



HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017
1:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A meeting of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) was held on May 15, 2017, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee was called to order at 1:16 p.m. on May 15, 2017, at the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Board Members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera-District 6, Director Richard P. Santos-District 3, and Director John L. Varela-District 1

Staff members in attendance were: Dave Adams, Glenna Brambill, Jessica Collins, Carole Foster, Anthony Fulcher, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Chad Grande, Hieu Huynh, Jay Lee, Brian Mendenhall, Tracy Peña, Melanie Richardson, Vicki Rolls-Elam, Eli Serrano, Sue Tippetts, Carlos Tovar, Sue Turner, Colleen Valles and Jose Villarreal.

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

There were two people that spoke; Ms. Gail Osner and Mr. Richard McMurtry had a handout from the Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Director John L. Varela seconded by Director Tony Estremera, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016, Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee meeting, as presented.

4. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING DISTRICT-OWNED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES, FOLLOWING DISTRICT OUTREACH AND ANALYSIS

Ms. Jessica Collins gave an overview for this agenda item.

Mr. Anthony Fulcher was available to answer questions.

Committee Action:

It was moved by Vice Chair Director Tony Estremera, seconded by Director John L. Varela and unanimously carried, to approve the recommendations:

- A. "When District-owned residential rental properties that were purchased for projects and not in-lieu become available and are deemed suitable by the District and applicable city, the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing will be contacted to be given first opportunity to see if the properties will be conducive to provide housing for the homeless."
- B. Approve utilizing a portion of net rental income from properties purchased through Watersheds (Fund 12) to fund the homeless encampment cleanup project and for development of a pilot program that focuses on the impacts of homeless encampments in each city where the net rental income is being utilized, with transference or reallocation to begin in Fiscal Year 2020;
 - i. Up to ninety (90) percent of each FY's net rental income will be utilized to fund the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Encampment Cleanup Project (SCW Project B4) through FY 2028;
 - ii. Up to 10 percent of each FY's net rental income will be utilized to develop a pilot program to help address waterway and stream stewardship impacts of homeless encampments in each city with Fund 12 District-owned residential rental properties, which will be implemented through FY 2021, at which time staff will assess the pilot program and return to the Board with a recommendation on whether to continue its implementation; and
- C. Direct the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Ad-Hoc Committee to review Recommendation B's proposed transfer from Fund 12 to Fund 26 for SCW Project B4 and the use of those Fund 12 funds for the pilot program to help address waterway and stream stewardship impacts of homelessness in light of other Fund 12 capital project funding needs; and return to the Board with a recommended annual transfer amount into SCW Project B4 to be implemented from FY 2020 to FY 2028 and for the pilot program from FY 2020 to FY 2021.

Mr. Richard McMurtry spoke on homeless encampment issues.

4.2 COYOTE CREEK HOMELESS STREAM STEWARDS' PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTNERSHIP WITH A TINY-HOUSE -ON-WHEELS ON THE DISTRICT PROPERTY AT RIDDER PARK DRIVE

Ms. Meenakshi Ganjoo reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mr. Anthony Fulcher and Ms. Melanie Richardson were available to answer questions.

Mr. Richard McMurtry, Mr. Michael Fallon, Ms. Amanda Fukamoto and Ms. Tara Strong, spoke regarding the tiny-house concept.

Committee Action:

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, seconded by Vice Chair Director Tony Estremera, and unanimously carried, to approve that staff conduct an in-depth evaluation and analysis on the Tiny-House concept regarding available lands/properties, corresponding maps, liabilities, zonings, partnerships, CEQA and legal issues, and return to the next meeting with a comprehensive package for the Committee's consideration so that they can make a viable recommendation to the full Board.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

There were two Committee requests and recommendations from Agenda Items 4.1 and 4.2.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Richard P. Santos adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Glenna Brambill
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 9-6-17