



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018  
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 January 22, 2018, 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 6:04 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

<b><u>District</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>
District 1	Loren Lewis Rita Norton
District 2	Elizabeth Sarmiento*
District 3	Hon. Dean Chu Rev. Jethroe Moore, II Charles Taylor
District 4	Bob Levy Richard Zahner
District 5	Mike Michitaka Marc Rauser
District 6	Maya Esparza
District 7	Tess Byler Stephen A. Jordan Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

Members not in attendance were:

<b><u>District</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>
District 1	Bonnie Bamburg
District 4	John Bourgeois
District 5	Hon. Tara Martin-Milius
District 6	Hon. Patrick S. Kwok

\*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, Usha Chatwani, Vincent Gin, Garth Hall, and Melanie Richardson.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present who wished to speak, however, for the record a handout from Mr. Richard McMurtry was distributed.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Ms. Rita Norton, seconded by Ms. Maya Esparza and unanimously carried, to approve the October 16, 2017, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

**4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

It was moved by Ms. Tess Byler, seconded by Mr. Bob Levy and unanimously carried, to approve Mr. Loren Lewis as the 2018 Chair for the Environmental and Water Resources Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Stephen Jordan, seconded by Ms. Tess Byler and unanimously carried, to approve Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. as the 2018 Vice Chair for the Environmental and Water Resources Committee.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 REVIEW AND APPROVE 2017 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

Chair Loren Lewis reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and the updated spreadsheet distributed.

It was moved by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Rev. Jethroe Moore, II and unanimously carried, to approve the 2017 Annual Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board as noted on the updated handout.

\*Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento arrived at 6:18 p.m.

**5.2 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Ms. Marta Lugo reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Directors Nai Hsueh and Linda J. LeZotte were available to answer questions.

Mr. Loren Lewis, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Ms. Maya Esparza, Ms. Rita Norton, Mr. Mike Michitaka and Mr. Bob Levy spoke on the grants programs, school programs, and the various aspects of Civic Engagement.

No action was taken.

### **5.3 UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUPS**

Mr. Loren Lewis reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee requested the spreadsheet be sent via email to them to update their participation. Ms. Glenna Brambill will send to the Committee.

No action on this agenda item.

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Bob Levy, seconded by Hon. Dean Chu, and by majority vote carried, to approve adding an action item to the work plan regarding Salmonid on District's Water Ways and reference Dr. Jerry Smith's Letter that was distributed earlier. Mr. Mike Michitaka and Rev. Jethroe Moore, II abstained.

Mr. Vincent Gin was available to answer questions.

The Committee asked that Habitat Conservation and Overview of District's Flood Protection Management Plan become action items.

Director Linda J. LeZotte gave some clarification on the Habitat Conservation Plan.

It was moved by Ms. Tess Byler, seconded by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. and by majority vote carried, to approve removing the HCP and adding FAHCE Update as an action item to the work plan. Mr. Loren Lewis abstained.

Director Nai Hsueh explained about the Board's Policy and Planning Committee's (BPPC) scope and having agenda items align with the Board's performance measures throughout the year. The EWRC could send a liaison to the BPPC Committee to get a clearer understanding of the Board's scope for their Advisory Committees. The meetings are on the fourth Mondays at 2:00 p.m. Chair Lewis and Vice Chair Keller will be added to the invite list.

## **6. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

### **6.1 UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S WINTER PREPAREDNESS**

Mr. Raymond Fields was available to answer questions on this agenda item.

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Ms. Rita Norton, Mr. Marc Rauser, Mr. Charles Taylor and Mr. Loren Lewis, asked clarifying questions on creeks, homeless, and storm prevention.

### **6.2 RECEIVE INFORMATION ON SHALLOW AQUIFERS, DEWATERING, RECHARGE, WELL PUMPING (WHEN TO USE OR NOT)**

Ms. Vanessa De La Piedra was available to answer questions on this agenda item.

Ms. Rita Norton, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Mr. Bob Levy, and Mr. Stephen Jordan asked clarifying questions on having a clearer map of the areas, hydrology, recharge areas and negative subsidence.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there was one Committee action item for the Board consideration and one for Committee action.

The Committee took the following action:

**Agenda Item 5.1**

The Committee unanimously approved the 2017 Annual Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board.

**Agenda Item 5.4**

The Committee by majority vote approved to add Salmonid on District's Water Ways referencing Dr. Jerry Smith's letter that was distributed earlier as an action item to the work plan; and

The Committee by majority vote approved removing the HCP and adding FAHCE Update as an action item to the work plan.

**8. REPORTS**

**8.1 Director's Report**

Director Linda J. LeZotte reported on the following:

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

**8.2. Manager's Report**

Mr. Garth Hall reported on the following updates:

- San Felipe Pipeline
- Calero Reservoir
- Proposition 1 – Funding Source Pacheco Reservoir

Mr. Vincent Gin reported on the following:

- Rockefeller Grant Competition—kick off meeting January 2018

**8.3 Committee Member Reports**

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. thanked Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento for an outstanding job as the 2017 Committee Vice Chair.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mr. Loren Lewis adjourned at 7:57 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom.

Submitted by:

Glenna Brambill  
Board Committee Liaison  
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 4-16-18