



AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
1:30 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on January 8, 2018, in the Headquarters Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Mitchell Mariani called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 5

District 6

Santa Clara County Farm Bureau
Private Well Owner (Non Retail)

Representative

Russ Bonino

Mitchell Mariani

James Provenzano

David Vanni

Jan Garrod

Michael Miller*

Robert Long

Sheryl O. Kennedy

Dhruv Khanna

Members not in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 3

Representative

William Cilker

*Committee member arrived as indicated 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: Glenna Brambill, Vanessa De La Piedra, Raymond Fields, Garth Hall, and Bassam Kassab.

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 Mr. David Vanni, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017, Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting, as presented.

*Mr. Michael Miller arrived at 1:36 p.m.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chair Mitchel Mariani opened the floor for elections.

It was moved by Mr. David Vanni, seconded by Mr. Jan Garrod, and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Mitchell Mariani as 2018 Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Chair.

It was moved by Ms. Sherrie Kennedy, seconded by Mr. James Provenzano, and unanimously carried to approve Mr. David Vanni as 2018 Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Vice Chair.

5. ACTION ITEMS

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

Chair Mariani reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

It was moved by Mr. Jan Garrod, seconded by Mr. David Vanni, and unanimously carried to approve the 2017 Annual Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board.

5.2 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE – SGMA AUTHORITY IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK CONCEPTS

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

Mr. Dhruv Khanna voiced his concerns with SGMA, while Mr. Jan Garrod, Mr. Mitchell Mariani, Mr. Robert Long and Ms. Sherrie Kennedy had several concerns about the framework and stakeholder process.

It was moved by Mr. David Vanni, seconded by Mr. James Provenzano, and unanimously carried to approve to have an Agricultural Water Advisory Committee member as a liaison for the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee. Mr. Dhruv Khanna volunteered.

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

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

Through the Chair, the Zone of Benefit Study was added to the Committee's 2018 work plan and April's agenda.

It was moved by Ms. Sherrie Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Dhruv Khanna, and unanimously carried to approve adding the Climate and Agricultural Preservation Plan update/discussion to the Committee's 2018 work plan and the April agenda.

It was moved by Mr. David Vanni, seconded by Mr. Jan Garrod, and unanimously carried to approve adding the CA WaterFix to the Committee's 2018 work plan and to the October agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Jan Garrod, seconded by Mr. Michael Miller, and unanimously carried to approve adding to the Committee's 2018 work plan, the Coyote Valley Farm/Ag Land, Groundwater Basin Update and the District's position to the July or October agenda.

Director Varela suggested the Committee attend other agency meetings to gain further knowledge of what other farmers in the central valley are doing. Director Santos agreed participating in other agency meetings is critical in getting funding and gaining knowledge of how water works.

6. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

6.1 WINTER PREPAREDNESS BRIEFING

Mr. Raymond Fields was available to answer any clarifying questions.

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

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

Agenda 5.1:

Approved the 2017 Annual Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board.

Agenda 5.2:

Approved to have an Agricultural Water Advisory Committee member as a liaison for the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee. Mr. Dhruv Khanna volunteered.

Agenda 5.3:

Approved to add the following items to the Committee's 2018 Work Plan:

1. Zone of Benefit Study for April's Agenda
2. Climate Ag Plan Update/Discussion for April's Agenda
3. CA WaterFix for October's Agenda
4. Coyote Valley Farm/Ag Land, Groundwater Basin Update the District's position for July's or October's agenda

8. REPORTS

8.1 Director's Report

Director John Varela reported on the following:

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

8.2 Manager's Report

Mr. Garth Hall reported on the following:

- Imported Water
- Zone of Benefit Study going to the Board on January 23, 2018

8.3 Committee Member Reports

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mariani adjourned at 2:55 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom.

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

Approved: 2-26-18