

January 11, 2021

MEETING NOTICE & REQUEST FOR RSVP**TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

| <u>Jurisdiction</u> | <u>Representative</u> | <u>Representative</u> | <u>Representative</u> |
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| District 1 | Bonnie Bamburg | Loren Lewis | |
| District 2 | Charles Ice | Elizabeth Sarmiento | |
| District 3 | Hon. Dean Chu | Rev. Jethroe Moore, II | Charles Taylor |
| District 4 | Susan Blake | Bob Levy | |
| District 5 | Hon. Tara Martin-Milius | Mike Michitaka | |
| District 6 | Hon. Patrick S. Kwok | Diego Mora Tejeda | |
| District 7 | Tess Byler | Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. | Stephen A. Jordan |

The regular meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee is scheduled to be held on **Monday, January 25, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.** via Zoom Link: <https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/95519011731>.

Enclosed are the meeting agenda and corresponding materials. Please bring this packet with you to the meeting. Additional copies of this meeting packet are available on-line at <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/committees/board-advisory-committees>

A majority of the appointed membership is required to constitute a quorum, which is fifty percent plus one. A quorum for this meeting must be confirmed at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date or it will be canceled.

Further, a quorum must be present on the day of the scheduled meeting to call the meeting to order and take action on agenda items.

Members with two or more consecutive unexcused absences will be subject to rescinded membership.

Please confirm your attendance **no later than Thursday, January 21, 2021, 4:30 p.m.** by contacting Ms. Glenna Brambill at 1-408-630-2408, or gbrambill@valleywater.org.

Enclosures



Environmental and Water Resources Committee Meeting

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Santa Clara Valley Water District Environmental and Water Resources Committee Meeting

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, January 25, 2021
6:00 PM

District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Chair
Rev. Jethroe Moore, II., Vice Chair

Director Tony Estremera
Director Nai Hsueh
Director Linda J. LeZotte

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Ms. Sue Tippetts
(Staff Liaison)

Ms. Glenna Brambill
(Committee Liaison)
Management Analyst II
gbrambill@valleywater.org
1-408-630-2408

Note: The finalized Board Agenda, exception items and supplemental items will be posted prior to the meeting in accordance with the Brown Act.

Santa Clara Valley Water District
Environmental and Water Resources Committee
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

Monday, January 25, 2021

6:00 PM

Teleconferencing Via Zoom

IMPORTANT NOTICES

This meeting is being held in accordance with the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 issued on March 17, 2020 that allows attendance by members of the Committee, staff, and the public to participate and conduct the meeting by teleconference, videoconference, or both.

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respectively.

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1. Roll Call.

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

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of Minutes.

[21-0021](#)

Recommendation: Approve the October 19, 2020, Meeting Minutes.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 10192020 EWRC DRAFT Mins](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. ACTION ITEMS:

4.1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

[21-0022](#)

Recommendation: Elect 2021 Chair and Vice Chair

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

- 4.2. Review and Approve 2020 Annual Accomplishments Report for Presentation to the Board (Committee Chair) [21-0023](#)
- Recommendation: A. Approve the 2020 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board; and
 B. Provide comments to the Committee Chair to share with the Board as part of the Accomplishments Report presentation pertaining to the purpose, structure, and function of the Committee.
- Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711
- Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2020 EWRC Accomplishments Report](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes
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- 4.3. Status of Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups. [21-0025](#)
- Recommendation: Provide comments to the Board on implementation of Valley Water's mission applicable to working groups' recommendations.
- Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711
- Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2021 EWRC Working Groups Spreadsheet](#)
 [Attachment 2: Working Groups Guidelines](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes
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- 4.4. Review Environmental and Water Resources Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests; and the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda. [21-0026](#)
- Recommendation: Review the Committee work plan to guide the committee's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.
- Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711
- Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2021 EWRC Work Plan](#)
 [Attachment 2: 04192021 EWRC Draft Agenda](#)
- Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes

5. INFORMATION ITEMS:

5.1. Standing Items Report.

[21-0027](#)

Recommendation: **Standing Items Reports**

This item allows the Environmental and Water Resources Committee to receive verbal or written updates and discuss the Board's Fiscal Year 2021 Work Plan Strategies. These items are generally informational; however, the Committee may request additional information and/or provide collective input to the assigned Board Committee.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Standing Items Report](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes

5.2. Update on Valley Water's Creation of New Office of Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and Board Adoption of a Resolution Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Equity.

[21-0028](#)

Recommendation: Receive information on Valley Water's Creation of the Office of Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and the Board of Directors' Adoption of a Resolution Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Equity.

Manager: Marta Lugo 408-630-2237

Attachments: [Attachment 1: Board-Adopted Resolution](#)

Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes

6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.

7. REPORTS:

7.1. Director's Report

7.2. Manager's Report

7.3. Committee Member Report

7.4. Informational Link Report

8. ADJOURN:

8.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2021, to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0021

Agenda Date: 1/25/2021
Item No.: 3.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Environmental and Water Resources Committee

SUBJECT:

Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the October 19, 2020, Meeting Minutes.

SUMMARY:

A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee's meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 10192020, EWRC Draft Meeting Mins.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Michele King, 408-630-2711



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020
6:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on October 19, 2020, Teleconference via Zoom in San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Rev. Jeff Moore, II, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was established with 14 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

| <u>Jurisdiction</u> | <u>Representative</u> | <u>Representative</u> | <u>Representative</u> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| District 1 | Bonnie Bamberg* | Loren Lewis | Rita Norton |
| District 2 | Charles Ice | | |
| District 3 | Hon, Dean Chu* | Rev. Jethroe Moore, II | Charles Taylor |
| District 4 | Susan Blake | John Bourgeois* | Bob Levy |
| District 5 | Hon. Tara Martin-Milius | Mike Michitaka | Marc Rauser |
| District 6 | Hon. Patrick S. Kwok | | |
| District 7 | Tess Byler | Steve A. Jordan | Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.* |

Members not in attendance were:

| <u>Jurisdiction</u> | <u>Representative</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| District 1 | Elizabeth Sarmiento |

*Committee Member arrived as indicated below.

Board members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera, Board Representative
Director Nai Hsueh, Board Alternate and Director Linda J. LeZotte, Board,
Representative

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Glenna Brambill,
Michele King, Carmen Narayanan, Darin Taylor and Kristen Yasukawa.

Guests in attendance were: Directors Barbara Keegan and Richard P. Santos (Valley Water) and Ms. Kit Gordon.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present who wished to speak.

*Ms. Bonnie Bamburg arrived at 6:07 p.m.

*Hon. Dean Chu arrived at 6:08 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Tess Byler, seconded by Mr. Bob Levy, and by majority roll call vote carried, to approve the January 27, 2020, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented. 14 Yes Votes, Ms. Rita Norton abstained and 1 member was temporarily disconnected.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 FY2020-21 GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES AND VALLEY WATER BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Darin Taylor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Mr. Steve Jordan and Mr. Mike Michitaka) discussed the following: what drove the no increase, impacts, total debt bond amount, depreciation, revenue-debt service, outstanding bond service, investments, gaps and cash accruals.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.2 REVIEW FY2020-21 BOARD WORK PLAN

Ms. Glenna Brambill, Director Nai Hsueh and Director Linda J. LeZotte reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Mr. Mike Michitaka, Mr. Steve Jordan, Ms. Rita Norton, Mr. Bob Levy, and Ms. Tess Byler) discussed the following: climate change's own strategy, population growth, census impact on change in businesses, monitoring homeless encampments, tracking metrics and water storage concerns.

Mr. Aaron Baker, Director Hsueh, and Director LeZotte were available to answer questions.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.3 UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUPS

Ms. Glenna Brambill will send the Committee the updated working group list for 2021 so Members can sign up. The new working groups align with the new Board work plan for fiscal year 2020-2021.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

4.4 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES 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 Environmental and Water Resources Committee discussed virtual meetings, changing the times of the meetings and retaining the Chair and Vice Chair since they have not had a full opportunity to serve because of COVID.

The items will be agendized on the January meeting for discussion and/or action.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

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

6. REPORTS

6.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

* Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. arrived at 7:13 p.m.

6.2. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Kristen Yasukawa reported on:

Grants Program

- Open for FY 2021, volunteers for clean ups, open space, mini grants, wild-life, conservation

Lisa Bankosh reported on:

Steelhead trout/rainbow, draw down, daily acre feet

Mr. Aaron Baker was available to answer questions.

6.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Committee Members that are not returning:

Ms. Rita Norton, Mr. Marc Rauser, and Mr. John Bourgeois {he was missed during this announcement}

They were thanked for their commitment to the committee over the years and will be missed.

Mr. Steve Jordan reported on:

Attending the Water Storage Exploratory Committee meetings.

6.4 INFORMATIONAL LINK REPORTS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. adjourned at 7:34 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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

Approved:



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0022

Agenda Date: 1/25/2021

Item No.: 4.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Environmental and Water Resources Committee

SUBJECT:

Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

RECOMMENDATION:

Elect 2021 Chair and Vice Chair

SUMMARY:

Per the Board Resolution, the duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair are as follows:

The officers of each Committee shall be a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, both of whom shall be members of that Committee. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee, each for a term of one year commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31 and for no more than two consecutive terms. The Committee shall elect its officers at the first meeting of the calendar year. All officers shall hold over in their respective offices after their term of office has expired until their successors have been elected and have assumed office.

