



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2019  
10:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee was held on February 15, 2019, in the Headquarters Building Conference Room A143 at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

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

Committee Chair, Director Richard P. Santos called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Board Members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Director Linda J. LeZotte (District 4), and Director Richard P. Santos (District 3).

Staff members in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, Rick Callender, Jerry De La Piedra, Vanessa De La Piedra, Vicki Elam, Samantha Greene, Bassam Kassab, Karen Koppett and Bhavani Yerrapotu.

Guests in attendance were: Brian Boyer, Anthony Eulo, Charles Ice, Esther Nigenda, Curt Rayer, Adam Schiro, William Sherman, Bill Tuttle and Rita Vrhel.

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

Ms. Rita Vrhel and Ms. Esther Nigenda spoke about dewatering, shallow/deep water and handed out two items on: Planning For Rising Waters: Sea Level, Groundwater and Bay Edge Presentation and City of Palo Alto Dewatering Monitoring Chart.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Director Nai Hsueh, seconded by Director Linda J. LeZotte and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2018, Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee meeting as presented.

**4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**4.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

It was moved by Director Nai Hsueh, seconded by Director Linda J. LeZotte and unanimously carried, to retain Director Richard P. Santos as Chair and Director Linda J. LeZotte as Vice Chair. Note: *The election of chair and vice chair does not apply to this committee.*

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 REVIEW AND APPROVE 2018 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

Director Nai Hsueh reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item. The Committee was pleased with the accomplishments for 2018 and would like to retain some of the same subjects for 2019.

No action was taken.

**5.2 WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN CONSERVATION AND STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT UPDATE**

Ms. Samantha Greene and Mr. Jerry De La Piedra reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

Directors Nai Hsueh, Richard P. Santos, Linda J. LeZotte, Mr. Anthony Eulo, Mr. Curt Rayer, Ms. Esther Nigenda, and Mr. Charles Ice had questions and spoke regarding the following issues: AMI equity/fairness in funding through groundwater charges, available training, special detergents, maintenance capabilities, cost savings, outreach and following up with customers, Model Ordinance, artificial turf, benefits of agricultural water and open space.

Ms. Karen Koppett and Ms. Vanessa De La Piedra were available to answer questions.

No action was taken.

**5.3 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT BASIN PRIORITIZATION UPDATE**

Mr. Bassam Kassab and Ms. Vanessa De La Piedra reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

There were questions and concerns by Directors Richard P. Santos and Nai Hsueh, Mr. Charles Ice and Mr. Anthony Eulo on the following: DWR's new name for the sub basin, Pacheco Dam impact, climate change, seal level rise assessment and clarification on the answer to Mr. Doug Muirhead's 6/25/18, meeting question which was addressed in the agenda memo.

No action was taken.

**5.4 REVIEW OF WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

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

It was noted that the fixed/variable rates item was ready for March 25, 2019, meeting. Please combine work plan items #3 and #8 since they are similar {Water Supply Master Plan Conservation and Stormwater Capture Project Update and Water Supply Master Plan "No Regrets" Programs}.

Add the following to 2019's work plan:

1. Stormwater Resources Plan (SWRP) Green Stormwater Infrastructure - Upper Penitencia Concept
2. Update on State's effort to Make Water Conservation a California Way of Life
3. Shallow Groundwater Dewatering
4. Update on Water Conservation Options for Agriculture ("Reality vs Talk") (Ag Plan)
5. Update on Climate Change Action Plan
6. Update on Model Ordinance

**6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS**

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

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Santos adjourned at 11:32 a.m. to the next scheduled meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. in the Headquarters Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

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

Approved: 3-25-19