



HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019  
2:00 P.M.**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A meeting of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) was held on August 5, 2019, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Director Richard P. Santos called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Board Members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera-District 6, Director Richard P. Santos-District 3, and Director John L. Varela-District 1.

Staff members in attendance were: Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Jacqui Carrasco, James Choate, Janae Davis, Ray Fields, Carole Foster, Anthony Fulcher, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Chad Grande, Linh Hoang, Hieu Huynh, Jay Lee, Tracy Pena, Melanie Richardson, Mike Sawatzky, Eli Serrano, Molly Streit, Kirsten Struve, Sue Tippets and Jennifer Turner.

Special guests in attendance were: Robert Aguirre, Goyo Cham, Franei Collins, John D'Amore, John Davis, Laura Diaz, Peggy Elwell, Brian Faber, Justin Everts, Marci Gerston, Elizabeth Gonzalez, David Hernandez, Jocelin Hernandez, Mary Idso, Annette Kirkham, Milt Kranz, Gail Osmer, Sandy Perry, Susan Price, Greg Miller, Bea Ramos and Richard Scott.

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

The following people spoke on homeless concerns and available properties for housing, Ms. Gail Osmer, Ms. Elizabeth Gonzalez (handout from the South Bay Community Land Trust), Ms. Laura Diaz, Mr. Sandy Perry, Ms. Susan Price, Ms. Peggy Elwell, Mr. Greg Miller, Ms. Jocelin Hernandez, Mr. Milt Kranz, Mr. Goyo Cham, Mr. Richard Scott and Mr. John Davis.

## **2A. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Sue Tippetts reported on the action items from 3/18/19, Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee meeting that were addressed:

Since Valley Water did not take action at the subject meeting at the community evening meeting with Willow Glen Neighbors, the Mayor and Council Member Davis of the City of San Jose announced that the relocation of the Willow St/Lelong property (Hope Village) would not occur thus the following items became moot:

1. Have staff facilitate and assist a meeting with the FAA in requesting that the City extend the Hope Village's time,
3. Have staff continue to analyze the County's proposal and come back to the committee with recommendations, and
4. Have the 3 HEAH Committee Members (Directors Tony Estremera, Richard P. Santos and John L. Varela) meet with the elected(s) in the respective areas (example: City Council Member Dev Davis or others in the impacted areas) and bring back the information to share with the Community.

Staff provided Mr. Miron Conk with the information to satisfy the following request:

2. Have staff investigate Valley Water properties that are more amenable for a sanctioned encampment site, discuss with Mr. Miron Conk and work with the City and County to identify additional sites.

There were no new properties brought forward for discussion at this time!

## **2B. 2019 SCC HOMELESS CENSUS AND SURVEY EXEC SUMMARY**

Ms. Kirsten Struve reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Committee took no action.

Mr. Anthony Fulcher, Senior Assistant District Counsel explained that Valley Water is a special district with limited powers, water resources management, flood protection and stream stewardship are the three areas of concentration. If we need to expend funds it would be in these areas, if not, it would be deemed a gift of public funds. Any surplus properties go through our Real Estate Unit, Mr. Eli Serrano, is the Unit Manager and he would be glad to assist anyone interested in Valley Water properties. As a governmental agency, Valley Water cannot give away properties and has to adhere to the government code section, which means properties have to be offered for housing first and then parks.

## **3. 3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, seconded by Director Tony Estremera, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2019, Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee meeting, as presented.

4. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**4.1 ASSESSMENT OF FY 2019 OPERATIONAL APPROACH FOR THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM'S B4 GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP PROJECT**

Ms. Melanie Richardson, Mr. Chad Grande and Ms. Meenakshi Ganjoo reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The Committee discussed the following issues, retain recommendation #3 (\$1.5m) with funding with large companies, affordable housing, homeless issues, adopting of creeks, District Act, environmentally safe creeks, flood protection, one-time funding resources (redevelopment monies), finding ways to get the community and those living in the creeks involved with creek cleanups-trash pick-ups-keeping the sites cleaned-debris free and possibly having financial incentives for those that assist and/or volunteer, propose a few sites, having dumpsters, security, and devise a plan for the next meeting.

The following members of the public spoke on this item: Mr. Robert Aguirre, Ms. Gail Osmer, Mr. John Davis, Frank C., Ms. Susan Price and Mr. Sandy Perry.

The Committee took no action, however, Ms. Melanie Richardson clarified staff's action items for the next meeting:

- Have staff review one-time funding sources (redevelopment monies, fundraising ideas and to other agencies for mitigation reimbursements) and do some financial analyses and return with a report for the next meeting.

5. **CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Director Richard P. Santos adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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

Approved: 9-30-19