



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, January 22, 2024

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on January 22, 2024, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Committee Chair Loren Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established with eight members present.

Members in attendance were:

District 1: Loren Lewis, Chairperson
District 2: Charles Ice, Vice Chairperson
District 3: Charles Taylor and Bill Roth
District 4: Bob Levy
District 5: Hon. Patrick S. Kwok
District 7: Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. and Tess Byler

Members not in attendance were:

District 1: Swanee Edwards
District 5: Mike Michitake
District 6: Eleni Jacobson

Jim Piazza (District 6) arrived as noted below.

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh (District 5).

Directors Rebecca Eisenberg and Barbara Keegan attended the meeting virtually.

Staff members in attendance were: Lisa Bankosh, John Bourgeois, Olivia Cobb, Vincent Gin Christopher Hakes, Jeffrey Ham, Dave Leon, Nick Mascarello, Brian Mendenhall, Luz Penilla, and Sunny Williams.

Public in attendance were: Lana Li and Will Ware.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Loren Lewis declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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It was moved by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Hon. Patrick S. Kwok, and majority vote carried, to approve the October 16, 2023 Committee meeting minutes as presented. Charles Taylor abstained.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.

Charles Taylor nominated Vice Chairperson Charles Ice for Chairperson. Bob Levy seconded the motion.

Loren Lewis nominated Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. for Chairperson. Member Keller declined the nomination.

The Committee unanimously elected Charles Ice as Chairperson.

Loren Lewis nominated Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. for Vice Chairperson. Hon. Patrick S. Kwok seconded the motion, and the Committee unanimously elected Arthur M. Keller, Ph. D as Vice Chairperson.

Member Lewis left the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

4.2 REVIEW AND APPROVE 2023 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD.

It was moved by Tess Byler, seconded by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., and unanimously carried, to approve the 2023 Accomplishments Report and forward to the Board for consideration.

4.3 RECEIVE INFORMATION ON ONE WATER GUADALUPE AND UPPER PAJARO WATERSHED PLAN PRIORITY ACTIONS.

Brian Mendenhall reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1, 2, and 3. Brian Mendenhall, Lisa Bankosh, and John Bourgeois and were available to answer questions.

Jim Piazza arrived at 6:10 p.m.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and requested that staff report to the Committee with information relating to mine closures, and information regarding collaborations with Monterey County.

4.4 RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF VALLEY WATER'S WILDFIRE RESILIENCY PLAN.

Jeffrey Ham reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1, and was available to answer questions.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.5 REVIEW AND RECEIVE UPDATES ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS.

John Bourgeois reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1. John Bourgeois and Dave Leon were available to answer questions.

Director Nai Hsueh addressed the Committee relating to Anderson Dam and Capital Improvement Project updates.

The Committee took no formal action and requested that staff provide documentation relating to Subgroups and their operations.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Dave Leon noted the requests made on item nos. 4.3 and 4.5.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Chairperson Ice adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Dave Leon
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date approved: April 15, 2024

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