



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, August 2, 2021
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on August 2, 2021, via teleconference Zoom meeting.

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

Staff members in attendance: Aaron Baker, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Glenna Brambill, Theresa Chinte, Rachael Gibson, Hannah Gray, Michele King (in Conference Room A-124), Brian Mendenhall, Carlos Orellana, Melanie Richardson, Afshin Rouhani, Sue Tippets, Tony Vye, and Tina Yoke.

Guests/Public in attendance: Bob Levy, Environmental and Water Resources Committee (EWRC) Chair; Arthur Keller, EWRC Vice Chair; and John Varela, Valley Water Director District 1.

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

BPPC Chair 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 – June 7, 2021.

The BPPC considered the draft minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting. BPPC Chair Hsueh requested that under Item 4.1 paragraph six, the words “One Water Program” be replaced with “Ends-2 Governance Policies.” It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Hsueh, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as amended.

4. Information and Action Items

4.1 REVIEW EFFECTIVENESS OF BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

BPPC Chair Hsueh provided background information on this item, per the attached committee agenda memorandum and introduced EWRC Chair Bob Levy, EWRC Vice Chair Arthur Keller, and former EWRC and Mr. John Bourgeois, Deputy Operating Officer, and former EWRC member, and asked them to provide input on how they think the EWRC could be more effective and provide more input to the Board.

Mr. Levy and Mr. Keller provided information on EWRC working groups and how they would like to align them with Valley Water work, have a liaison assigned to each group, have a better communication structure, and make progress on providing more effective and timely input on Board Work Plan items.

Mr. Bourgeois provided input on his prior experience as an EWRC member, and how it has generally only been an information sharing group but could progress to an input group by creating working groups that align with the Board's Work Plan. Mr. Bourgeois volunteered to be the EWRC liaison to work with Mr. Levy to help organize the work groups to align with the Board's work plan and assign the necessary staff assistance to allow them to provide timely input to the Board.

It was agreed that Mr. Bourgeois would work with EWRC Chair Levy to structure working groups to align with the Board's Work Plan and develop a support process that would allow the EWRC to receive appropriate information so that they can provide timely input to full EWRC and the Board.

4.2 REVIEW OF BOARD GOVERNANCE ENDS POLICY E-3, NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION.

Mr. Bourgeois and Mr. Brian Mendenhall, Senior Water Resources Specialist, reviewed the information on this item as presented in the attached committee agenda memorandum and Attachment 2 PowerPoint.

The BPPC provided the following input:

- Requested that riparian corridor be included in policy objective 3.3.2. Staff to crosscheck environmental stewardship policy language since habitat falls in that area and consider including a riparian corridor concept in both policies.
- Be careful with the use of the word "recover," it may be beyond Valley Water's scope of work and responsibility. The recovery function may be more of adapting to future events by identifying ways to assist with programs and improve processes.
- Consider using a different word in place of "prioritize" in objective 3.3.3. to better document how the many alternative methods are considered after a project is selected.

- Consider either creating an additional policy goal for board to consider protection of tidal flooding not associated with fluvial protection or adding the word “associated” to tidal flood protection in Goals 3.1 and 3.3 that would distinguish between creek flooding related to tidal flooding.

Mr. Keller requested adding the words “at least a” before minimum level in Goal 3.3. and requested consideration be given to add the words “reduce flood risks” after protect floodplains in Objective 3.2.4.

The BPPC requested that staff incorporate appropriate input and return to the BPPC by October for further review.

4.3 WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT.

Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board reviewed the work plan updates listed in Attachment 1. BPPC Chair Hsueh stated that she will meet with staff to discuss and identify possible new assignments associated with the items from the Board’s FY22 Work Plan assigned to the committee for monitoring.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:40 p.m.

Michele L. King

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Clerk of the Board

Approved: September 7, 2021