



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (VALLEY WATER)
WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020
12:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (Committee) was held on October 30, 2020, via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee was called to order by Chair Director Gary Kremen at 12:01 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Valley Water Board Members in attendance were: Director Gary Kremen-District 7, Director Richard P. Santos-District 3, and Director John L. Varela-District 1.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Antonio Alfaro, Aaron Baker, Erin Baker, Glenna Brambill, Debra Butler, Domingo Candelas, Jerry De La Piedra, Andrew Garcia, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Andy Gschwind, Christopher Hakes, Brian Hopper, Katrina Jessop, Cindy Kao, Eric Leitterman, Kathleen Low, Bill Magleby, Michael Martin, Ryan McCarter, Heath McMahan, Steven Peters, Melanie Richardson, Metra Richert, Donald Rocha, Jennifer Schmidt, Ranithri Slayton, Charlene Sun, and Beckie Zisser.

Guests in attendance were: Jerry Brown (Sites Authority), Les Chau (Kleinfelder), Steve Jordan (BAWSCA/Purissima Hills Water District), Chung Fu Chang, Yuan Liu, Maureen Martin, Ph.D., and Marguerite Patil (Contra Costa Water District-CCWD), Danielle McPherson (BAWSCA), Leslie Moulton (Post Est), Laura Reeves (Tanner Pacific, Inc.), Bill Tuttle (San Jose Water Company) and John Weed (Alameda County Water District-ACWD).

Public in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera (Valley Water), Mourad Attalla, Hon. Dean Chu, Ryan D., Michael Jaeger, James Nelson, Javed Shiva, Ed Stevenson, and Nancy Walker.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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It was moved by Director Richard P. Santos, seconded by Director John L. Varela, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020, meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee as presented by roll call vote and all Directors voting yes.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 UPDATE ON SITES RESERVOIR PROJECT: SECOND AMENDMENT TO 2019 RESERVOIR PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION

Ms. Cindy Kao reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee (Directors Kremen, Santos and Varela) discussion was deferred until more information on this agenda item could be supplied.

The Committee took no action.

4.2 UPDATE ON LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT: JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, USAGE FEES, AND SOUTH BAY AQUEDUCT

Mr. Michael Martin reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee (Directors Kremen, Santos and Varela) discussed the following: special voting rights policy (veto rights), super majority (withdrawal)/JPA Agreement, Committee representatives should be assigned to attend the subcommittee discussions (main representative will be Director Kremen and Director Santos, as alternate), weighted vote information, level of participation decision or recommendation, risk analysis, sea level rise, litigation, Cal Pers (pension), suggest a review of San Luis-Delta's water model, reviewing options in the Table, concerned that CCWD has priority use of the system and it is not always available to partners, storage/conveyance services, and timelines.

Mr. Brian Hopper, Mr. Jerry De La Piedra, Mr. Vincent Gin were available to answer questions.

Mr. Jerry Brown (Sites Authority) was able to answer questions on the invoicing, process, and payment structure to proceed with participation on the project (good standing/cash call).

Ms. Marguerite Patil (CCWD) was able to answer questions on the LVE "cash call" payments schedule (4 invoices) and emergency storage concerns.

The Committee took no action.

4.3 PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION/SAN LUIS LOW POINT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Ryan McCarter reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mr. Don Rocha and Mr. Antonio Alfaro discussed the handout on potential options for unused Prop. 1 WSIP Funding.

The Committee (Directors Kremen, Santos and Varela) discussed the following: Pacheco's public scoping meeting on CEQA, announcing AB 3005 being vetoed, Henry Coe Park, and Prop 1 funding.

The Committee took no action.

4.4 POTENTIAL WATER STORAGE PROJECTS (COMPARISON MATRIX)

Mr. Andrew Garcia and Ms. Cindy Kao r reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee (Directors Kremen, Santos and Varela) discussed the following: matrix formatting, surface/storage/project focus, water quality, and objectives/criteria for additional funds.

The Committee took no action.

4.5 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

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

Mr. Vincent Gin reported that there we no further updates.

4.6 REVIEW WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

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

The following agenda items will need to be agendized for a special, meeting: Sites and LVE.

Director Varela inquired about desalination as a topic for discussion.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS

Ms. Glenna Brambill noted there were no action items for Board consideration.

Chair Kremen moved to Closed Session.

6. CLOSED SESSION

6.3 DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Brian Hopper reported that direction was given to staff.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Gary Kremen adjourned the meeting at 2:21 p.m. to a special meeting, to be determined for the week of November 9th.

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

Approved: 11-9-2020