



AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020
1:30 PM**

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee was held on January 6, 2020 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 David Vanni called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 5

District 6

Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District

Santa Clara County Farm Bureau

Private Well Owner (Non Retail)

Representative

Mitchell Mariani

James Provenzano

William Cilker

David Vanni

Jan Garrod

Tim Chiala

Robert Long

George Fohner

Sheryl O. Kennedy

Dhruv Khanna*

Member not in attendance was:

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 4

District 5

District 7

Representative

Russ Bonino

Brent Bonino

Michael Miller

Sandra Carrico

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: Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Glenna Brambill, Rick Callender, Jerry De La Piedra, Garth Hall, Marta Lugo and Brian Mendenhall.

Guests in attendance were: Hon. Mike Flaughner of the Open Space Authority and

Doug Muirhead (Morgan Hill Resident).

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. James Provenzano, seconded by Mr. George Fohner and by unanimous vote, approved the July 1, 2019, Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

3.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Sheryl Kennedy, seconded by Mr. James Provenzano, and by unanimous vote, approved the October 7, 2019, Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

*Mr. Dhruv Khanna arrived at 1:37 p.m.

3.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. James Provenzano, seconded by Mr. Dhruv Khanna and by unanimous vote, approved the December 16, 2019, Special Agricultural Water Advisory Committee meeting minutes, as presented.

ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 ELECTION OF 2020 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

It was moved by Mr. Mitchell Mariani, seconded by Mr. Dhruv Khanna and by unanimous vote, approved retaining Chair David Vanni and Vice Chair Jan Garrod for 2020.

5.1. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2019 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Ms. Glenna Brambill gave an overview of the Committee's Accomplishments for 2019.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took the following action:

It was moved by Mr. George Fohner, seconded by Mr. James Provenzano, and by unanimous vote, approved the 2019 Annual Accomplishments Report for Presentation to the Board.

The Board should receive the Committee's report at its March 24, 2020, meeting.

5.2. RETAIN OPEN SPACE CREDIT DISCUSSION UPDATE

Ms. Glenna Brambill gave updated information regarding the Committee's action item from the December 16, 2019, special meeting.

The Board will receive information regarding the special meeting on January 14, 2020, however, the action item goes for Board consideration on January 28, 2020.

Mr. George Fohner, Mr. Dhruv Khanna, Director John L. Varela, Director Nai Hsueh, Director Richard P. Santos, Mr. Rick Callender, Mr. Mitchell Mariani, and Mr. Tim Chiala spoke on the following: funds/political concerns with open space, the collaborative effort, county agricultural plan, agricultural sustainability, ecosystems concerns, zoning, City of Santa Clara's water increase, county commercial water usage, water conservation, increase of ag water rates, residential water usage, commercial users not paying fair share (lack of taxation), municipal and industrial (M&I) and residential charges, City of Mountain View's Measure P, water delivery costs vs property taxes (ad valorem), Valley Water's service provision (groundwater recharge), developmental growth, ag water/surface/raw water costs. January 22nd meeting with the County, preservation of agriculture and affordable water supply.

Mr. Garth Hall and Mr. Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took the following actions:

It was moved by Mr. Dhruv Khanna, seconded by Ms. Sheryl Kennedy, and by unanimous vote, approved that the Board consider directing staff to provide financial data on the differences of commercial/industrial versus residential water usage within the county with the information supplied by the Water Retailers and Valley Water.

It was moved by Mr. Dhruv Khanna, seconded by Mr. Jan Garrod, and by unanimous vote, approved inviting County Board of Supervisor Hon. Mike Wasserman or his designee to the April 6, 2020, meeting

5.3. OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE AND UPDATE THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM BY EVALUATING A FUTURE FUNDING MEASURE

Ms. Marta Lugo reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

Mr. Dhruv Khanna, Mr. Tim Chiala, Ms. Sheryl Kennedy, Mr. Jan Garrod, Mr. James Provenzano and Director Nai Hsueh spoke on the following issues: open space credit, flood control/habitat, community input on survey, priorities BCDE/unhoused population and Board's direction for any measures placed on ballot.

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee took the following actions:

It was moved by Mr. Dhruv Khanna, seconded by Mr. Tim Chiala, and by majority vote, approved that Valley Water add the Open Space Credit/Agricultural component to the future funding measure in keeping the agricultural rates stable and at the current rate.

It was moved by Mr. Dhruv Khanna, seconded by Ms. Sheryl Kennedy, and by unanimous vote, approved that the Committee allow the SCC Farm Bureau to formulate the question to add to the Community Input Survey.

5.4 REVIEW AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY 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.

The Committee took no action.

6. STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the new format for the standing items report agenda item.

The Committee took no action.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were four action items for Board consideration.

Agenda Item 5.2:

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8. REPORTS

8.1 Director's Report

None.

8.2 Manager's Report

Mr. Garth Hall reported on:

- Governor released Water Resilience Portfolio and will send url via email to the Committee

8.3 Committee Member Reports

Mr. Dhruv Khanna reported on:

- data on the differences of commercial/industrial versus residential water usage within Santa Clara County

8.4 Informational Link Reports

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair David Vanni adjourned at 3:38 p.m. to the regular meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020, at 1:30 pm, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom.

(meeting was canceled due to COVID 19 Shelter in Place restrictions)

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

Approved: 10-5-2020