



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021  
11:00 AM**

A special scheduled meeting of the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee was held on May 10, 2021, via zoom in San Jose, California.

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

Committee Chair, Director Linda J. LeZotte called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

Board Members in attendance were: Committee Vice Chair, Director Nai Hsueh-District 5, Director Barbara Keegan-District 2, Committee Chair, Director Linda J. LeZotte-District 4.

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Theresa Chinte, Vanessa De La Piedra, Melissa Fels, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Jason Gurdak, Brian Hopper, Matt Keller, Karen Koppett, Melanie Richardson, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, Kirsten Struve, Gregory Williams, and Jing Wu.

Guest Agencies in attendance were: Michael Bolzowski (California Water), Dominic Gutierrez (DWR), Tim Guster (Great Oaks Water Company), Anthony Eulo (City of Morgan Hill), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter), Kurt Elvert, John Tang and Bill Tuttle (San Jose Water Company), Brian Manning (Stanford University).

Public in attendance were: Doug Muirhead, Esther Nigenda, William (Bill) Sherman, and Director John L. Varela (Valley Water-District 1).

**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 Director Nai Hsueh, seconded by Director Barbara Keegan, and carried by roll call and unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021, Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee meeting as presented.

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

##### **4.1 WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM AND SPRING AND SUMMER OUTREACH CAMPAIGNS**

Mr. Justin Burks and Mr. Matt Keller reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: design construction, maintenance of drought tolerant plants, 25% conservation, clear messaging, workshops for drought proofing, and zoom presentations.

Ms. Karen Koppett and Ms. Ashley Shannon were available to answer questions.

Mr. Anthony Eulo complimented Director Barbara Keegan and Ms. Shannon for pursuing the design construction aspect (chokepoint).

Mr. William Sherman noted that the 2013 conservation baseline is important to share.

Mr. Tim Guster share that the customers that do not know their watering history will need to know how to convey the 2013 baseline.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

##### **4.2 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Jing Wu reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: Delta Reliance, Water Shortage Contingency Plan and 2020 population projects.

Ms. Samantha Greene, Mr. Vincent Gin and Ms. Metra Richert were available to answer questions.

Ms. Katja Irvin noted her concerns with the assumptions and use of ABAG data on the projections, numbers look high and water demands keep usage low and conserving more.

Mr. William Sherman agrees with Katja and he has some information he'll share offline with her and staff.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Director Barbara Keegan, seconded by Director Nai Hsueh, and carried by a roll call vote unanimously approved Staff's recommendation to take the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan to the June 8, 2021, Board meeting for public hearing and plan adoption.

#### **4.3 MONITORING ASSESSMENT PROGRAM UPDATE: RISK ASSESSMENT AND CLIMATE ANALYSIS**

Ms. Samantha Greene reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: re-evaluations of the rates/planning information, service goals, modeling/reducing volatility, evaporation percentage, overall water supply, reliability and flexibility.

Mr. Aaron Baker and Mr. Vincent Gin were available to answer questions.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

#### **4.4 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE**

Mr. Jason Gurdak reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

#### **4.5 REVIEW WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT 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 items.

Director Nai Hsueh and Ms. Kirsten Struve reviewed the newly designed work plan and will continue assigning the items to reflect the nexus to the Water Supply Master Plan.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee will schedule a meeting once the agenda items are finalized.

### **5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS**

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

#### **Agenda Item 4.2**

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee by a roll call vote unanimously approved Staff's recommendation to take the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan to the June 8, 2021, Board meeting for public hearing and plan adoption.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

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

Approved: 6-21-2021