



## ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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# MINUTES

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**Monday, July 15, 2024**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on July 15, 2024, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Committee Chair Charles Ice called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was established with 11 members present.

Members in attendance were:

District 1: Loren Lewis  
District 2: Chairperson Charles Ice, Shiloh Ballard  
District 3: Charles Taylor, Bill Roth  
District 4: Bob Levy  
District 5: Mike Michitaka, Hon. Patrick S. Kwok  
District 6: Jim Piazza  
District 7: Tess Byler, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

Members not in attendance were:

District 1: Swanee Edwards  
District 6: Eleni Jacobson, Rebecca Gallardo

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh (District 5) and Director Tony Estremera (District 6).

Director Richard Santos attended the meeting virtually.

Staff members in attendance were: Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, John Bourgeois, Navroop Jassal, Medi Sinaki, Stephanie Simunic, and Kristen Yasukawa.

Public in attendance were: Rebecca Eisenberg, Rebecca Gallardo, and Rick.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairperson Ice 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 MINUTES**

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Keller, seconded by Member Kwok, and majority vote carried, to approve the January 22, 2024 Committee meeting minutes as presented. Member Taylor abstained.

**4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**4.1. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON DIRECT POTABLE REUSE (DPR) REGULATIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A POTABLE REUSE PROJECT.**

Hossein Ashktorab reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1.

Aaron Baker, Hossein Ashktorab, and Kristen Yasukawa were available to answer questions.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and requested that staff report to the Committee relating to purified water perception polling.

**4.2 VALLEY WATER'S HABITAT LANDS MITIGATION, CONSERVATION, AND MONITORING EFFORTS**

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

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

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

Chairperson Ice reviewed the item and requested that Commissioners consider chairing a working group.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

**4.4 REVIEW ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS; AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA.**

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

Chairperson Ice requested an item relating to groundwater banking on the January 2025 meeting agenda.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

**5. STANDING ITEMS**

**5.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

Director Hsueh discussed the Water Resources Protection Ordinance currently being considered by the Board and its Committees. She further noted that a summit relating to homeless encampment issues is scheduled for October 11, 2024.

## **5.2 MANAGER'S REPORTS**

No reports were given.

## **6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

Stephanie Simunic noted the request on Item 4.1.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

### **7.1 ADJOURN**

Chairperson Ice adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Dave Leon  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date approved: October 21, 2024