



BOARD POLICY AND MONITORING
COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY April 14, 2025
1:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board Policy and Monitoring Committee (Committee) was called to order by Chairperson Hsueh in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 1:00 p.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were: District 5 Director Nai Hsueh, Chairperson presiding, and District 1 Director John Varela.

Staff members in attendance were: Yvonne Arroyo, Lisa Bankosh, Mark Bilski, Rita Chan, Isela Chaparro, Theresa Chinte, Rosie Cofre, Jessica Collins, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Rachael Gibson, Chris Hakes, Brian Hopper, Cody Houston, Diahann Hudson (Soleno), Bassam Kassab, Candice Kwok-Smith, Dave Leon, Sadie Lum, Ryan McCarter, Patrice McElroy, Linda Nguyen, Carlos Orellana, Luz Penilla, Mark Poole, Melanie Richardson, Stephanie Simunic, Darin Taylor, Madhu Thummaluru, Cheryl Togami, Bhavani Yerrapotu, Tina Yoke.

Public in attendance were:

Valley Water Director Rebecca Eisenberg (District 7), Arthur Keller, Mr. J. Shore, Jennifer Voccolla-Brown, 1-408-XXX-X214.

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

Chairperson Hsueh 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:

3.1 Approval of December 6, 2024 Board Policy and Monitoring Committee (BPMC) Minutes.

Recommendation: **Approve the minutes.**

The BPMC considered the minutes of the December 6, 2024 BPMC meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Varela, seconded by Chairperson Hsueh, that the minutes be approved as presented.

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Recommendation: **Elect 2025 Committee Chair and Vice Chairperson.**

Chairperson Hsueh held the item to the next BPMC meeting.

4.2 Receive Information and Provide Feedback on Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Proposed Process Improvements.

Recommendation: **Receive information and provide feedback on staff's proposed conceptual process improvements for the implementation of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.**

Luz Penilla reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo; and per the information contained in the attachment.

The Committee received the information and discussed the following with staff input: frequency of stakeholder outreach meetings, coordination with the Capital Improvement Program, discussion and planning of projects before public hearings, and Valley Water accountability to voters.

Public Comment: Arthur Keller inquired relating to the possible reallocation of project funding. Mr. J. Shore commended the Committee for project process improvements and the possibility of further review from the Renewed Safe, Clean Water & Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee (IMC).

Director Hsueh stated that the IIMC has a very specific objective, and Luz Penilla stated that their objective is to look back.

The Committee stated the report does not need to return to the Committee, and the discussed feedback is incorporated into the final report to the Board.

4.3. Review Proposed Changes to the Standard Rate Schedule for Services and Activities Regulated by the Water Resources Protection Ordinance and for Certain Licenses and Costs Associated with Real Property Transactions adopted in Board Resolution No. 10-86.

Recommendation:

- A. Review and provide input on proposed changes to the Standard Rate Schedule for Services and Activities Regulated by the Water Resources Protection Ordinance and for Certain Licenses and Costs Associated with Real Property Transactions adopted in Board Resolution No. 10-86; and**
- B. Recommend that the revisions to the Standard Rate Schedule be incorporated into a new Resolution and presented to the full Board for approval.**

Yvonne Arroyo reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo; and per the information contained in the attachments.

Public Comment: None.

The Committee received the information without discussion, and on a motion by Director Varela, seconded by Chairperson Hsueh, the Committee approved recommending that the revisions to the Standard Rate Schedule be incorporated into a new Resolution and presented to the full Board for approval.

4.4. Proposed Updates to the Water Resources Protection Ordinance.

Recommendation:

- A. Review Proposed Updates to the Water Resource Protection Ordinance;**
- B. Provide Direction to Staff Regarding Proposed Changes; and**
- C. Recommend Proposed Changes to Board for Adoption.**

Brian Hopper reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo; and per the information contained in the attachments.

The Committee discussed the following with staff input: the option of licensing for property owners with a Priority 3 encroachment, the small number of current signed agreements, how agreements are monitored, and the history of what prompted the revisions.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and continued the item to the next BPMC meeting.

4.5. Discuss Board Policy and Monitoring Committee (BPMC) Work Plan Agenda Items.

Recommendation: **Discuss BPMC Work Plan.**

The Committee reviewed Work Plan items and timeline.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action and noted the following: the update on Watershed Master Plan item will move from June to May, and the proposed updates to the Water Resources Protection Ordinance item was continued.

4.6. Board Policy and Monitoring Committee (BPMC) 2025 Meeting Schedule.

Recommendation: **Discuss and approve the BPMC 2025 Meeting Schedule.**

The Committee reviewed the BPMC 2025 meeting schedule.

Public Comments: None.

On a motion by Director Varela, seconded by Chairperson Hsueh, the BPMC 2025 Meeting Schedule was approved.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

Stephanie Simunic, Assistant Deputy Clerk II, Clerk of the Board of Directors, confirmed the following:

- The Committee Elections item was held to the next meeting.
- Feedback was received for the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Proposed Process Improvements item.
- The Committee approved the Proposed Changes to the Standard Rate Schedule for Services and Activities Regulated by the Water Resources Protection Ordinance and for Certain Licenses and Costs Associated with Real Property Transactions with revisions, to be incorporated into a new Resolution and presented to the full Board for approval.
- The Proposed Updates to the Water Resources Protection Ordinance was continued to the next meeting.
- The BPMC work plan had edits.
- The BPMC 2025 Meeting Schedule was approved.

6. ADJOURN:

6.1. Adjourn.

Chairperson Hsueh adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

Date Approved: June 9, 2025

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II