



AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, JULY 1, 2019
1:30 PM**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on July 1, 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

Vice Chair Jan Garrod called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

Members in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

District 7

Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District

Representative

Mitchell Mariani

James Provenzano

William Cilker

Brent Bonino

Jan Garrod

Michael Miller

Sandra Carrico

George Fohner

Member not in attendance was:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 3

District 6

Private Well Owner (Non Retail)

Santa Clara County Farm Bureau

Representative

Russ Bonino

David Vanni

Robert Long

Dhruv Khanna

Sheryl O. Kennedy

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, Jerry De La Piedra, Vanessa De La Piedra, Samantha Greene, Metra Richert, Ashley Shannon, Darin Taylor and Sunny Williams.

Guest in attendance was: Hon. Mike Flaugher from Open Space Authority Santa Clara Valley

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. Michael Miller and unanimously carried to approve the April 8, 2019, Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

4. STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Ms. Glenna Brambill and Director Nai Hsueh reviewed the new standing items report agenda item.

The Committee took no action.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 UPDATE ON WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN

Ms. Metra Richert reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda. The Draft June 2019 Water Master Supply Plan was distributed.

Mr. Mitchell Mariani, Mr. George Fohner, Directors John L. Varela and Nai Hsueh spoke on the following: South County recharge/treatment plant possibility, raw water, Butterfield site-risk analysis-estimate yield, stormwater, expectation of water availability, State's water projections and the Board's standing items priorities.

Mr. Jerry De La Piedra and Ms. Samantha Greene were available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

5.2 DISCUSS PROPOSED COLLABORATIVE TO IDENTIFY SOURCES OF REVENUE TO SUBSIDIZE AGRICULTURAL WATER RATES

Director John L. Varela reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

Mr. Dhruv Khanna's email was distributed.

Mr. Mike Flaughner, Director John L. Varela, Mr. George Fohner, Mr. Jan Garrod, Ms. Sandra Carrico and Director Richard P. Santos spoke on the following: Open Space Authority's availability to assist with ag issues, Santa Clara County Agricultural Plan, solutions for sources of revenue , agricultural environmental benefits, flood protection and recharge, agricultural lands, urban agricultural paying the municipal and industrial rate charge, robotics and artificial intelligence (AI), funding needed to replace the open space credit and what the agricultural water rate could look like in two years.

Mr. Jerry De La Piedra, Ms. Samantha Greene and Mr. Darin Taylor were available to answer questions.

The Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Mr. George Fohner, seconded by Mr. Mitchell Mariani and unanimously carried to approve the formation of a team of stakeholders, farm bureau, ag businesses and other interested parties to discuss the Agricultural Plan, potential open space credit funding, agricultural lands, subsidy concerns, environmental and financial impacts and research available source agencies.

5.3 DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL WATER BASELINE STUDY

Ms. Ashley Shannon reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda

Mr. George Fohner, Mr. Jan Garrod and Director Richard P. Santos spoke on the following: UC Extension Salinas, Ag Commission, switching irrigation methods, grants, data gathering, top researchers, partners and farming areas.

Mr. Jerry De La Piedra and Ms. Samantha Greene were available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

5.4 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 took no action.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there was one action item for Board information.

Agenda Item 5.2:

The Committee unanimously approved the formation of a team of stakeholders, farm bureau, ag businesses and other interested parties to discuss the Agricultural Plan, potential open space credit funding, agricultural lands, subsidy concerns, environmental and financial impacts and research of potential source agencies.

Note: Mr. Jan Garrod will take the lead and begin making contacts.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Director's Report

None.

7.2 Manager's Report

Ms. Vanessa De La Piedra reported on the following:

- Water Supply and groundwater basins are in great shape
- Benefit Zone Study Update

Mr. Michael Miller left at 2:47 p.m. and did not return.

7.3 Committee Member Reports

None

7.4 Informational Link Reports

- The Committee received link to the June Water Tracker report

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Jan Garrod adjourned at 2:48 pm to the next regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 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: 1-6-20