



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (VALLEY WATER)
WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (Committee) was held on June 9, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh at 12:02 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Valley Water Board Members in attendance were: Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Committee Vice Chair Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), and Director Rebecca Eisenberg (District 7-arrived at 12:10 p.m.).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Gabriel Alcantar (Contractor), Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Glenna Brambill, Andrew Garcia, Vincent Gin. Samantha Greene, Andy Gschwind, Brian Hopper, Dana Jacobson, Candice Kwok-Smith, Jessica Lovering, Cindy Kao, Candice Kwok-Smith, Julianne O'Brien, Catherine Protiva, Jamie Silva, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Gregory Williams, Jing Wu, and Beckie Zisser.

Guests in attendance were: Chuck Gardner (Hallmark Group), Hon. Steve Jordan (BAWSCA and Purissima Hills Water District), Marguerite Patil, Ph.D. (Contra Costa Water District {CCWD}), Taryn Ravazzini (Executive Director, LVE Project Joint Powers Authority (JPA), Gavin Tasker (Barnard Construction), and Hon. John Weed (Alameda County Water District-ACWD).

Public in attendance were: Darren Hiatt, Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter), Arthur M. Keller, Ph. D., Shani Kleinhaus, Osha Meserve, Hon. Brian Schmidt, Annie Yang, and CS.

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

There were no public comments received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Director Richard P. Santos, second by Director Nai Hsueh, and by unanimous vote carried to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2023, meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee as presented.

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh returned to this agenda item for public comment Katja Irvin had a correction to the minutes. Agenda Item 4.3, Page 12, Public Comment: Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter) questioned potential interactions and benefits of the project and review of any alternatives with reference to the San Luis Low Point Improvement Project. She wanted the minutes to reflect what she tried to convey and changed the minutes to now read: *Public Comment:*

Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter) referenced potential interactions and benefits of the project and when alternatives were looked at for the San Luis Low Point, the San Luis Dam Raise and expansion project is one of the alternatives she would like to see Valley Water explore.

The Committee re-voted:

It was moved by Director Richard P. Santos, second by Director Nai Hsueh, and by unanimous vote carried to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2023, meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee with the edits as noted above. Director Rebecca Eisenberg abstained.

4. 32REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT MULTI-PARTY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,239,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FUNDING

Vincent Gin introduced Taryn Ravazzini (Executive Director, LVE Project Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and Marguerite Patil, Ph.D. (Contra Costa Water District {CCWD}). Samantha Greene reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and handout.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee discussed the following: cost sharing, partnerships, service agreement, and upcoming finance meeting.

Taryn Ravazzini was available to answer questions.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Director Richard P. Santos, second by Director Rebecca Eisenberg, and by unanimous vote approved staff's recommendation to go to the full Board for consideration of authorizing the CEO to sign Multi-Party Agreement Amendment # 5 for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project for Fiscal Year 2024 in the amount of \$1,239,000.

4.2 PROPOSED STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE INITIAL MAJOR FUNDING OF B.F. SISK DAM RAISE AND RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT PLANNING COSTS OF UP TO \$1,605,015 TO RESERVE UP TO 60,000 ACRE-FEET OF STORAGE

Vincent Gin introduced Pablo Arroyave (Chief Operating Officer, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority-SLDMWA) and Chuck Gardner (Hallmark Group). Dana Jacobson reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee discussed the following: storage, environmental impacts, diversification, and continuing with negotiations.

Vincent Gin and Cindy Kao were available to answer questions.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took the following action.

It was moved by Director Rebecca Eisenberg, second by Director Richard P. Santos, and by unanimous vote approved the proposed staff recommendation that the Board consider authorizing the funding share of Project costs through San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority B. F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project Activity Agreement of up to \$1,605,015 to cover planning costs through September 2023 and reserve up to 60,000 acre-feet of storage capacity.

4.3 REVIEW WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

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

The Committee scheduled a special meeting on August 18, 2023, 12:00 p.m.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS

Glenna Brambill noted there were two action items for Board consideration.

Agenda Item 4.1:

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation to go to the full Board for consideration of authorizing the CEO to sign Multi-Party Agreement Amendment # 5 for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project for Fiscal Year 2024 in the amount of \$1,239,000.

Agenda Item 4.2:

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee unanimously approved the proposed staff recommendation that the Board consider authorizing the funding share of Project costs through San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority B. F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion Project Activity Agreement of up to \$1,605,015 to cover planning costs through September 2023 and reserve up to 60,000 acre-feet of storage capacity.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Nai Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

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

Approved: 8-18-2023