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, and he or she shall perform other such duties as the Committee may prescribe consistent with the purpose of the Committee.

The Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson in the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson. In case of the unexpected vacancy of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform such duties as are imposed upon the Chairperson until such time as a new Chairperson is elected by the Committee.

Should the office of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson become vacant during the term of such office, the Committee shall elect a successor from its membership at the earliest meeting at which such election would be practicable, and such election shall be for the unexpired term of such office.

Should the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson know in advance that they will both be absent from a meeting, the Chair may appoint a Chairperson Pro-tempore to preside over that meeting. In the event of an unanticipated absence of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, the Committee may elect a Chairperson Pro-tempore to preside over the meeting in their absence.

BACKGROUND:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Advisory Committees, which bring respective expertise and

community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Advisory Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

The Board may also establish Ad-hoc Committees to serve in a capacity as defined by the Board and will be used sparingly.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Michele King, 408-630-2711



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0023

Agenda Date: 1/25/2021

Item No.: 4.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Environmental and Water Resources Committee

SUBJECT:

Review and Approve 2020 Annual Accomplishments Report for Presentation to the Board
(Committee Chair)

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Approve the 2020 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board; and
- B. Provide comments to the Committee Chair to share with the Board as part of the Accomplishments Report presentation pertaining to the purpose, structure, and function of the Committee.

SUMMARY:

The Accomplishments Report summarizes the committee's discussions and actions to prepare Board policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation throughout 2020. The Committee Chair, or designee, presents the Accomplishments Report to the Board at a future Board meeting.

The Committee may provide feedback to the Committee Chair, at this time, to share with Board as part of the Accomplishments Report presentation pertaining to the purpose, structure, and function of the Committee.

BACKGROUND:

Governance Process Policy-8:

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Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: EWRC 2020 Accomplishments Report

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Michele King, 408-630-2711

2020 Annual Accomplishments Report: Environmental and Water Resources Committee

Update: December 2020

The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The committee work plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting the District occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the District Board of Directors.

| ITEM | WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY | INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only) | ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME |
|------|---|--|--|
| 1 | Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2020. (Action) | <p>Accomplished January 27, 2020: The Committee elected Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. as 2020 Committee Chair and Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, as 2020 Committee Vice Chair.</p> |
| 2 | Annual Accomplishments Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve 2019 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board. (Action) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate. | <p>Accomplished January 27, 2020: The Committee reviewed and approved the 2019 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board.</p> <p><i>The Board received the Committee's presentation at its March 24, 2020, meeting.</i></p> |
| 3 | Status of Working Groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates on the status of the working groups. (Action) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate. | <p>Accomplished January 27, 2020: The Committee received status reports for the below working group but took no action. Mr. Bob Levy reported out on his working group: interviewed other agency representatives on issues such as Anderson Dam and the regulatory agency complexities,</p> |

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**2020 Annual Accomplishments Report:
Environmental and Water Resources Committee**

Update: December 2020

| ITEM | WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY | INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only) | ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME |
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| | | | <p>Mr. Steve A. Jordan reported on the Water Storage Exploratory Committee meetings he attends and how the working group could provide input.</p> <p>Accomplished October 19, 2020: The Committee reviewed the working groups but took no action. The Committee will receive an email to sign up for the 2021 working groups.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Review of Environmental and Water Resources Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests and the Commission’s Next Meeting Agenda</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive and review the 2020 Board-approved Committee work plan. (Action) • Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate. | <p>Accomplished January 27, 2020: The Committee reviewed the 2020 work plan and took no action.</p> <p>Accomplished October 19, 2020: The Committee reviewed the 2020 work plan and took no action.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Standing Items Reports Fiscal Year 2020:</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive quarterly reports on standing items. (Information) | <p>Accomplished January 27, 2020: The Committee received the standing items report and took no action.</p> |

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**2020 Annual Accomplishments Report:
Environmental and Water Resources Committee**

