



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

**AMENDED MINUTES**

**MONDAY, May 3, 2021  
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER  
1.1 ROLL CALL**

A regular teleconferenced 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 May 3, 2021, in the District Headquarters Building, Conference Room A-124, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

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

Staff members in attendance in Conference Room A-124: Michele King, Clerk of the Board. Staff in attendance by videoconference: Jason Araujo, Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Rick Callender, Theresa Chinte, Rachael Gibson, Bassam Kassab, Heath McMahon, Brian Mendenhall, Mike Potter, Metra Richert, Afshin Rouhani, Samina Shaikh, Kirsten Struve, Sue Tippets, Tony Vye, Jing Wu, and Tina Yoke,

Guests/Public in attendance by videoconference: Arthur Keller, Environmental and Water Resources Committee (EWRC) member; Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill resident.

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

Chair Director 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 – April 5, 2021.**

The BPPC considered the draft minutes from the April 5, 2021 meeting. It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as presented.

#### **4. Information and Action Items**

##### **4.1 DISCUSS BOARD GOVERNANCE ENDS POLICY E-2.**

Ms. Jing Wu, Senior Water Resource Specialist, presented the revisions to Policy E-2, as outlined in Committee agenda item Attachment 2.

Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill resident, explained his comment to add the word “Promote” in front of protect and expand in E-2.4, bullet three, as stated in Handout 4.1-A. Copies of the handout were distributed to the BPPC and made available to the public.

The BPPC supported Mr. Muirhead’s request and asked staff to revise the language accordingly.

Director LeZotte requested staff look into the use of new artificial turf options (partial replacement) as an element of the water use efficiency and water conservation programs, and agreed that it is a better subject for the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee; staff should present this information to them at a future meeting.

Director Keegan stated although she supports looking into new artificial turf options as an element of the water use efficiency and water conservation programs, she expressed concerns about its negative environmental effects.

It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously approved by roll call vote to add the word “Promote” in front of protect and expand in E-2.4, bullet three, and approve presenting the revised Board Governance Ends Policy E-2 to the full Board for consideration.

##### **4.2 UPDATE ON UNTREATED SURFACE WATER PROGRAM, STAFF REVISIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PROPOSED OUTREACH PLAN.**

Ms. Samina Shaikh, Associate Engineer, presented information on customer information, water usage and revenue data, and proposed staff revisions to the program; and Mr. Mike Potter, Program Administrator, provided information on the public outreach plan to seek stakeholder input, as outlined in the Committee agenda memo.

The BPPC provided the following input:

- Need to identify and differentiate which kind of agricultural uses will be appropriate in the program; identifying those that can’t have an interruptible water supply, i.e. orchards.
- Need to identify and calculate what kind of subsidy surface water users receive.
- Need to incorporate a yearly process for users to acknowledge and recognize that the water supply is interruptible, and that they will be responsible for any impacts caused by the reduced supply.
- Need to ensure stakeholder engagement process provides details on the modified plan and allows for input and feedback by current surface water customers.
- Staff to start stakeholder outreach program while incorporating the BPPC’s feedback into the two-phase plan (modified plan) and return to a future BPPC meeting for review.

It was a consensus of the BPPC for staff to start stakeholder outreach program while incorporating the BPPC's feedback into the two-phase plan (modified plan) and return to a future BPPC meeting for review.

#### **4.3 ONE WATER: COUNTYWIDE FRAMEWORK AND COYOTE CREEK WATERSHED PLAN**

Ms. Lisa Bankosh, Assistant Officer, and Mr. Brian Mendenhall, Senior Water Resource Specialist, reviewed the information on this item per the Committee agenda memo and PowerPoint presentation (Attachment 1).

BPPC provided the following information:

- Clarify the benefit language to reflect that stakeholder engagement is to document community values in specific watershed master plans.
- Work with REDI office to identify benefits to or opportunities for disadvantage communities in the overarching actions by watershed.
- Clarify priority actions to convey that all actions (short-term and long-term) are a priority, however some actions can be implemented more quickly.
- The One Water Plan goals and objectives should connect to the Board's Ends policies.
- The Coyote Creek Watershed Plan should be presented to the Board after the revised Ends policies currently being reviewed by the BPPC are presented.
- Need to emphasize that the One Water Plan is generally a flood protection and stream stewardship master plan.
- Consider identifying flood protection levels of service for each One Water Plan watershed area and document in the Ends policies.
- Incremental output measures for long-term actions will be helpful in accomplishing the outcome measure.

It was a consensus of the BPPC for staff to present the One Water Countywide Framework Coyote Creek Watershed Plan to the full board for consideration in accordance with the identified schedule.

#### **4.4 WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT.**

Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board reviewed the current committee work plan and meeting schedule.

Chair Hsueh requested that the June Ends-3 policy discussion be a brainstorming session to allow staff to convey ideas and obtain ideas from the BPPC members.

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

None.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Michele L. King  
Clerk of the Board

Approved: