



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021
3:30 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER
1.1 ROLL CALL**

A regular teleconferenced meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) was called to order at 3:30 p.m. on April 5, 2021, in the District Headquarters Building, Conference Room A-124, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Board Members in attendance in Conference Room A-124: Director Nai Hsueh-District 5; Board members attending by videoconference: Director Barbara Keegan-District 2, and Director Linda J. LeZotte-District 4; constituting a quorum of the BPPC.

Staff members in attendance in Conference Room A-124: Michele King, Clerk of the Board. Staff in attendance by videoconference: Lisa Bankosh, Ingrid Bella, Neeta Bijoor, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Theresa Chinte, Vanessa De La Piedra, Leonardo Foster, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Chris Hakes, Brian Hopper, Devin Moody, Maggie O'Shea, Metra Richert, Kirsten Struve, Tony Vye, Warren Whitlock, Jing Wu, Bhavani Yerrapotu and Tina Yoke,

Guests/Public in attendance by videoconference: Arthur Keller, Environmental and Water Resources Committee (EWRC) member.

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

Chair Director Hsueh declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who requested to speak.

3. 3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 1, 2021.

The BPPC considered the draft minutes from the March 1, 2021 meeting. It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as presented.

4. Information and Action Items

4.1 DEVELOP DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 (FY22) BOARD WORK PLAN BASED ON THE OUTCOME OF THE JANUARY 27, 2021 STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION.

Ms. Theresa Chinte, Chief of Staff, review the information on this item as presented in Attachment 1 – the FY22 Draft Board Work Plan.

The BPPC provided the following input:

Goal: Water Supply

Strategy 1: In the Focus Section, revise the last bullet as follows: Make decisions on the Pacheco Reservoir Project ~~related to~~ **following review of** the project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Strategy 4: In the Monitoring Section, add the Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) to monitor the FAHCE elements of the project.

Goal: Natural Flood Protection

Strategy 1: In the Monitoring Section, add the Capital Improvement Program Committee (CIP) to monitor the progress of the capital projects.

Strategy 2: In the Monitoring Section, add the CIP to monitor flood protection capital projects.

Goal: Environmental Stewardship

Strategy 2: In the Monitoring Section, add the SPOC to monitor stormwater pollution, green stormwater infrastructure, mercury pollution, and regional partnerships and investment challenges/opportunities.

Goal: Business Management

Strategy 1: Consider revising the current description “Advance racial equality, diversity and inclusion” to make sure that it’s clear that all three topics are very important, but not all the same, it’s grammatically correct, and is consistent with the language in the Board’s resolution.

It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director LeZotte and unanimously approved, by roll call vote, to incorporate the BPPC’s comments/edits and present the FY22 Board Work Plan to the full Board for consideration.

4.2 DISCUSS BOARD GOVERNANCE ENDS POLICY E-2

Ms. Metra Richert, Water Supply Planning and Conservation Manager, reviewed the information on this item as presented in Attachment 1, draft revised Ends Policy E-2, and Attachment 2, presentation on the draft policy goals developed to achieve the Ends Policy E-2.

The BPPC provided the following input:

Goal 2.3 – Revise the second bullet to read: Prioritize **funding of** maintenance and replacement of existing water infrastructure over investments in new infrastructure.

Goal 2.4 – Revise the first bullet to read: Maximize utilization of ***all demand management tools***. Insert a new bullet that encourages or incentivizes water use efficiency and water conservation.

The BPPC requested that staff incorporate the committee’s comments/edits and return in May with revised language.

4.3 CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY AND ACTION PLAN

Ms. Neeta Bijoor, Associate Water Resource Specialist, and Ms. Maggie O’Shea, Fellow, presented information as outlined in Attachment 1 – PowerPoint, which included revised language for E-5 as well as an update on the outreach strategies and metrics, common comment topics, tools being developed to respond and share comments and/or suggestions and proposed next steps for program implementation.

Mr. Arthur Keller, EWRC committee member stated his preference for having carbon offsets by investing in the soils within the District before investing anywhere else.

The BPPC provided the following input:

Ensure transparency in prioritizing and implementation plan, especially within disadvantaged communities with financial considerations.

It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director LeZotte, and unanimously approved by roll call vote to consider the BPPC’s comments and forward the Ends Policy E-5 and Climate Change Action Plan to the full board for consideration.

4.4 REPORT ON EFFORTS TO ALIGN BOARD COMMITTEE WORK PLANS AND THE BOARD WORK PLAN AND PLANNING CALENDAR.

BPPC Chair Hsueh conveyed two informal requests from Environmental and Water Resources (EWRC) and Agricultural Water (Ag Water) Advisory Committees members:

EWRC – At their January 25, 2021 meeting, the EWRC reorganized their work groups to align with the Board’s FY21 Work Plan to better engage and educate committee members on the Board’s priorities. Following that meeting, Bob Levy, 2021 EWRC Chair, met with BPPC Chair Hsueh and conveyed a request to provide minimal staff support for the newly formed EWRC work groups. The BPPC discussed this request, provided input, and asked staff to prepare for full Board consideration a proposed draft approach that could include limited staff support and a process for conveying and tracking requests that could be used by all Advisory Committees.

Ag Water – At their meeting on April 5, 2021, a committee member requested that in addition to the current Zoom teleconference format, consideration be given to allow in-person attendance at meetings. This was not a formal request of the committee; however, several members expressed support. The BPPC discussed and stated concerns for complying with county shelter in place orders still in effect and the fact that Valley Water buildings aren’t open to the public. It was stated that if in-person meetings were allowed, then it would need to be opened for all advisory committees to ensure

equality. Due to the previously stated concerns, the BPPC didn't support this request. Chair Hsueh would convey this information to the full Board at the April 13th meeting.

4.4 WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT.

BPPC Chair reviewed the updated work plan and meeting schedule. The BPPC discussed and set the May meeting agenda subjects.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board reviewed the actions taken by the committee on items 4.1, 4.2, 4.2 and 4.3, as documented above.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m.



Michele L. King
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 5/3/21