Update: December 2020

| ITEM | WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY | INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only) | ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME |
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| WATER SUPPLY: There is reliable, clean water supply for current and future generations | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Finalize the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE). (Assigned to FAHCE) | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 2</i> | Actively Pursue Efforts to Increase Water Storage Opportunities. (Assigned to Water Storage Exploratory Committee) | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 3</i> | Actively Participate in Decisions Regarding the California Delta Conveyance. (Assigned to California Delta Conveyance Working Group) | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 4</i> | Lead Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with the City of San Jose and Other Agencies. (Assigned to Recycled Water Committee) | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 5</i> | Engage and educate the community, local elected officials and staff on future water supply strategies in Santa Clara County. (Assigned to Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee) | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 6</i> | Advance Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project. (Assigned to Capital Improvement Program Committee) | | |
| NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION. There is a healthy and safe environment for residents, businesses and visitors, as well as for future generations. | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Pursue opportunities to expedite regulatory permit processes and streamline permit reviews. (Assigned to FAHCE) | | |
| ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: There is water resources stewardship to protect and enhance watersheds and natural resources and to improve the quality of life in Santa Clara County. | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing flood protection and water supply projects. | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 2</i> | Promote the protection of creeks, bay, and other aquatic ecosystems from threats of pollution and degradation (Homeless encampment strategies assigned to Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee) | | |
| BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: Provide Affordable and Effective Cost Level of Services. | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Advance Diversity and Inclusion Efforts. Carry forward to FY20. (Assigned to Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee) | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 2</i> | Maintain Appropriate Staffing Levels and Expertise (Assigned to Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee) | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 3</i> | Provide Affordable and Effective Level of Services (Assigned to Financial Sustainability Group) | | |

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**2020 Annual Accomplishments Report:
Environmental and Water Resources Committee**

Update: December 2020

| ITEM | WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY | INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only) | ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME |
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| 6 | Discuss Approach to Keep Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection by Evaluating a Future Funding Measure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive information on opportunities to strengthen and update the existing Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program and on the feasibility of developing and placing a future funding measure on the November 2020 ballot. Provide input on new program development. | <p>Accomplished January 27, 2020: The Committee received information on opportunities to strengthen and update the existing Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program; and on the feasibility of developing and placing a future funding measure on the November 2020 ballot and took no action.</p> |
| 7 | FY2020-21 Groundwater Production Charges and Valley Water Budget Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received information on FY2020-21 Groundwater Production Charges and Valley Water Budget Update. (Action) | <p>Accomplished October 19, 2020: The Committee received information on FY2020-21 Groundwater Production Charges and Valley Water Budget Update and took no action.</p> |
| 8 | Board New FY 2020-21 Work Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive information on Board New FY 2020-21 Work Plan. (Information) | <p>Accomplished October 19, 2020: The Committee received information on the Board's New Work Plan for FY2021 and took no action.</p> |

| WATER SUPPLY: | |
|-------------------------|--|
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Actively Pursue Efforts to Increase Water Storage Opportunities. <i>(Assigned to Water Storage Exploratory Committee)</i> |
| <i>Board Strategy 2</i> | Actively Participate in Decisions Regarding the California Delta Conveyance. <i>(Assigned to California Delta Conveyance Working Group)</i> |
| <i>Board Strategy 3</i> | Lead Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with the City of San Jose and Other Agencies. <i>(Assigned to Recycled Water Committee)</i> |
| <i>Board Strategy 4</i> | Engage and educate the community, elected officials and staff on future water supply strategies in Santa Clara County. <i>(Assigned to Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee)</i> |

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**2020 Annual Accomplishments Report:
Environmental and Water Resources Committee**

Update: December 2020

| ITEM | WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY | INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only) | ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <i>Board Strategy 5</i> | Advance Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project. <i>(Assigned to Capital Improvement Program Committee)</i> | | |
| NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION: | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Protect and maintain existing assets and infrastructure. <i>(Assigned to Board Policy and Planning Committee)</i> | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 2</i> | Pursue opportunities to improve internal capacity to acquire regulatory permits. <i>(Assigned to Board Policy and Planning Committee)</i> | | |
| ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing flood protection and water supply projects. <i>(Assigned to Board Policy and Planning Committee)</i> | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 2</i> | Promote the protection of creeks, bay, and other aquatic ecosystems from threats of pollution and degradation (Homeless encampment strategies assigned to Homeless Encampment Committee) | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 3</i> | Continue the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort. <i>(Assigned to Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) formerly FAHCE Committee)</i> | | |
| BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Advance Diversity and Inclusion. <i>(Assigned to Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee and the Full Board)</i> | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 2</i> | Maintain Appropriate Staffing Levels and Expertise <i>(Assigned to Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee and the Full Board)</i> | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 3</i> | Provide Affordable and Cost-Effective Level of Services <i>(Assigned to Financial Sustainability Group)</i> | | |
| CLIMATE CHANGE: | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Address Future Impacts of Climate Change to Valley Water's Mission and Operations. <i>(Assigned to Board Policy and Planning Committee and the Full Board)</i> | | |

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0025

Agenda Date: 1/25/2021

Item No.: 4.3.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Environmental and Water Resources Committee

SUBJECT:

Status of Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Working Groups.

