



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022

A special meeting of the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee was held on November 28, 2022, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, in San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

1.1. ROLL CALL

Committee Board Members in attendance were: Committee Vice Chair, Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Director Barbara F. Keegan (District 2), and Committee Chair, Director Linda J. LeZotte (District 4) establishing a quorum.

Staff members in attendance were: Joseph Aranda, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Usha Chatwani, Vanessa De La Piedra, Phil Dolan, Vincent Gin, Jason Gurdak, Linh Hoang, Matt Keller, Candice Kwok-Smith, Jessica Lovering, Carmen Narayanan, Linda Nguyen, Carlos Orellana, Colin Resch, Melanie Richardson, Don Rocha, Blanca Sanchez-Cruz, Nicholas Simard, Ashley Shannon, Sana Wazit, Eric Worrell, and Jing Wu.

Guest Agencies in attendance were: Brian Boyer (Cinnabar Hills Golf Club), Viktoria Gleason (City of Santa Clara), Kurt Elvert, Curt Rayer and Bill Tuttle (San Jose Water Company-SJWC), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter), Josue Medillin-Azuara, Nick Santos, and Joshua Viers (UC Merced).

Public in attendance were: Hon. Jim Beall, Ryan Castillo, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Julia Nussbaum, and Yerae Seo.

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

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It was moved by Director Barbara F. Keegan, seconded by Director Nai Hsueh, and carried

unanimously, to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022, Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee meeting as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. MONTHLY UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING VALLEY WATER'S WATER USE REDUCTION TARGET AND WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS RELATED TO THE DROUGHT EMERGENCY

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

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: thanked staff for update on the digital divide and responding to requests made, CII reporting targeting those where numbers are higher, and continuing to remind residents of drought despite recent rainfall.

Justin Burks was available to answer questions.

Public Comment:

Dr. Arthur Keller questioned how people are informed of continued drought despite recent rainfall.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

4.2. LANDSCAPE CONVERSION PROGRAMS FOR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND THE OUTDOOR CONSERVATION DIRECT INSTALL REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Justin Burks reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: Valley Water funding the Lawn Busters Program, wait list metrics, potential survey of Program, City Forest contract, broader scope, program participation, experts with maintenance/irrigation background, and interactive map tool.

Public Comments:

Hon. Jim Beall questioned having in-house experts on a long-term basis rather than contracting out.

Katja Irvin noted that it is difficult engaging the landlords (homeowners) of low-income renters to motivate them in participating in the Program.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

4.3. AGRICULTURAL WATER USE BASELINE STUDY

Ashley Shannon and Joshua Viers (UC Merced) reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: Mass balance key findings, truck crops, billing data source, agricultural water subsidy in south county, and next steps.

Josue Medillin-Azuara (UC Merced) was available to answer questions.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action

4.4 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

The updates are noted below:

1. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)
2. Flood Mar
3. Agricultural Water Use Baseline Study

There was no verbal update for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).
Flood Mar – Neeta Bijoor reported the Committee will receive an update in early 2023.
Agricultural Water Use Baseline Study - received an update Agenda 4.3 above.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

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

Kirsten Struve and Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

The December meeting is canceled.

Committee Member Keegan reported on the 2 newly elected Directors, Beall and Eisenberg.
Also, thanked outgoing Board Member and Committee Chair LeZotte for her years of hard work.

Committee Vice Chair Hsueh reported on the City of Cupertino's recent Blackberry Farm Golf Course Feasibility Study and maybe Don Rocha could look at this study for future messaging.

Public Comment:

Dr. Arthur Keller thanked Committee Chair LeZotte for all her hard work and welcomed the newly elected Board Members.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS

Glenna Brambill stated there were no action items for Board consideration.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

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

Approved: 3-17-2023