



AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021
1:30 PM**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on October 4, 2021, Teleconference via Zoom in San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Committee Chair David Vanni called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Mitchell Mariani
District 3	William Cilker*
	David Vanni
District 4	Sheila Barry*
	Brent Bonino
District 5	Jan Garrod
	Michael Miller
District 6	Tim Chiala
	Robert Long
Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District	Peter Van Dyke

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Russ Bonino
District 2	James Provenzano
District 7	Sandra Carrico
Private Well Owner (Non-Retail)	Dhruv Khanna

*Committee Members logged on as indicated below.

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Board Alternate, Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), and Director John L. Varela (District 1), Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Vincent Gin, Chris Hakes, Katrina Holden, Ryan McCarter, Metra Richert, Kirsten Struve, and Darin Taylor.

Guest in attendance was: Michael Johnson (California H₂Corticulture Services).

Public in attendance was: Director Linda J. LeZotte (Valley Water Board Member, District 4).

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. Jan Garrod second by Mr. Peter Van Dyke and by roll call and unanimous vote approved the July 12, 2021, Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

*Mr. William Cilker logged on at 1:40 p.m.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 DROUGHT RESPONSE UPDATE

Ms. Neeta Bijoor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: waste water, irrigating fields, recycling water runoff, and imported/semitropic water.

Ms. Kirsten Struve, Mr. Justin Burks, and Mr. Vincent Gin were available to answer questions.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

4.2 AGRICULTURAL MOBILE IRRIGATION LAB AND AGRICULTURAL WATER USE BASELINE STUDY UPDATE

Ms. Metra Richert and Mr. Michael Johnson (California H₂orticulture Services) reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

*Ms. Sheila Barry logged on at 1:52 p.m.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: SME for study, study will show whether 80% efficiency is realistic, crop water usage, and the soil's efficiency.

Mr. Vincent Gin was available to answer questions.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

4.3 PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

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

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee discussed the following: dam's total depth, foundational concerns, environmental studies, Henry Coe State Park, organized opposition, pushing the project through, water being pumped, funding, and writing support letters.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

4.4 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 reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

5. INFORMATION ITEM

5.1 WORKING GROUP REPORT UPDATE

Mr. Peter Van Dyke reported on the following:

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee Working Group reported on discussing the following: drought, conservation, following ground, regulatory agencies, treated water, writing support letters, catch basins and stormwater capture.

The Board Representatives encouraged the Committee Members to become more active in getting the message out about the importance of agriculture and more so during the drought and partnering with the Farm Bureau and Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA).

Ms. Kirsten Struve was available to answer questions.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took no action.

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

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

7. REPORTS

7.1 Director's Report

Director Richard P. Santos is encouraged by everyone's input.

Director Nai Hsueh reported that Valley Water is having a Drought Summit on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

7.2 Manager's Report

None.

7.3 Committee Member Reports

None.

7.4 Informational Link Reports

Links were provided in the Committee's agenda packet.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair David Vanni adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m. to the regular meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 1:30 p. m., in memory of Mr. Alfred (Fred) Angelino a former Committee Member who passed at age 104, September 17, 2021, he was the consummate farmer.

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

Approved: 1-3-2022