RECOMMENDATION:

Provide comments to the Board on implementation of Valley Water's mission applicable to working groups' recommendations.

SUMMARY:

At the Committee's January 2019 meeting, the Committee would like to see the working groups more aligned with the issues and policies that the Board of Directors has on their work plan and calendar for this year.

The Board approved the Committee's request to keep the Committee informed of the working groups' activities and results.

This will be a standing agenda item.

BACKGROUND:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 2021 Working Groups Spreadsheet
Attachment 2: Working Groups Guidelines

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Michele King, 408-630-2711

2021 EWRC Independent Working Groups

PLEASE SIGN UP!

| <u>Working Group Number/Title</u> | <u>Member Name</u> | <u>Total Members</u> | <u>Total Groups Joined</u> |
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| WATER SUPPLY: | | | |
| 1. Actively Pursue Efforts to Increase Water Storage Opportunities. <i>(Assigned to Water Storage Exploratory Committee)</i> {Board Strategy 1} | Steve Jordan | | |
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| 2. Actively Participate in Decisions Regarding the California Delta Conveyance. <i>(Assigned to California Delta Conveyance Working Group)</i> {Board Strategy 2} | Mike Michitaka | | |
| | Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. | | |
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| 3. Lead Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with the City of San Jose and Other Agencies. <i>(Assigned to Recycled Water Committee)</i> {Board Strategy 3} | Hon. Patrick S. Kwok | | |
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| 4. Engage and educate the community, elected officials and staff on future water supply strategies in Santa Clara County. <i>(Assigned to Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee)</i> {Board Strategy 4} | Diego Mora | | |
| | Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. | | |
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| 5. Advance Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project. <i>(Assigned to Capital Improvement Program Committee)</i> {Board Strategy 5} | Hon. Patrick S. Kwok | | |
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| NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION: | | | |
| 6. Protect and maintain existing assets and infrastructure. <i>(Assigned to Board Policy and Planning Committee)</i> {Board Strategy 1} | Mike Michitaka | | |
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| 7. Pursue opportunities to improve internal capacity to acquire regulatory permits. <i>(Assigned to Board Policy and Planning Committee)</i> {Board Strategy 2} | | | |
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| ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: | | | |
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| 8. Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing flood protection and water supply projects. <i>(Assigned to Board Policy and Planning Committee)</i> {Board Strategy 1} | Susan Blake | | |
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| 9. Promote the protection of creeks, bay, and other aquatic ecosystems from threats of pollution and degradation (Homeless encampment strategies assigned to Homeless Encampment Committee) {Board Strategy 2} | Diego Mora | | |
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| 10. Continue the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort. <i>(Assigned to Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) formerly FAHCE Committee)</i> {Board Strategy 3} | | | |
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| BUSINESS MANAGEMENT: | | | |
| 11. Advance Diversity and Inclusion. <i>(Assigned to Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee and the Full Board)</i> {Board Strategy 1} | | | |
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| 12. Maintain Appropriate Staffing Levels and Expertise <i>(Assigned to Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee and the Full Board)</i> {Board Strategy 2} | | | |
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| 13. Provide Affordable and Cost-Effective Level of Services <i>(Assigned to Financial Sustainability Group)</i> {Board Strategy 3} | | | |
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| CLIMATE CHANGE: | | | |
| 14. Address Future Impacts of Climate Change to Valley Water’s Mission and Operations. <i>(Assigned to Board Policy and Planning Committee and the Full Board)</i> {Board Strategy 1} | Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. | | |
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| Lead Member | | | |

SPECIAL NOTES:

See 2019 EWRC Independent Working Group Guidelines.

Members should limit the number of working groups they participate in because of possible Brown Act Violations (2-3 groups only).

Please Note: You will be sharing your phone number and email address with the other members when signing up for a working group.

When planning meetings, the Group Chair (Lead) should contact Glenna via email (gbrambill@valleywater.org) with meeting date/time and location and how many members are expected to attend.

FYI-The FAHCE, Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and Coyote Creek Emergency Action Plans and Flood Protection Working Groups may have some crossover environmental impacts. The connection of these groups will benefit from discussions at EWRC during committee reporting.

