antonio Alfaro, Joseph Aranda, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, John Bourgeois, Glenna Brambill, Theresa Chinte, Keila Cisneros, Vanessa De La Piedra, Phil Dolan, Rachael Gibson, Jason Gurdak, Linh Hoang, Matt Keller, Michele King, Candice Kwok-Smith, Jessica Lovering, Becky Manchester, Brian Mendenhall, Carlos Orellana, Angus Parton, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Desiree Sausele, Ashley Shannon, Nicholas Simard, DeNarae Stewart, Kirsten Struve, Cindy Torres, Sana Wazit, and Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Diane Asuncion (City of Santa Clara), Brian Boyer (Cinnabar Hills Golf Club), Kurt Elvert (San Jose Water Company-SJWC), Julia Nussbaum, and Julia C. Schmitt.

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

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES AUGUST 28, 2023

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

It was moved by Committee Member Director Barbara F. Keegan, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Director Rebecca Eisenberg, and unanimously approved, the minutes of the September 25, 2023, Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee regular meeting as presented.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 RESOURCE NEEDS FOR THE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Metra Richert reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions as needed.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: sustainability of work, conservation goals, capturing costs benefits of the program, public outreach county-wide, reaching landlords, giving renters assistance, carbon footprint, staffing needs, and the Climate Change Action Plan.

Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

4.2 COLLABORATION WITH LAND USE AGENCIES ON WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Jing Wu reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions as needed.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: fostering relationships, ABAG, RHNA numbers, Open Space, sustainable growth, land development restrictions, improving messaging on guidelines, and attracting collaborators to play a more active role in land use.

Roseryn Bhudsabourg was available to answer questions

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

4.3 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE

Jason Gurdak reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions as needed.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: sustainable groundwater, challenges, Valley Water being a leader in groundwater management, and connecting with agencies that have environmental mindsets.

Vanessa De La Piedra and Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

4.4 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 Nai Hsueh and Kirsten Struve reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

December agenda items from the work plan:

1. 2.9 Collaboration with Retailers
2. 3.5 Review long-term goals as part of WSMP update
3. 2.4 Update on State Regulations

Combining the November and December meetings for early December 2023.

The next meeting will be December 11, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

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.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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

Approved: 12-11-2023