



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021
1:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
1.1 ROLL CALL

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on January 7, 2021, in the District Headquarters Building, Conference Room A-124, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Board Members in attendance in Conference Room A-124: Director Nai Hsueh-District 5;

Board members attending by videoconference: Director Barbara Keegan-District 2, and Director Linda J. LeZotte-District 4; constituting a quorum of the BPPC.

Staff members in attendance in Conference Room A-124: Michele King, Clerk of the Board.

Staff in attendance by videoconference: Aaron Baker, Rechelle Blank, John Bougeois, Chelsea Busick, Rick Callender, Theresa Chinte, Jerry De La Piedra, Andy Gschwind, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Karen Koppett, Marta Lugo, Devin Mody, Linda Nguyen, Melanie Richardson, Eva Sans, Kirsten Struve, Jenny Ta, Sue Tippets, Damaris Villalobos, Tony Vye, Greg Williams, Jenny Wu, Bhavani Yerrapotu, and Tina Yoke.

Guests/Public in attendance by videoconference: Director Tony Estremera (District 6), and Director John Varela (District 1).

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

Chair Director Hsueh declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present that wished to speak.

3. **3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 23, 2020.**

The BPPC considered the draft minutes from the November 23, 2020 meeting. Director LeZotte requested that the name “John Kerry” in Item 4.3, on page 3 be corrected. It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director LeZotte, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the amended minutes.

4. Information and Action Items

4.1 DISCUSS PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO BOARD GOVERNANCE ENDS POLICY GENERAL PRINCIPLES E-1 RELATIVE TO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LANGUAGE AND PERFORMANCE METRICS.

Ms. Linda Nguyen reviewed the information on this item as presented in the attached Committee Agenda Memo and PowerPoint presentation.

Committee discussion:

- Director LeZotte requested that staff confirm with the disability community that “disability status” is the appropriate language.
- Chair Hsueh stated that an additional explanation should be included when this item is presented to the full board that describes that a performance measure for this policy is not appropriate at the policy level due to the changing goals every year based on work being performed.
- Director Keegan confirmed her agreement with the language “equitable across all communities” in General Principle 1.6 and stated that there may need to be change in the organization business approach that encompasses this new language.
- Hsueh stated that the spirit of E-1 General Principle language should be incorporate into all Ends policies.

Action: Finalize and schedule for full Board consideration.

4.2 REVIEW AND DISUCSS BOARD GOVERNANCE ENDS POLICY 2 TO PROPERLY REFLECT BOARD’S VISION.

Mr. Vincent Gin and Ms. Kirsten Struve provided an update on the work being performed to update Board Governance Ends Policy 2 (E-2) and share a few staff-level concepts.

Committee discussion:

- Director Keegan stated that it’s important to think about desired outcomes that align with identified Board and organization values.
- Chair Hsueh agreed with staff that the current water conservation strategy in the Water Supply Master Plan could be separated and a strategy for demand management/water conservation could be identify which could elevate and make it functionally equal with water supply.
- Chair Hsueh stated that it’s important that the policy not be overly detailed and should be understandable to the public.
- Chair Hsueh/Director Keegan agreed that affordability of water and social justice concepts need to be incorporated into policy language.

- Director Keegan confirmed that water affordability options need to be better communicated to the public so there is a better understanding of associated costs.
- Director LeZotte commented that there is a need to emphasize our commitment to incorporating an environmental approach into our projects that will make the organization more holistic.

Action: Staff to continue working on draft policy language for presentation at the March BPPC meeting.

4.3 WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT.

Ms. Michele King reviewed the work plan and meeting schedule. It was agreed that the item on E-4 will be presented as a standalone item, and that the new Climate Change Ends Policy E-5 will be presented together with the Climate Change Action Plan. Chair Hsueh requested that the committee accomplishment report for 2020 be presented to the Board with the next committee meeting summary.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

Ms. King noted that the committee support for staff's recommended modifications to the General Principles in Ends Policy 1 (E-1) and requested that they be presented to the full board for consideration.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:00 p.m.



Michele L. King
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 01/25/21