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GUIDELINES FOR INDEPENDENT WORKING GROUPS

*Environmental and Water Resources Committee
Santa Clara Valley Water District*

REVISION HISTORY

| Revision # | Implemented By | Revision Date | Reason |
|------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|
| original | <i>Nancy Smith</i> | <i>July 7, 2014</i> | <i>Baseline Plan</i> |
| 1 | <i>Tess Byler</i> | <i>February 2019</i> | <i>Update and alignment with Board Work Plan 2018 / 2019</i> |
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Guidelines for ERWC Independent Work Groups

This document provides guidelines for the smooth functioning of any independent work groups (IWGs) who draw their membership from the Santa Clara Valley Water District Environmental and Water Resources Committee. This update aligns IWGs with priorities specified by the Board of SCVWD as detailed in their Fiscal Year 2018-19 Board Work Plan (<https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/board-of-directors>) See the section at the bottom that says Related Files: Attachment

The Independent work groups are the primary method that EWRC members evaluate and recommend policy to the Board. The IWGs are a standing agenda item each EWRC meeting and members are expected to meet outside of regularly scheduled EWRC meetings.

The guidelines in this document are intended to clarify committee process so that the work groups can provide the optimal timing and relevant policy recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Table of Guideline Topics

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Independent Work Group List

The IWGs are based on current Board priorities as well as items listed in the EWRC Work Plan. The list below provides the current priorities, based on the FY 2018-19 Board Work Plan.

- Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaboration Effort (FAHCE)
- Water Storage Opportunities
- California WaterFix
- Recycled and Purified Water

- Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project
- Coyote Creek Emergency Action Plans and Flood Protection
- Coordinated Approach to Environmental Stewardship
- Advance Diversity and Inclusion Efforts

In addition, the EWRC Work Plan lists the following priorities that have moved from being included as a current Board priority, but the Board intends to revisit in the future, or are recurring items related to current Board priorities, and are thus potential IWGs:

- Groundwater Production Charges, Open Space Credit
- Water Supply Master Plan 2040
- Climate Change Adaptation and Carbon Neutrality by 2020 Program.

If a topic is not listed above, this does not preclude the formation of an IWG on a non-listed topic, it just means that staff cannot support the IWG, and that Board receptivity may be low.

Independent Work Group Meetings

Meetings can be in person, email or telephone conference, as needed.

Please copy Clerk of the EWRC, Glenna Brambill at gbrambill@valleywater.org on email communications, as well as current EWRC Board Chair prior to each meeting.

IWG Leader

Choose a liaison for your Independent work group and let both the Chair and Glenna know who that person is.

The liaison will be the main point of contact for the work group so that staff (Glenna) do not need to contact everyone in the group. The leader will organize IWG meetings, will invite all IWG to each meeting, and will inform staff (Glenna) prior to each meeting.

Brown Act Considerations

Be aware that the IWG members must be less than a EWRC quorum. Since EWRC quorum is 9, each IWG membership should have less than 8 people (NOTE: to date, this has not been an issue for IWGs).

Work Group Participation

To prevent inadvertent serial meetings, EWRC members are advised to work on two (2) or at most three (3) workgroups at any one time. In addition, it is far better to have depth in a single topic, so that any IWG recommendations for EWRC consideration are well reasoned.

Interaction with Board of Directors

Do not discuss work group topics with any Board Members other than the ERWC Board liaisons.

File Sharing Sites and Social Media

Because the work groups are governed by the Brown Act, the Chair and staff advise against using file sharing or social media for sharing information. Email, telephone calls and meetings among working group members are acceptable.

Timing of Recommendations

At each for the four annual EWRC meetings, as part of a standing agenda item, each IWG chair will discuss progress and make recommendations for full committee action.

The work groups may not present topics to the Board of Directors without first receiving approval of the Committee. The EWRC will vote on items that go to the Board for consideration.

Interactions with Water District Staff

District Staff may assist the working groups that are aligned with Board priorities as long as there is available staffing and sufficient time. If staff assistance is needed, please filter questions through Glenna, and copy Chair of EWRC. Staff may elect to supply answers via email or in in person meetings, as indicated by complexity of issue.

Staff will not automatically reach out to IWG.

Relation with IWG and EWRC Work Plan

The EWRC Work Plan includes items that are of interest to EWRC (clerical items) and other items that ideally should be aligned with Board priorities. This will allow optimal timing of IWG recommendations to the Board. For example, groundwater production charges are on April 2019 agenda, and it would be ideal for IWG to meet prior to April EWRC meeting to evaluate and develop IWG recommendations for EWRC action. This will be both timely and valuable to Valley Water Board. The EWRC Work Plan is a living document and updates are made at each EWRC meeting as a standing agenda item.

List of Work Group Membership

The current list of work groups and their membership is maintained by Glenna. The IWGs depend on EWRC members to sign up and take action.



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0026

Agenda Date: 1/25/2021

Item No.: 4.4.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Environmental and Water Resources Committee

SUBJECT:

Review Environmental and Water Resources Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests; and the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the Committee work plan to guide the committee's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.

