



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017
6:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on July 17, 2017, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Loren Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Bonnie Bamburg*
	Loren Lewis
District 3	Hon. Dean Chu
	Rev. Jethroe Moore, II
District 4	Bob Levy
District 5	Hon. Tara Martin-Milius
	Mike Michitaka
	Marc Rauser
District 6	Maya Esparza
	Hon. Patrick Kwok
District 7	Tess Byler
	Stephen A. Jordan
	Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

Members not in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Rita Norton
District 2	Patricia Colombe
	Elizabeth Sarmiento
District 3	Charles Taylor
District 4	John Bourgeois
	Richard Zahner

*Committee members arrived as noted below.

Board members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera, Board Representative, Director Nai Hsueh, Board Alternate and Director Linda J. LeZotte, Board Representative.

Staff members in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, Jerry De La Piedra, Vanessa De La Piedra, Marty Grimes, Garth Hall, Melanie Richardson, Charlene Sun and Jose Villarreal.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Hon. Tara Martin-Milius. and unanimously carried, to approve the April 17, 2017, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes, as presented. There were four abstentions by: Ms. Tess Byler, Hon. Dean Chu, Ms. Maya Esparza and Hon. Patrick Kwok.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT POLICY

Ms. Charlene Sun reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Mr. Mike Michitaka, Hon. Tara Martin-Milius, Hon. Patrick Kwok, Hon. Dean Chu, Ms. Tess Byler, Mr. Bob Levy, Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, Mr. Marc Rauser spoke on the pros and cons regarding the investment policy.

*Ms. Bonnie Bamburg arrived at 6:23 p.m.

The Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, and by majority vote carried, approve to support the Socially Responsible Investment Policy. Mr. Marc Rauser abstained.

4.2 SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Marty Grimes and Mr. Jose Villarreal reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Ms. Maya Esparza, Mr. Marc Rauser, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Mr. Mike Michitaka spoke regarding the Communications and Community Engagement Programs.

No action was taken.

4.3 BOARD FEEDBACK ON SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM

Ms. Jessica Collins reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Director Nai Hsueh, and Mr. Bob Levy spoke of issues regarding the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

No action was taken.

4.4 ONE WATER PLAN – JULY 2017 UPDATE

Mr. Brian Mendenhall reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mr. Afshin Rouhani was available to answer questions.

Mr. Stephen Jordan, Hon. Tara Martin-Milius, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Ms. Maya Esparza, Mr. Bob Levy, Ms. Bonnie Bamburg, Hon. Patrick Kwok, Ms. Tess Byler, Mr. Marc Rauser, and Mr. Mike Michitaka spoke on the myriad of issues regarding the One Water Plan.

The Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Ms. Tess Byler, seconded by Ms. Bonnie Bamburg, and unanimously carried, to accept the One Water Plan concept and encouraged the broad perspective in how the District is looking at the watersheds and water uses throughout the County and the broad approach to encompass all aspects.

4.5 WATER SUPPLY UPDATE AND DROUGHT RESPONSE

Ms. Tracy Hemmeter reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mr. Stephen Jordan, Mr. Marc Rauser, Hon. Tara Martin-Milius, Hon. Dean Chu, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Director Tony Estremera and Ms. Bonnie Bamburg spoke on the issues regarding water supply in their respective areas.

Ms. Maya Esparza left at 8:01 p.m. and did not return.

No action was taken.

4.6. OVERVIEW OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING (FRACKING)

Ms. Vanessa De La Piedra reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mr. Stephen Jordan, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Director Tony Estremera, Ms. Bonnie Bamburg, Ms. Tess Byler, Mr. Marc Rauser, Rev. Jethroe Moore II, and Hon. Tara Martin-Milius, spoke on the many facets regarding hydraulic fracturing (fracking).

The Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, and by majority vote carried, to encourage that the Board of Directors consider taking action on a moratorium on fracking policy and then contacting the Board of Supervisors to ask that they support this policy and to enact a county-wide ban on new or increased fracking within the County of Santa Clara.

4.7 UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUPS

Mr. Loren Lewis and Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Ms. Tess Byler and Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. discussed the possibility of joining working groups number 3. Climate Change Mitigation and number 4, Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Adaptation. The two working groups will discuss and update the full Committee on the decision.

No action was taken.

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

Mr. Loren Lewis and Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. The updated Board Advisory Committee Handbook was available for anyone wanting a copy.

The Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Ms. Tess Byler, seconded by Mr. Bob Levy, and unanimously carried to add the Habitat Conservation Plan to the work plan.

The Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Ms. Bonnie Bamburg, seconded by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., and unanimously carried to add an overview of the District's Flood Protection Management Plan to the work plan.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were five Committee actions to apprise the Board.

Committee Actions:

1. Agenda Item 4.1; Committee supports the Socially Responsible Investment Policy
2. Agenda Item 4.4; Committee accepted the One Water Plan concept and encouraged the broad perspective in how the District is looking at the watersheds and water uses throughout the County and the broad approach to encompass all aspects
3. Agenda Item 4.6; Committee encourages that the Board of Directors consider taking action on a moratorium on fracking policy and then contacting the Board of Supervisors to ask that they support this policy and to enact a county-wide ban on new or increased fracking within the County of Santa Clara.
4. Agenda Item 4.8; Committee to add Habitat Conservation Plan to the work plan.
5. Agenda Item 4.8; Committee to add an overview of the District's Flood Protection Management Plan to the work plan.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Director's Report

Director Linda J. LeZotte Nai Hsueh reported on the following:

- Board Action
- Water District News
- Water Supply
- Flood Protection
- Community Outreach

6.2. Manager's Report

Mr. Garth Hall gave the following report:

- Stream Maintenance Program -Project work (6/15 – 10/15)
- Water Treatment Plants-Penitencia is now back on line (pipeline repairs completed)
- Upcoming Outage on the San Felipe System (12-week outage for inspection and minimum repairs)

6.3 Committee Member Reports

Ms. Glenna Brambill read Hon. Dean Chu's certificate of appreciation from the Board Representatives and EWRC presented at the Board's March 28, 2017, meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mr. Loren Lewis adjourned at 9:11 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, October 16, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom.

Submitted by:

Glenna Brambill
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 10-16-17