



HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018  
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A meeting of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) was held on August 20, 2018, 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**

A meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee was called to order by Chair Director Richard P. Santos at 2:04 p.m. on August 20, 2018, at the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

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: Joan Arends, Glenna Brambill, Norma Camacho, James Choate, Tiffany Chow, Jessica Collins, Zooey Diggory, Carole Foster, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Chad Grande, Hieu Huynh, Jay Lee, Tracy Peña, Eli Serrano, Kirsten Struve, Sue Tippets, Carlos Tovar, Sherilyn Tran, Sue Turner, Elisabeth Wilkinson and Stan Yamamoto.

Special guests in attendance were: Chris Anderson, Vanessa Beretta, Will Bick, Steve Holmes, Linda Jones, Deb Kramer, Beatriz Ramos, Jason Smith, Scott Van Gorden, Andrea Urton.

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

There were two people that spoke;  
Ms. Gail Osmer, Homeless Advocate and Ms. Elaine Talerico of the Thompson Creek Neighborhood Association spoke on the homeless encampments issues and concerns.

**3. 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 15, 2018, Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee meeting, as presented.

4. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**4.1 HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP PARTNERSHIPS**

Ms. Meenakshi Ganjoo reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mr. Chad Grande was available to give further clarification on this issue.

The following people spoke on this item with the following concerns: Grants, Chinook Salmon activity, safety/patrolling concerns at the encampments, damage to water ways, trash, re-purposing lives of the homeless and getting more funding.

Mr. Steve Holmes-So Bay Clean Creeks Coalition, Mr. Will Bick-SCC Parks, Ms. Norma Camacho, Jason Smith of the Gilroy Police Department, Director Richard P. Santos, Ms. Sue Tippetts, Ms. Vanessa Beretta of CSJ-City of San Jose, Director John L. Varela, Scott Van Gorden of Downtown Streets Team, and Ms. Deb Kramer of Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful.

Chair Santos would like staff to discontinue the dumpsters, research identifiable trash bags and monitor the sites.

No action taken.

**4.2 PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE OPERATIONAL APPROACH FOR THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM (SAFE, CLEAN WATER) PROJECT B4 GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM: ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019 - 2028 (FYS 19-28).**

Ms. Jessica Collins reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Committee wants to pursue staff recommendation item #2: *Limit the number of cleanups each fiscal year based upon the funding available, which may include 52 cleanups funded through Fund 26 reserves and funding from the Board's prior commitment to utilize 90 percent of the net rental income from properties purchased through Watersheds Fund 12 (Fund 12 rental properties);*

Also, have staff research security/patrolling concerns by contacting responsible agencies to engage them in assisting the Water District at the encampments.

No action taken.

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

There was no formal Committee action, however a few items for staff:

- Discontinue the dumpsters, research identifiable trash bags and monitor the sites.
- Research security/patrolling concerns by contacting responsible agencies to engage them in assisting the Water District at the encampments.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Director Richard P. Santos adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

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

Approved: 3-18-19