



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018  
6:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on October 15, 2018, 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 Loren Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

| <b><u>District</u></b> | <b><u>Representative</u></b>                               |
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| District 1             | Bonnie Bamburg<br>Loren Lewis<br>Rita Norton               |
| District 2             | Charles Ice<br>Elizabeth Sarmiento                         |
| District 3             | Hon. Dean Chu*<br>Charles Taylor*                          |
| District 4             | Bob Levy   |
| District 5             | Mike Michitaka*<br>Marc Rauser                             |
| District 7             | Tess Byler<br>Stephen A. Jordan<br>Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. |

Members not in attendance were:

| <b><u>District</u></b> | <b><u>Representative</u></b>         |
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| District 3             | Rev. Jethroe Moore, II               |
| District 4             | John Bourgeois<br>Richard Zahner     |
| District 5             | Hon. Tara Martin-Milius              |
| District 6             | Maya Esparza<br>Hon. Patrick S. Kwok |

\*Committee members arrived as noted below.

Board member in attendance was: Director Nai Hsueh, Board Alternate.

Staff members in attendance were: Kurt Arends, Glenna Brambill, Vincent Gin, Garth Hall, Tony Mercado, Lisa Porcella and Afshin Rouhani.

Guest in attendance was: Mr. Doug Muirhead.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present who wished to speak.

\*Mr. Charles Taylor arrived at 6:17 p.m.

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Bonnie Bamburg, seconded by Ms. Tess Byler and carried by majority vote, to approve the July 16, 2018, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes, as presented. Ms. Tess Byler and Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento abstained.

## 4. ACTION ITEMS

### 4.1 UPDATE ON THE FISH AND AQUATIC HABITAT COLLABORATIVE EFFORT (FAHCE)

Mr. Vincent Gin introduced Ms. Lisa Porcella who reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

\*Mr. Mike Michitaka arrived at 6:22 p.m. and Hon. Dean Chu arrived at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Mike Michitaka, Ms. Tess Byler, Mr. Bob Levy, Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Mr. Loren Lewis and Ms. Rita Norton, had questions regarding the following items: general budget, draft EIR released, modeling, technical groups, legal challenges, water rights for fish, settlement agreement, removal of barriers-timeline, CEQA, endangered species and new strategies implemented,

Hon. Dean Chu left at 7:16 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Doug Muirhead from Morgan Hill commented on FAHCE projects

Mr. Vincent Gin and Mr. Garth Hall were available to answer questions.

### **The Committee took the following action:**

It was moved by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento and carried by majority vote, the Committee approved receiving the draft FAHCE EIR when available. Two Members abstained.

### 4.2 UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUPS

Mr. Loren Lewis stated there were no reports from any working group.

No action was taken.

#### **4.3 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Mr. Loren Lewis reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

##### **The Committee took the following action:**

It was moved by Mr. Bob Levy, seconded by Loren Lewis. and unanimously carried, to request that Committee add further discussion on the fisheries projects within the District's boundaries/purview and an update on Water Supply to the 2019 work plan. Also, to have staff review the Climate Change items so they arrange them in an order that will make sense to the Committee for 2019.

#### **5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

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

##### **Agenda 4.1**

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee approved receiving the draft FAHCE EIR when available.

##### **Agenda 4.3**

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee approved the request that Committee add further discussion on the fisheries projects within the District's boundaries/purview and an update on Water Supply, to the 2019 work plan. Also, to have staff review the Climate Change items so they arrange them in an order that will make sense to the Committee for 2019.

Ms. Rita Norton left at 8:00 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Marc Rauser left at 8:02 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Mike Michitaka left at 8:06 p.m. and did not return.

(Loss of quorum).

#### **6. REPORTS**

##### **6.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Nai Hsueh reported on the following

- Thanked Vice Chair Keller for attending the Board Policy and Planning Committee meetings

##### **6.2. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Garth Hall reported on the following:

- Water Supply Master Plan

### **6.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

- Requested that the Committee receive the Board Policy and Planning Committee's work plan document.
- Meeting with Director Kremen along with JPA and SCVWD Staff regarding flood gates in Palo Alto and Sea Level Rise

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mr. Loren Lewis adjourned at 8:20 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom.

Submitted by:

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

Approved: 1-28-19