SUMMARY:

The attached Work Plan outlines the Board-approved topics for discussion to be able to prepare policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. The work plan is agendaized at each meeting as accomplishments are updated and to review additional work plan assignments by the Board.

BACKGROUND:

Governance Process Policy-8:

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Advisory Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Advisory Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Environmental and Water Resources Committee 2021 Work Plan Attachment
- 2: Environmental and Water Resources Committee April 2021 Draft Agenda

File No.: 21-0026

Agenda Date: 1/25/2021
Item No.: 4.4.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Michele King, 408-630-2711

2021 Work Plan: Environmental and Water Resources Committee

Update: December 2020

The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The committee work plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting the District occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the District Board of Directors.

| ITEM | WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY | MEETING DATE | INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only) | ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME |
|------|---|---|--|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021 | January 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2021 (Action) | |
| 2 | Annual Accomplishments Report | January 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve 2020 Accomplishments Report for presentation to the Board. (Action) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate. | |
| 3 | Status of Working Groups | January 25 April 19 July 19 October 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates on the status of the working groups. (Action) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate. | |
| 4 | Review of Environmental and Water Resources Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests and the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda | January 25 April 19 July 19 October 18 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive and review the 2021 Board-approved Committee work plan. (Action) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate. | |

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2021 Work Plan: Environmental and Water Resources Committee

Update: December 2020

| ITEM | WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY | MEETING DATE | INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only) | ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME |
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| 5 | Update on Valley Water’s Creation of New Office of Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and Board Adoption of a Resolution Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Equity. | January 25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive information on the New Office of Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (REDI) Board Adoption of a Resolution | |
| 6 | Standing Items Reports Fiscal Year 2021: | January 25 April 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive quarterly reports on standing items. (Information) | |
| WATER SUPPLY: | | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Actively Pursue Efforts to Increase Water Storage Opportunities. <i>(Assigned to Water Storage Exploratory Committee)</i> | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 2</i> | Actively Participate in Decisions Regarding the California Delta Conveyance. <i>(Assigned to California Delta Conveyance Working Group)</i> | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 3</i> | Lead Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with the City of San Jose and Other Agencies. <i>(Assigned to Recycled Water Committee)</i> | | | |
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| NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION: | | | | |
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2021 Work Plan: Environmental and Water Resources Committee

Update: December 2020

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| CLIMATE CHANGE: | | | | |
| <i>Board Strategy 1</i> | Address Future Impacts of Climate Change to Valley Water's Mission and Operations. <i>((Assigned to Board Policy and Planning Committee and the Full Board)</i> | | | |
| 7 | Review and Comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 Proposed Groundwater Production Charges. | April 19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Groundwater Production Charges. (Action) | |

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Committee Officers
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 , Committee Vice Chair

Board Representative
 Tony Estremera, Board Representative
 Nai Hsueh, Alternate
 Linda J. LeZotte, Board Representative

DRAFT AGENDA

ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Time Certain:
 6:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Time Open for Public Comment on Any Item Not on Agenda**
Comments should be limited to two minutes. If the Committee wishes to discuss a subject raised by the speaker, it can request placement on a future agenda.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 3.1 Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2021, meeting
- 4. Action Items**
 - 4.1 Review and Comment to the Board on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Groundwater Production Charges (Darin Taylor)
Recommendation: Provide comment to the Board in the implementation of the District’s mission as it applies to staff’s groundwater production charge recommendation for FY 2021-2022.
 - 4.2 Status of Working Groups (Committee Chair)
Recommendation: Provide comment to the Board in the implementation of the District’s mission as it applies to the working groups’ recommendations.
 - 4.3 Review Environmental and Water Resources Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests and the Committee’s Next Meeting Agenda (Committee Chair)
Recommendation: Review the Board-approved Committee work plan to guide the committee’s discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.
- 5. Informational Items:**
Standing Items:
This item allows the Environmental and Water Resources Committee to receive verbal or written updates and discuss the Board's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Work Plan Strategies. These items are generally informational; however, the Committee may request additional information and/or provide collective input to the assigned Board Committee.

| WATER SUPPLY: | |
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| Board | Actively Pursue Efforts to Increase Water Storage Opportunities. (Assigned to Water |

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| <i>Strategy 1</i> | <i>Storage Exploratory Committee)</i> |
| <i>Board Strategy 2</i> | Actively Participate in Decisions Regarding the California Delta Conveyance. <i>(Assigned to California Delta Conveyance Working Group)</i> |
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| CLIMATE CHANGE: | |
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6. **Clerk Review and Clarification of Committee Requests to the Board**
This is a review of the Committee’s Requests, to the Board (from Item 4). The Committee may also request that the Board approve future agenda items for Committee discussion.

