



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

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# MINUTES

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018**  
**1:30 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (Committee) was held on August 15, 2018, in the Headquarters Building Board Conference Room A124 at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

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

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Storage Exploratory Committee was called to order by Chair Gary Kremen at 1:39 p.m. on August 15, 2018.

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, Glenna Brambill, Norma Camacho, Jacqui Carrasco, Jerry De La Piedra, Christopher Hakes, Cindy Kao, Michael Martin, Melih Ozbilgin, Eli Serrano, Sue Turner and Stan Yamamoto.

Guest in attendance: Doug Muirhead, Resident of Morgan Hill.

**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 May 17, 2018, Joint Meeting Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) Water Storage Exploratory Committee, San Benito County Water District (SBCWD), Pacheco Pass Water District (PPWD), as presented.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1 PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT STATUS**

Mr. Christopher Hakes reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Chair moved to agenda item 4.5

**4.5 PACHECO PROJECT RESOURCE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (INFORMATION ONLY)**

Mr. Christopher Hakes reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Director John L. Varela, Ms. Norma Camacho, Director Richard P. Santos had questions and concerns about the WIIN Act, temporary assignments, CEQA, property and owners, doing outreach to the Pacheco owners; calls, letters, having partnerships with Pajaro Valley.

Mr. Doug Muirhead, Resident of Morgan Hill, spoke about giving people opportunities to see the project. Having recreation being part of the project design. The answer; it was purposely left off because of CEQA and Proposition 1 funding requirements.

Director John L. Varela, Ms. Norma Camacho, Director Richard P. Santos had questions about having new agreements that will incorporate the recreational component.

No action taken.

Chair returned to agenda item 4.1

**4.1 PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT STATUS**

The Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Director Richard P. Santos, seconded by Director Gary Kremen and unanimously carried to recommend that the Board approve staff's recommendation at the August 28, 2018, Board meeting, to add six additional full time positions within the Water Utility Enterprise to properly execute and deliver the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. In addition, one existing vacant position would be reallocated to bring the total project team up to seven full time employees (FTE)'s. The Pacheco Project Team would include a Deputy Operating Officer to oversee Pacheco Project and related work, one (1) Engineering Unit Manager, one (1) Senior Project Manager, one (1) Senior Water Resources Specialist, one (1) Senior Environmental Planner (reallocated position), one (1) Associate Engineer (Civil), and one (1) Staff Analyst. In addition to the request for six new FTE's (bringing the size of the project team to seven FTE's), staff will also be recommending an increase in the number of unclassified positions from thirty-two (32) to thirty-three (33) and will also ask the Board for authorization for CEO to make direct appointment for the Unclassified position of Deputy Operating Officer. These are initial staffing estimates based on specific project needs in the Water Utility Enterprise. Other district-wide resource needs to support this project are still being evaluated.

#### **4.2 UPDATE ON PROPOSED SITES RESERVOIR PROJECT**

Ms. Cindy Kao and Mr. Bradly Arnold reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

No action taken.

#### **4.3 UPDATE ON LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT, IN PREPARATION OF FUTURE DECISIONS REGARDING PROJECT FUNDING AND PARTICIPATION LEVELS.**

Mr. Michael Martin reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Director Gary Kremen questioned about having a JPA and other potential associated costs.

Ms. Norma Camacho and Mr. Jerry De La Piedra were available to answer questions.

No action taken.

#### **4.4 INVESTIGATION OF STATEWIDE GROUNDWATER STORAGE AND BANKING OPPORTUNITIES**

Ms. Cindy Kao and Mr. Bradly Arnold reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mr. Doug Muirhead, Resident of Morgan Hill, spoke about reliability of recovering semi tropic water and possibly more emphasis needed on water storage.

No action taken.

Chair moved to agenda item 4.6

#### **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 next meeting should be scheduled after the Board meets on September 25, 2018, and try for the first week of October 2018.

No action taken.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill noted there was one action item for Board consideration under Agenda Item 4.1 (in conjunction with Agenda Item 4.5).

#### **Committee Action:**

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee unanimously recommended that the Board approve staff's recommendation at the August 28, 2018, Board meeting, to add six additional full time positions within the Water Utility Enterprise to properly execute and deliver the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. In addition, one existing vacant position

would be reallocated to bring the total project team up to seven full time employees (FTE)'s. The Pacheco Project Team would include a Deputy Operating Officer to oversee Pacheco Project and related work, one (1) Engineering Unit Manager, one (1) Senior Project Manager, one (1) Senior Water Resources Specialist, one (1) Senior Environmental Planner (reallocated position), one (1) Associate Engineer (Civil), and one (1) Staff Analyst. In addition to the request for six new FTE's (bringing the size of the project team to seven FTE's), staff will also be recommending an increase in the number of unclassified positions from thirty-two (32) to thirty-three (33) and will also ask the Board for authorization for CEO to make direct appointment for the Unclassified position of Deputy Operating Officer. These are initial staffing estimates based on specific project needs in the Water Utility Enterprise. Other district-wide resource needs to support this project are still being evaluated.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Director Gary Kremen adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

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

Approved: 10-1-18