



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019  
12:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was held on April 10, 2019, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom, located at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

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

Hon. Vice Chair Rich Constantine called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**Members in attendance were:**

Municipality

City of Campbell  
City of Cupertino  
City of Gilroy  
City of Los Altos  
Town of Los Altos Hills  
Town of Los Gatos  
Town of Monte Sereno  
City of Morgan Hill  
City of Mountain View  
City of San José  
City of Santa Clara  
City of Saratoga  
Santa Clara Valley Open Space  
Authority  
County of Santa Clara  
Midpeninsula Regional Open  
Space District

Representative

Hon. Susan M. Landry  
Hon. Darcy Paul  
Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz  
Hon. Anita Enander  
Hon. Courtenay Corrigan\*  
Hon. Steve Leonardis\*  
Hon. Liz Lawler  
Hon. Rich Constantine  
Hon. Lucas Ramirez  
Hon. Pam Foley\*  
  
Hon. Rishi Kumar  
Hon. Mike Flaughner  
  
Hon. Mike Wasserman\*  
Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto

Alternate

Hon. Kathy Watanabe  
Hon. Yan Zhao  
Hon. Shay Franco-Clausen  
(non voting)

**Members not in attendance were:**

| <u>Municipality</u>                          | <u>Representative</u> | <u>Alternate</u>                  |
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| City of Campbell                             |                       | Hon. Anne Bybee                   |
| City of Cupertino                            |                       | Hon. Steven Scharf<br>Timm Borden |
| City of Gilroy                               |                       | Hon. Fred Tovar                   |
| City of Los Altos                            |                       | Hon. Lynette Lee Eng              |
| Town of Los Gatos                            |                       | Hon. Marcia Jensen                |
| City of Milpitas                             | Hon. Carmen Montano   | Hon. Karina R. Dominguez          |
| Town of Monte Sereno                         |                       | Hon. Javed Ellahie                |
| City of Morgan Hill                          |                       | Hon. Larry Carr                   |
| City of Mountain View                        |                       | Hon. Alison Hicks                 |
| City of Palo Alto                            | Hon. Tom DuBois       |                                   |
| City of San José                             |                       | Kerrie Romanow                    |
| City of Santa Clara                          | Hon. Debi Davis       |                                   |
| City of Sunnyvale                            | Hon. Nancy Smith      | Hon. Larry Klein                  |
| County of Santa Clara                        |                       | Hon. Cindy Chavez                 |
| Midpeninsula Regional<br>Open Space District |                       | Hon. Jed Cyr                      |

Board members in attendance were: Directors Nai Hsueh and Linda J. LeZotte, Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Kurt Arends, Joseph Atmore, Glenna Brambill, Jerry De La Piedra, Michal Helman, Cindy Kao, Eric Leitterman, Anthony Mendiola, Katherine Oven, Paul Randhawa, Afshin Rouhani, Darin Taylor and Bhavani Yerrapotu.

Special Guests were: Alan Giberson, Meg Giberson, Chris Hoem, Tony Ndah, John Tang Dave Warner and Gary Welling.

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

There was one public speaker: Mr. Dave Warner who spoke on the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

\*Hon. Steve Leonardis arrived at 12:06 p.m.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto, seconded by Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz, and unanimously carried, to approve the January 23, 2019, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission meeting minutes as presented.

**4. 4.1. STANDING ITEMS REPORTS**

Ms. Glenna Brambill gave an overview of the new standing agenda item.

Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz, Hon. Susan M. Landry and Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto had questions regarding: Diversity and Inclusion, Riparian Corridor, Board priorities and Anderson Dam.

Directors Nai Hsueh and Linda J. LeZotte were available to answer questions.

\*Hon. Pam Foley arrived at 12:11 p.m.

No action taken.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 REVIEW AND COMMENT TO THE BOARD ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 PROPOSED GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES**

Mr. Darin Taylor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda. The Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies (PAWS) report was distributed.

\*Hon. Courtenay Corrigan arrived at 12:29 p.m.

\*Hon. Mike Wasserman arrived at 12:39 p.m.

Hon. Rishi Kumar, Hon. Susan M. Landry and Hon. Anita Enander, spoke on the following: receiving more financial data; debt service, methodology of income regions being considered and timing of water supply changes.

Directors Nai Hsueh and Linda J. LeZotte were available to answer questions.

It was moved by Hon. Susan M. Landry, seconded by Hon. Rishi Kumar and by majority vote carried, to approve that the Board of Directors consider having staff review increasing the M&I groundwater charge by a few cents per month to help reduce the amount of future debt issuances and thereby reduce future debt service costs that are projected to increase significantly over the next 10 years and, also, look for revenue sources that would reduce future debt service.

**5.2 UPDATE ON OPEN SPACE CREDIT**

Mr. Joseph Atmore reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Hon. Rishi Kumar left at 1:00 p.m. and did not return. Hon. Yan Zhao became representative.

Hon. Mike Wasserman, Hon. Courtenay Corrigan, Hon. Rich Constantine, Hon. Mike Flaughner, Hon. Lucas Ramirez, Hon. Susan M. Landry, Hon. Steve Leonardis, Hon. Anita Enander, Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto, Hon. Pam Foley and Hon. Kathy Watanabe spoke on the following: the County handout on preservation of ag land rates the Commissioners received today, private funding sources, South County's farmland, Williamson Act, pressure economically to develop ag lands, cannabis cultivation, sustainability of farmers maintaining ag lands, finding ways for farmers to

retain open space, and Commissioners are in total agreement of helping farmers as much as possible.

Mr. Marc Landgraf from the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority spoke on this agenda item.

It was moved by Hon. Anita Enander, seconded by Hon. Steve Leonardis and unanimously carried, to approve that the Board consider freezing agricultural groundwater rates and retain Open Space Credit for 2020-2022 to further explore efforts that support the health of agriculture in Santa Clara County (referencing the County Ag Plan).

### **5.3 REVIEW SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS AND THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Hon. Anita Enander discussed work plan #14 (Update Salmonid in the District's waterways) and Hon. Susan M. Landry discussed work plan #15 (Discussion on the Riparian Corridor Ordinance, Encroachment Process) they would like to see these 2 items put on the agenda per Board approval.

No action was taken.

## **6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

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

### **Agenda Item 5.1**

Approved that the Board of Directors consider having staff review increasing the M&I groundwater charge by a few cents per month to help reduce the amount of future debt issuances and thereby reduce future debt service costs that are projected to increase significantly over the next 10 years and, also, look for revenue sources that would reduce future debt service.

### **Agenda Item 5.2.**

Approved that the Board consider freezing agricultural groundwater rates and retain Open Space Credit for 2020-2022 to further explore efforts that support the health of agriculture in Santa Clara County (referencing the County Ag Plan).

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 Director's Report**

None.

### **7.2 Manager's Report**

None.

### **7.3 Commission Member Reports**

Introduction of Hon. Pam Foley, newest Commission Member

### **7.4 Informational Link Reports**

None.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Hon. Rich Constantine adjourned at 1:38 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 12:00 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom.

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

Approved: 7-24-19