



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

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

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) was called to order at 2:01 p.m. on November 23, 2020, 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: Glenna Brambill Clerk of the Board.

Staff in attendance by videoconference: Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Neeta Bijoor, Rechelle Blank, Bart Broome, Chelsea Busick, Rick Callender, Theresa Chinte, Jerry De La Piedra, Roslyn Fuller, Rachael Gibson, Brian Hopper, Marta Lugo, Nicholas Mascarello, Michelle Meredith, Linda Nguyen, Melanie Richardson, Metra Richert, Kirsten Struve, Sue Tippetts, Tony Vye, and Tina Yoke.

Guests/Public in attendance by videoconference: Director Tony Estremera (District 6), Dr. Arthur Keller, Environmental and Water Resources Chair, Ms. Katja Irvin, Ms. Trish Mulvey, Ms. Maggie O'Shea, Ms. Kristel Wickham, were in attendance by videoconference.

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 that wished to speak.

3. **3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2020.**

The BPPC considered the draft minutes from the October 26, 2020 meeting. It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director Hsueh, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as presented.

4. **Information and Action Items**

Agenda Item 4.1 DISCUSS PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO BOARD GOVERNANCE ENDS POLICY GENERAL PRINCIPLES E-1 AND GLOSSARY TO ADD ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LANGUAGE.

Ms. Marta Lugo presented the agenda item.

Ms. Trish Mulvey's question was read into the record {"Please explain how achievement of the proposed general principle 1.5 for "ensuring that economic benefits are equitable for all communities that we serve" will be measured and reported. When I read that text, I simply don't understand what is intended"}.

Ms. Lugo was available to answer the question

The Committee discussed updates on policy Items, 1.5 through 1.7 and received input from Directors and guest attendees for consideration:

- Have consistent terms "disadvantage" to "marginalized" communities, there needs to be clear tracking/metrics involved, CEO Interpretations.
- 2 groups missing suggested adding: gender and disabled/physically challenged (use the more appropriate term). The language on engagement vs involvement have more aggressive language (it presently is passive).
- Ms. Katja Irvin spoke regarding: public outreach and engagement be removed and have it as a separate topic (Environmental Justice)

Action: Staff will return to the BPPC at the next scheduled meeting with further updated language and CEO Interpretations for full Board review.

Agenda Item 4.2

DISCUSS BOARD GOVERNANCE ENDS POLICY E-4.

Ms. Lisa Bankosh presented the agenda item.

The Committee discussed updates on policy Items, 4.1 through 4.5 and received input from Directors and guest attendees for consideration:

4.1 Director Hsueh noted that #2 seems out of place with #1 and #3

4.2 #1 reflects Director LeZotte's comments

4.3 there was a minor change to add inclusivity goal. has a focus on imported water was this intentional with activities in or out of the county, future supply, diversity more internal.

4.4 Director Hsueh expressed concern that Goal 4.4 language "within Valley Water's authority" was too passive, and suggested returning the Goal to its original language or changing the proposed revision to read "Be a leader to prevent..."

- 4.5 The goal to add a phrase on the guiding principles equality,
- Director LeZotte suggest adding 2 missing groups; gender and disabled/physically challenged (use the more appropriate term).
 - Arthur Keller asked if #1 should read “equal or equitable?”
 - Arthur Keller suggested EL-1.6 be revised to read “all work products are” and “appropriate, equitable, and reflect the...”
 - Director Keegan noted that all Valley Water Projects be aesthetically pleasing regardless of District’s location. GP #1.6 language could be stronger.
 - Director Hsueh referred to Ends Policy E-1, 1.6, as shown on Page 11 of the Committee meeting packet, as capturing the Board’s direction to staff pertaining to equitable aesthetics in projects.

Action: Staff will update Committee’s and public’s inputs to the draft language and the review process will continue.

AGENDA ITEM 4.3, CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN AND CLIMATE CHANGE ENDS POLICY E-5.

Ms. Lisa Bankosh and Ms. Neeta Bijoor presented the agenda item.

The Committee discussed policy changes and received input from Directors and guest attendees for consideration:

- Arthur Keller: Include commuters (employees, prioritizing >specifically including or particularly to (placed in ‘chat’)
- Director LeZotte suggested that a reference be added to see the CCAP for metrics, and also requested that the goal be revised to be consistent with previous direction given to use the term “marginalized community” instead of “disadvantaged community.” She also suggested consideration be given to the term “underserved community.”
- #2/#4 make communities term consistent using “marginalized”.
- Arthur Keller offered several edits to proposed goal statements and suggested that the Cities of Palo Alto and Mountain View Climate Change Committee(s) be invited for stakeholder feedback. (placed in the ‘chat’)
- Director Keegan suggested “success metrics” titles be made more specific, such as “outreach success metrics” to eliminate confusion
- Kristel Wickham, Sunnyvale resident and Sierra Club representative, reviewed the content of letter from Sierra Club and requested engagement in the Climate Change Action Plan (Environmental Justice/greenhouse goal.).
- Director LeZotte requested staff obtain stakeholder feedback, including the City of San Jose, and environmental community.
- Director Keegan suggested in 5.1, “encourage” be revised to read “develop strategies”
- Director LeZotte requested that Goal 4, Water Supply Adaption, “Improve Demand Management and Support Water Conservation Efforts”, Bullet 3 “Increase coordination between Valley Water and land use agencies and water retailers on water and land use management.”

Question on Valley Water’s Land Use engagement—Mr. Rick Callender, Ms. Sue Tippetts, Ms. Lisa Bankosh and Mr. Jerry De La Piedra were available to answer question.

Action: The Committee asked for further clarification and additional language but allow staff to have some flexibility. Chair Hsueh will work with CEO to schedule these Ends Policies discussion for the Board.

4.4 WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT.

Chair Director Hsueh noted the updates to the work plan and meeting schedule. 'E2 policy should return back to the committee along with the other updated policies language for the next scheduled meeting.

The BPPC decided to have two meetings in January rather than meeting during the Holidays (December 28, 2020). The first meeting will be the week of January 4, 2021 and the second will be the regular meeting scheduled latter part of January.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

Ms. Glenna Brambill noted there were no requests.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:57 p.m.

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

Approved: