



AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019
1:30 PM**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on January 7, 2019, 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 Mitchell Mariani called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

Members in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 5

District 6

District 7

Private Well Owner (Non Retail

Santa Clara County Farm Bureau

Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District

Representative

Mitchell Mariani

James Provenzano

William Cilker

David Vanni

Jan Garrod

Michael Miller

Robert Long

Sandra Carrico*

Dhruv Khanna

Sheryl O. Kennedy

George Fohner

Member not in attendance was:

Jurisdiction

District 1

Representative

Russ Bonino

*Committee members arrived as noted below.

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, Board Alternate, Director Richard P. Santos, and Director John L. Varela, Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Joseph Atmore, Glenna Brambill, Jerry De La Piedra, Vanessa De La Piedra, Vincent Gin, Garth Hall, Nina Hawk and Darin Taylor,

Guests in attendance were: Mr. Alan and Ms. Meg Giberson.

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

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. James Provenzano, seconded by Ms. Sheryl Kennedy and unanimously carried to approve the October 2, 2018, Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

It was moved by Mr. Jan Garrod, seconded by Ms. Sheryl Kennedy and unanimously carried to elect Mr. David Vanni as 2019 Chair for the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Bill Cilker, seconded by Mr. Dhruv Khanna and unanimously carried to elect Mr. Jan Garrod as 2019 Vice Chair for the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee.

New Member Mr. George Fohner of Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District was introduced.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 REVIEW AND APPROVE 2018 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Ms. Glenna Brambill Committee Liaison reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Mr. Bill Cilker, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Mariani and unanimously carried to approve the 2018 Annual Accomplishments Report.

*Ms. Sandra Carrico arrived at 1:46 p.m.

5.2 OPEN SPACE CREDIT

Mr. Joe Atmore reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

Mr. Jan Garrod, Mr. Mitchell Mariani, Mr. Dhruv Khanna, Director John L. Varela, Ms. Sandra Carrico, Ms. Sheryl Kennedy and Jim Provenzano had questions regarding: Ag Water revenue, how are the Williamson Act parcels determined, irrigable lands, dry farming fallow ground-ranches, accuracy of data, rates of Williamson Act holders, consider cyclical basis work when considering rates, why are we using 7 years, agency controlling water rights.

Mr. Darin Taylor was available to answer questions.

Ms. Meg Giberson of the public spoke on: How to purchase local products, are they supplied to local schools and is there exemption for certified organically grown products.

The Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Mr, Dhruv Khanna, seconded by Mr. Jan Garrod and unanimously carried the Committee approved not to support staff's recommendation and they would like to receive more analysis for them to make a more informed decision.

5.3 REVIEW AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS; AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Glenna Brambill Committee Liaison reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Committee agreed to add updates on: Anderson Dam, CA WaterFix and One Water Plan.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were two action items for Board consideration.

Agenda Item 5.1

The Committee approved the Committee's 2018 Annual Accomplishments Report.

Agenda Item 5.2

The Committee approved not to support staff's recommendation and they would like to receive more analysis for them to make a more informed decision.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Director's Report

Director John L. Varela reported on the following:

- ACWA Conference

Director Nai Hsueh reported briefly on the following:

- The Committee's April Agenda will reflect more of the Board's 2019 focus

7.2 Manager's Report

Mr. Garth Hall reported on the following:

- Water Supply Master Plan
- South County expanding recharge North Llagas basin

7.3 Committee Member Reports

Mr. Michael Miller reported on the following:

- Farmers market Measure A Campaign

Ms. Sandra Carrico reported on the following:

- She's a farmer in Mountain View grows leafy greens year round (indoors)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair David Vanni adjourned at 3:00 pm to the next regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 1:30 pm, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom.

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

Approved: 4-8-19