



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

MINUTES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (Committee) was held on October 13, 2022, 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 Pro Tem Director Richard P. Santos at 1:03 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Valley Water Board Members in attendance were: Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), and Director John L. Varela (District 1).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Andrew Garcia, Samantha Greene, Andy Gschwind, Michael Haggerty, Christopher Hakes, Brian Hopper, Dana Jacobson, Cindy Kao, Candice Kwok-Smith, Jessica Lovering, Michael Martin, Ryan McCarter, Carlos Orellana, Angus Parton, Steve Peters, Don Rocha, Kirsten Struve, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, and Jing Wu.

Guests in attendance were: Melanie Carrido (MWH Constructors), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter), Hon. Steve Jordan (BAWSCA and Purissima Hills Water District), Marguerite Patil, Ph.D. (Contra Costa Water District {CCWD}), Taryn Ravazzini (LVE Project Joint Powers Authority (JPA), Gavin Tasker-Barnard Construction), Bill Tuttle (San Jose Water Company-SJWC), and Hon. John Weed (Alameda County Water District-ACWD).

Public in attendance were: Lisa Avestedt, Hon. Jim Beall, Ryan Castillo, Bob Green, Arthur Keller, Ph.D., Kaho Khong, Manny JID/RD1606, and Director Linda J. LeZotte (Valley Water District 4).

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

It was moved by Director Richard P. Santos, second by Director John L. Varela, and by unanimous vote carried to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2022, meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 VALLEY WATER PARTICIPATION RECOMMENDATION FOR THE LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT

Michael Martin reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, second by Director Richard P. Santos, and unanimously approved staff's recommendation that the Board consider approving the Multi-Party Agreement Amendment #4 for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

4.2 STANDING ITEMS

Cindy Kao reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Water Banking Opportunities

Pleasant Valley:

- Continuing to discuss long-term exchange opportunities with Pleasant Valley Water District

Aquaterra:

- Revised Feasibility Study has been completed and VW has finished reviewing. There are some data gaps and VW will be checking to see if this is a feasible and sound financial investment

AVEK:

- Working with Metropolitan Water District (MWD) on Phase 1
- Valley Water (VW) is interested in the second phase of the project and are interested in doing a pilot program with them (banking water then testing to see if it works and will review criteria and other concerns)
- VW staff will be visiting site on October 18th to see Phase 1 construction
- Working with interested parties to develop a MOU regarding plant activities

Sites:

- VW staff reviewing the draft guiding principles on concepts relating to allocation and project benefit
- Additional discussions on governance and finance along with addressing VW's comments and concerns
- Release of the EIR/EIS expected January 2023
- Final draft of the benefits and obligations agreement targeted for mid-2023
- Final funding commitment expected to occur mid-2024 after securing the water right permit and WIFIA loan

B. F. Sisk Dam Raise and Reservoir Expansion:

- Coordinating and participating with San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA-Authority) cost and benefit allocation
- Reclamation and Authority have revised the addendum to the feasibility report VW took issue on the cost allocation

Director John L. Varela reported on the ACWA Region 5 Program and Tour:

- Potential new opportunities, theme surrounding: recycled water, water purification, sustainable groundwater supply, and agriculture
- Toured one water facilities and defunct desalination plant
- Start possible discussion around conveyance and storage with Monterey Peninsula

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action.

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

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

It is requested that the next meeting include an update on the Pacheco Reservoir Project and some discussion on the conveyance and storage with Monterey Peninsula.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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

Agenda Item 4.1

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took the following action:

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation that the Board consider approving the Multi-Party Agreement Amendment #4 for the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project.

6. CLOSED SESSION

6.5 DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

There was no report as the Committee elected to postpone the Closed Session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Pro Tem Richard P. Santos adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

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

Approved: 3-29-2023