



HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017  
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A meeting of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) was held on September 6, 2017, 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 at 2:04 p.m. on September 6, 2017, 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: Dave Adams, Glenna Brambill, Ray Bramer, James Choate, Jessica Collins, Collin Cortman, Mike Cresap, Peter Felice, Ray Fields, Carole Foster, Anthony Fulcher, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Chad Grande, Shawn Iudice, Jay Lee, Bill Magleby, Jana Marquardt, Matthew Proctor-Brown, Tracy Peña, Eli Serrano, Kirsten Struve, Sue Tippets and Carlos Tovar.

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

There were two people that spoke; A statement from the Employees Association was read for the record by Ms. Glenna Brambill and Mr. Richard McMurtry from the Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition spoke on retiring and leaving the area.

**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 May 15, 2017, Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee meeting, as presented.

4. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**4.1 UTILIZING DISTRICT PROPERTIES TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

**A. Recommend to the District Board that the District lease suitable available District lands to the City of San José for the development of a bridge housing community for a term not to exceed five (5) years (until January 1, 2022)**

Ms. Meenakshi Ganjoo, gave an overview for this agenda item. Ms. Sue Tippetts was available to answer questions.

Mr. Ray Bramson, City of San Jose, Ms. Michelle Covert, County Office of Support Housing, Mr. Robert Aguirre, Mr. Richard McMurtry and Mr. Joe DiSalvo spoke on trash clean up and tiny houses.

No action taken and asked staff to continue to work with the City of San José.

**B. Recommend to the District Board that when suitable District residential rental property or land becomes available, District staff contact the housing authority and supportive services of the municipality where said residential rental property and/or surplus land is located, and provide that municipality an opportunity to lease the land to address homelessness in its community**

Ms. Meenakshi Ganjoo, gave an overview for this agenda item.

Ms. Michelle Covert, County Office of Support Housing suggested taking the lead on this item since their program is already in place.

No action taken.

**C. Receive information and if required provide staff direction on the following:**

- 1. Offering Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing First Right to Purchase District Surplus Lands**
- 2. Downtown Streets Teams Funding Update**
- 3. Creek Cleanups in South County**

Ms. Meenakshi Ganjoo, gave an overview for this agenda item. Mr. Anthony Fulcher and Ms. Sue Tippetts were available to answer questions. Mr. Ray Bramson from the City of San Jose and Ms. Michelle Covert, County Office of Support Housing were also available to answer questions.

Ms. Shannon Robinson of Downtown Streets Team thanked the Water District for funding their programs. Mr. Richard McMurtry spoke on homeless encampment issues. Mr. Robert Aguirre spoke on working people under the homeless conditions.

**Committee Action:**

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, seconded by Director Tony Estremera and unanimously carried, to approve the recommendations as noted under Agenda Items 4.1B and 4.1C1 for the Board's consideration that the District lease suitable available District lands to the City of San José for the development of a bridge housing community for a term not to exceed five (5) years (until January 1, 2022), that when suitable District residential rental property or land becomes available, District staff contact the Santa Clara County Housing Authority and Supportive Services and they will contact the municipality where said residential rental property and/or surplus land is located, and provide that municipality an opportunity to lease the land to address homelessness in its community and offer Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing First Right to Purchase District Surplus Lands.

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

There was one Committee action for Agenda Item 4.1B and 4.1C1.

**Committee Action:**

The Committee approved the recommendations as noted for the Board's consideration that the District lease suitable available District lands to the City of San José for the development of a bridge housing community for a term not to exceed five (5) years (until January 1, 2022), that when suitable District residential rental property or land becomes available, District staff contact the Santa Clara County Housing Authority and Supportive Services and they will contact the municipality where said residential rental property and/or surplus land is located, and provide that municipality an opportunity to lease the land to address homelessness in its community and offer Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing First Right to Purchase District Surplus Lands.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Director Richard P. Santos adjourned the meeting at 3:17 p.m.

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

Approved: 3-15-18