



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (VALLEY WATER)  
WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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# MINUTES

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019**  
**9:30 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (Committee) was held on October 25, 2019, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at Valley Water, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee was called to order by Chair Director Gary Kremen at 9:31 a.m.

**1.1 ROLL CALL**

Board Members in attendance were: Director Gary Kremen-District 7, Director Richard P. Santos-District 3, and Director John L. Varela-District 1.

Staff members in attendance were: Bradly Arnold, Aaron Baker, Erin Baker, Rechelle Blank, Glenna Brambill, Tim Bramer, Frances Brewster, Jerry De La Piedra, Vanessa De La Piedra, Samantha Greene, Christopher Hakes, Kathleen Low, Metra Richert, Eli Serrano, Charlene Sun, and Beckie Zisser.

Guests in attendance were: Brad Gleason (Board President - Pleasant Valley Water District), Stephen Jordan (BAWSCA Representative), Doug Muirhead (Member of the Public from Morgan Hill), Thomas Niesar (Alameda County Water District) and Marguerite Patil (Contra Costa Water District).

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, seconded by Director Richard P. Santos, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019, meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee as presented.

### **3.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, seconded by Director Richard P. Santos, and unanimously carried to approve the closed session minutes of the October 15, 2019, meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee as presented.

## **4. ACTION ITEMS**

### **4.1 UPDATE ON LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT**

Mr. Brad Arnold reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following, JPA status, potential local partners and WIIN grant status.

Ms. Marguerite Patil was available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

### **4.2 SEMITROPIC GROUNDWATER BANK UPDATE**

Mr. Brad Arnold reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following, storage capacity, Los Vaqueros' rights, dominant user, semitropic exempt from volunteer agreements, SGMA limits, worth per acre foot (af), costs, dry years, governance, cost of savings with non-use, transfers, credits, active storage, semitropic tour and potential partnerships with ACWA.

Ms. Metra Richert, Ms. Marguerite Patil, Mr. Garth Hall and Mr. Jerry De La Piedra were available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

### **4.3 PLEASANT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT GROUNDWATER BANKING CONCEPT**

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

The Committee discussed the following, service area, Westlands, partnerships, design, building, overdraft, meeting SGMA requirements, governance structure, JPA, spillage and potential loss of funds.

Mr. Brad Gleason spoke on this issue and was available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

### **4.4. UPDATE ON CONCEPTUAL LAKE DEL VALLE MODIFICATIONS**

Mr. Bradly Arnold reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following, Valley Water's involvement/participation and suggest having CEO Camacho speak with ACWD's General Manager.

Mr. Thomas Niesar spoke on this issue regarding potential acquisition of land to protect watershed.

Ms. Marguerite Patil spoke on this issue regarding suitable land and easements (conservation) and resource agencies.

The Committee took no action.

#### **4.5. UPDATE ON CONCEPTUAL LAKE DEL VALLE MODIFICATIONS**

Ms. Erin Baker reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following, sole source contract, storage capacity San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Milpitas Intertie and BAWSCA's concerns.

Mr. Aaron Baker, Ms. Metra Richert, Ms. Samantha Green, Mr. Thomas Niesar and Ms. Marguerite Patil were available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

#### **4.6 REVIEW OF 2018 WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

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

The Committee discussed inviting Semitropic General Manager along with the guests from 10/25/19, meeting, GSA Lead, maybe SFPUC (Mr. Ritchie), possible invite to East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), tossing around the idea of a possible tour of semitropic site, and placing on the agenda a discussion on intertie (Milpitas, Mountain View and Palo Alto).

#### **5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

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

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Director Gary Kremen adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

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

Approved: 12-11-19