



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, October 16, 2023

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on October 16, 2023, 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 seven members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Loren Lewis		
District 2	Charles Ice		
District 4	Bob Levy		
District 5	Mike Michitaka	Hon. Patrick S. Kwok	
District 6	Eleni Jacobson		
District 7	Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.		

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Swanee Edwards		
District 2	Elizabeth Sarmiento		
District 3	Hon. Bob Nuñez	Charles Taylor	
District 6	Jim Piazza		
District 7	Tess Byler (attended as member of the public)		

Board members in attendance were: Director Rebecca Eisenberg (District 7), Director Barbara Keegan (District 2) Board Representatives, and Director Nai Hsueh (District 5) Board Alternate.

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Christopher Hakes, Cindy Kao, Dave Leon, Sarah Piramoon, Lisa Porcella, Darin Taylor, and Jing Wu.

Public in attendance were: Tess Byler and Katja Irvin.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Committee Chair 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

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Bob Levy, seconded by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., and majority vote carried, to approve the August 21, 2023, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented. Hon. Patrick S. Kwok abstained.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1. UPDATE ON FISHERIES IMPROVEMENTS

Lisa Porcella reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. Lisa Porcella and Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and discussed the following: monitoring key elements of the program to measure successes to show success of the program, conditions to state approval, multi-benefit projects, focusing on other species besides salmonoids, and removing impediments and working with outside agencies on other land parcels.

4.2 RECEIVE INFORMATION AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF VALLEY WATER'S WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN 2050

Jing Wu reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. Jing Wu, Cindy Kao, Aaron Baker, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, and Samantha Greene were available to answer questions.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and discussed the following: how to withdraw if the use facility contract expires, which projects are in litigation, eliminating water waste and leaks, capturing stormwater, capacity of reservoirs after the rain storms and what measures will be taken for more stormwater, seismic retrofitting, water banking and partnerships, long-term investments and unit cost analyses, risk analysis, saltwater intrusion and subsidence, other water banking locations, and infrastructure reliability.

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

There were no updates from the working groups.

The Committee took no action.

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

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and noted that the next meeting will take place on January 22, 2023.

The Committee requested an item on the next agenda relating to an update of the recycled water and wildfire resiliency planning effort.

The Committee took no action.

5. INFORMATION ITEM

5.1 REVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 BOARD WORK PLAN

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

The Committee took no action.

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

Glenna Brambill reported there were no action items for Board consideration.

7. REPORTS

7.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Rebecca Eisenberg noted:

- She is open to communication with Committee members relating to funding projects within relevant areas of concern.

Director Nai Hsueh reported on:

- The New Board policies relating to the practice of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson and a newly adopted policy that the District will support potential candidates for Board positions by reimbursing 50% of candidate statement fees. She further noted that the Board adopted a Code of Ethics and Conduct, as well as a new policy relating to encampments of unsheltered individuals.
- The progress of various capital projects and construction contracts.

Director Barbara Keegan invited the Committee to attend the next Board Audit Committee meeting on October 18, 2023, and noted that the Committee plans to discuss audit functions and an updated risk assessment.

7.2. MANAGER'S REPORT

Staff expressed appreciation for Glenna Brambill on her final meeting as the Committee Liaison.

7.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Members of the Committee expressed appreciation for Glenna Brambill on her final meeting as the Committee Liaison.

7.4 INFORMATIONAL LINK REPORTS

Links are contained in the agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

8.1 ADJOURN

Committee Chair Loren Lewis adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Dave Leon
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date approved: