



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018
12:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A rescheduled meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was held on April 11, 2018, 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

Vice Chair Hon. Debi Davis called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
City of Cupertino		Hon. Steven Scharf
City of Gilroy	Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz	
City of Los Altos	Hon. Lynette Lee Eng	
Town of Los Altos Hills	Hon. Courtenay Corrigan*	
Town of Los Gatos	Hon. Barbara Spector	
City of Milpitas		Tony Ndah
Town of Monte Sereno	Hon. Evert Wolsheimer	
City of Mountain View	Hon. Lisa Matichak	
City of Palo Alto	Hon. Adrian Fine	
City of San José		
City of Santa Clara	Hon. Debi Davis	
City of Saratoga		Hon. Howard Miller
City of Sunnyvale	Hon. Nancy Smith	
County of Santa Clara	Hon. Mike Wasserman	
Santa Clara Open Space Authority	Hon. Mike Flaughner	
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District		Hon. Jed Cyr

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
City of Campbell	Hon. Susan M. Landry	Hon. Rich Waterman
City of Cupertino	Hon. Darcy Paul	
City of Gilroy		Hon. Roland Velasco
City of Los Altos		Hon. Mary Prochnow
Town of Los Gatos		Hon. Steve Leonardis
City of Milpitas	Hon. Garry Barbadillo	
Town of Monte Sereno		Hon. Curtis Rogers
City of Morgan Hill	Hon. Rich Constantine	Hon. Larry Carr
City of Mountain View		Hon. Pat Showalter
City of Palo Alto		Hon. Tom DuBois
City of San José	Hon. Lan Diep	Kerrie Romanow
City of Santa Clara		Hon. Patrick Kolstad
City of Saratoga	Hon. Rishi Kumar	
City of Sunnyvale		Hon. Larry Klein
County of Santa Clara		Hon. Cindy Chavez
Santa Clara Open Space Authority		Hon. Calvin Gill
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District	Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto	

*Commission Member arrived as noted.

Board members in attendance were: Director Richard P. Santos and Director John L. Varela, Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Jennifer Abadilla, Kurt Arends, Glenna Brambill, Jerry De La Piedra, Vanessa De La Piedra, Garth Hall, Nina Hawk, Theresa Krakov, Brendan Maher, Anthony Mendiola, Leslie Orta, Darin Taylor and Sarah Young.

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

Mr. Richard McMurtry from Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition spoke on steelhead trout and distributed a letter for the Water Commission's consideration.

*Hon. Courtenay Corrigan arrived at 12:09 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hon. Mike Wasserman, seconded by Hon. Mike Flaughier., and by majority vote carried, to approve the January 24, 2018, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission meeting minutes as presented. Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz, Hon. Barbara Spector and Hon. Jed Cyr abstained.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 REVIEW AND COMMENT TO THE BOARD ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 PROPOSED GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES

Mr. Darin Taylor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and the PAWS report was distributed.

Hon. Nancy Smith, Hon. Mike Flaughner, Hon. Mike Wasserman, Hon. Courtenay Corrigan, Hon. Adrian Fine, Hon. Howard Miller, Hon. Steve Scharf and Hon. Debi Davis, spoke on the proposed groundwater production charges, outreach, water rates, development issues and construction costs.

Ms. Nina Hawk, Director Richard P. Santos and Director John L. Varela were available to answer questions.

The Water Commission took the following action:

It was moved by Hon. Nancy Smith, seconded by Hon. Lynette Lee Eng, and unanimously carried, to approve the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors receiving the Water Commission's summarized comments on the Groundwater Production Charges as noted below:

1. How are rates publicized to the community? There needs to be some outreach explaining why the rates are being increased.
2. Need to show a long-term trend of the cumulative effect of rates over 10 to 20 years (reviewing projections of total costs).
3. Suggest having a steady increase as opposed to a dramatic increase in the rates. Keeping the rates low as possible being the ultimate goal. Look at the rationale of returning funds or placing them in a "holding" fund (reserves) for later use if possible so a request for an increase will be unnecessary or minimal.
4. Since construction costs are high does the District consider delaying capital improvement projects until costs are more cost effective?
5. Does the District receive development monies? If not, there needs to be a mechanism in place for the District to collect fees/funds when developers come to the County and cause impacts to the infrastructure. Suggest the District have discussions with those that could provide the funding needed (City, State and Federal officials).
6. Rates being more sustainable.

4.2 CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION – CARBON NEUTRALITY BY 2020 PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Kurt Arends reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Hon. Jed Cyr, Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz, Hon. Nancy Smith and Hon. Howard Miller had questions on the costs of the program, solar energy/solar plan, solar power and peak demand hours. Hon. Courtenay Corrigan spoke about Silicon Valley Clean Energy a community-owned electricity provider for the majority of Silicon Valley communities.

No action was taken.

4.3 STUDY OF THE DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER SERVICES AREAS ("ZONES OF BENEFIT")

Mr. Gath Hall reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Hon. Lynette Lee Eng left at 1:30 p.m. and did not return.

Hon. Barbara Spector left at 1:32 p.m. and did not return.

Hon. Mike Wasserman left at 1:34 p.m. and did not return.

Hon. Courtenay Corrigan questioned about Los Altos Hills not being in the zone of benefit.

Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz left at 1:36 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Tony Ndah left at 1:38 p.m. and did not return.

Hon. Courtenay Corrigan left at 1:39 p.m. and did not return.

No action was taken.

4.4 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.

No action was taken.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

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

6. REPORTS

6.1 Director's Report

None.

6.2 Manager's Report

Ms. Nina Hawk reported on the following:

- Fact sheet on drought and water supply impacts in today's meeting packet

6.3 Commission Member Reports

Hon. Mike Flaugh reported on the following:

- He and Rick Callender are working on a trails and waterways conference, more details to come.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Hon. Debi Davis adjourned at 1:43 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 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: 7-25-18