



**JOINT WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE (CITY OF GILROY, CITY OF MORGAN HILL AND VALLEY WATER)**

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019  
8:30 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A meeting of the Joint Water Resources Committee (City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill and Valley Water) (Committee) was held on June 5, 2019, at the South County Regional Wastewater Authority Conference Room, 1500 Southside Dr., Gilroy, California.

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

A meeting of the Joint Recycled Water Committee (City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill and Valley Water) was called to order by Committee Chair Hon. Richard P. Santos at 8:41 a.m.

Committee Members in attendance were: City of Gilroy Council Members: Hon. Marie Blankley and Hon. Dion Bracco, City of Morgan Hill Council Members: Hon. Rene Spring; Valley Water Directors: Hon. Richard P. Santos, District 3, and Hon. John L. Varela, District 1.

Valley Water Staff members in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, George Cook, Victor Gutierrez, Garth Hall, Anthony Mendiola and David Tucker.

City of Gilroy Staff Members in attendance were: Gabriel Gonzalez and Saeid Vaziry.

City of Morgan Hill Staff Members in attendance were: Chris Ghione and Dan Repp.

Public Attendees: Sharon Luna (SMNA) and Billy Wong (Stantec)

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Hon. Rene Spring, seconded by Hon. John L. Varela, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2019, Joint Water Resources Committee (City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill and Valley Water) meeting, as presented.

#### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **4.1 OPEN SPACE CREDIT**

Mr. Anthony Mendiola reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following items: finding viable solutions to sustaining the open space credit, overall budget for ag users, ad valorem tax, continued support for agricultural businesses, having a follow up for September meeting with invited stakeholders and guests (Farm Bureau, Open Space Authority, Loma Prieta, Chamber of Commerce and agricultural experts) and keeping this as a standing agenda item moving forward

The Committee took no action; however, the Committee would like to have this agenda item return for the next meeting, inviting Paul Mirassou, Andrea Mackenzie, Jess Brown and experts in agriculture to further discuss the sustainability aspect of open space credit.

##### **4.2 UPDATE ON DAM PROJECTS**

Mr. Victor Gutierrez reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following items: Anderson on target, regulators delay projects while Valley Water is ready to proceed, this is a huge project and the timeline is confusing.

The Committee took no action.

##### **4.3 REVIEW JOINT WRC WITH CITIES OF GILROY/MORGAN HILL/SCRWA COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS; AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following items: water supply strategy studies conducted by the City of Gilroy and Morgan Hill as Water Retailers, unincorporated areas, County's engagement, invite the County for September's meeting to have them review their County-wide Master Plan to see if it includes the unincorporated areas for discussion. Ms. Sharon Luna of the San Martin Neighborhood Association has been asking for a "voice" on SCRWA and the Joint Water Resources Committees so the Committee would like to have a 'preliminary' discussion on this item since the South County Treatment Plant item is not ready, add SGMA update so the Committee can be kept up-to-date.

Place on next meeting's agenda: SGMA Update, Open Space Credit discussion with invited guests and the County's Master Plan for discussion.

The Committee took no action.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were no action items for Board consideration.

**6. ADJOURN**

Chair Hon. Richard P. Santos adjourned at 9:19 a.m. to the next meeting on September 4, 2019.

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

Approved: 9-4-19