



AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018
1:30 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on April 2, 2018, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Mitchell Mariani called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 3

District 5

District 6

Santa Clara County Farm Bureau
Private Well Owner (Non Retail)

Representative

Russ Bonino

Mitchell Mariani

William Cilker

David Vanni

Jan Garrod

Michael Miller

Robert Long

Sheryl O. Kennedy

Dhruv Khanna

Members not in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 2

Representative

James Provenzano

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, Board Alternate, Director Richard P. Santos, and Director John L. Varela, Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Jennifer Abadilla, Glenna Brambill, George Cook, Jerry De La Piedra, Vanessa De La Piedra, Emily Gross, Anthony Mendiola, Medi Sinaki, Darin Taylor, Sherilyn Tran and Stan Yamamoto.

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 Mr. David Vanni, seconded by Mr. Michael Miller and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2018, Agricultural Advisory Committee special meeting, with the correction of the motion for agenda item 4.1 on page 2. (*that the Board direct staff to provide a more equitable analysis of the impacts of development throughout the county and the ecosystem benefits of agriculture.*)

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 REVIEW AND COMMENT TO THE BOARD ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019 PROPOSED GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES

Mr. Darin Taylor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and the PAWS Report was made available to the Committee Members.

Mr. Jan Garrod, Mr. Dhruv Khanna, Mr. Mitchell Mariani, Director John L. Varela, Ms. Sherrie Kennedy and Mr. Doug Muirhead, a resident of Morgan Hill, spoke about their concerns with the groundwater production charges process, dams, farmers' usage, open space credit, increases and property taxes.

Director Nai Hsueh, Mr. Stan Yamamoto and Director Richard P. Santos were available to answer questions.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee (Committee) took the following action: It was moved by Mr. Dhruv Khanna, seconded by Mr. Michael Miller and unanimously carried to approve the Committee's recommendation of limiting the increase of the Groundwater Production charge not to exceed 7%.

4.2 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mr. Michael Miller and Mr. Robert Long had questions about civic engagement.

No action was taken.

4.3 ZONE OF BENEFIT STUDY

Ms. Vanessa De La Piedra introduced the subject and presenter Mr. George Cook who reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mr. William Cilker left at 3:01 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Jan Garrod, Mr. Dhruv Khanna had questions about the zone of benefit

Mr. Jerry De La Piedra was available to answer questions.

No action was taken.

4.4 REVIEW AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Chair Mitchell Mariani and Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The next meeting will be July 9, 2018, instead of July 2, 2018.

No action was taken.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there was one action item for Board consideration.

The Committee approved the following item under Agenda Item 4.1:

That the Board considers the Committee's recommendation of limiting the Groundwater Production charge not to exceed 7%.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Director's Report

Director John L. Varela reported on the following:

- Board Action
- Water Supply
- Flood Protection
- Community Outreach

Director Richard P. Santos reported on the following:

- Open Space Credit Policy background.

6.2 Manager's Report

Mr. Jerry De La Piedra reported on the following:

- There will be a Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee meeting on April 30, 2018.

6.3 Committee Member Reports

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mariani adjourned at 3:30 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, July 9, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom.

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

Approved: 10-1-18