7. **Reports**
Directors, Managers, and Committee members may make brief reports and/or announcements on their activities. Unless a subject is specifically listed on the agenda, the Report is for information only and not discussion or decision. Questions for clarification are permitted.
 - 7.1 Director’s Report
 - 7.2 Manager’s Report
 - 7.3 Committee Member Reports
 - 7.4 Links to Informational Reports

8. **Adjourn:** Adjourn to next regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m., **July 19, 2021**, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

All public records relating to an open session item on this agenda, which are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act, that are distributed to a majority of the legislative body will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Clerk of the Board at the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA., 95118, at the same time that the public records are distributed or made available to the legislative body.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities wishing to attend committee meetings. Please advise the Clerk of the Board office of any special needs by calling 1-408-630-2277.

Environmental and Water Resources Committee's Purpose and Duties

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee of the Santa Clara Valley Water District is established to assist the Board of Directors (Board) with policies pertaining to water supply, flood protection and environmental stewardship.

The specific duties are:

- Prepare policy alternatives;
- Provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission; and
- Produce and present to the Board an Annual Accomplishments Report that provides a synopsis of the annual discussions and actions.

In carrying out these duties, Committee members bring to the District their respective expertise and the interests of the communities they represent. In addition, Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0027

Agenda Date: 1/25/2021

Item No.: 5.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Environmental and Water Resources Committee

SUBJECT:

Standing Items Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Standing Items Reports

This item allows the Environmental and Water Resources Committee to receive verbal or written updates and discuss the Board's Fiscal Year 2021 Work Plan Strategies. These items are generally informational; however, the Committee may request additional information and/or provide collective input to the assigned Board Committee.

SUMMARY:

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee was established to assist the Board with policy review and development, provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District mission, and to identify Board-related issues.

On August 2020, the Board of Directors approved aligning the Board Advisory Committees' agendas and work plans with the Board's yearly work plan.

The new agenda format will allow regular reports on the Board's priorities from the Board's committees and/or Board committee representative and identify subjects where the committees could provide advice to the Board on pre-identified subjects in a timely manner to meet the Board's schedule and distribute information/reports that may be of interest to committee members.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Standing Items Report.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Michele King, 408-630-2711

FY2020-2021 BOARD WORK PLAN – STANDING ITEMS REPORT
December 2020 Update

| GOAL: WATER SUPPLY | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Strategy 1: | Actively Pursue New Water Storage Opportunities |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities to develop new surface and groundwater storage projects that align with Valley Water’s mission. Additionally, seek water exchange and transfer opportunities. Determine level of participation for projects and decisions about partnerships. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On November 17, 2020, the Valley Water Board of Directors approved continued participation in the Sites Reservoir project at 0.2 percent share of the total project, with a \$50K cost share covering planning work through December 31, 2021. On November 17, 2020, the Valley Water Board of Directors authorized Amendment No. 2 to the Los Vaqueros Expansion project Multi-party Agreement. All Local Agency Partners have authorized execution of Amendment No. 2. Valley Water held several workshops with regulatory agencies to define reservoir operations at Pacheco Reservoir. |
| Strategy 2: | Actively participate in decisions regarding the California Delta Conveyance |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a voice for Northern California, continue to engage, negotiate, and increase public education of the project through serving on the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority and Finance Authority and Stakeholder Engagement Committee in adherence to Board approved Guiding Principles, to protect Santa Clara County’s interests. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On November 17, 2020, the Valley Water Board of Directors approved participation in Delta Conveyance Design and Construction (DCA) partnering up to 3.23% and gap funding for two years at up to 3.23% share of planning costs. |
| Strategy 3: | Lead Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with committed partners. |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a portfolio of advanced purified water and secure treated wastewater as identified in the Water Supply Master Plan. Elevate discussion with San Jose from staff to elected official level and include City of Santa Clara and other wastewater agencies in order to reach a decision point on a project by mid-September 2020. Present a water reuse roadmap that clarifies position on Indirect Potable Reuse (IPR) vs. Direct Potable Reuse (DPR). Develop plan for South County including a governance model. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Cities of Santa Clara and San Jose have approved entering into negotiations with Valley Water to develop a partnership to expand purified water. Valley Water has updated its Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan (CoRe Plan) and is undergoing stakeholder and public review. |

| GOAL: WATER SUPPLY | |
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| Strategy 4: | Engage and educate the community, elected officials and staff on future water supply strategies in Santa Clara County. |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify strategies for outreach and education programs and efforts. • Develop metrics to understand the ROI of outreach strategies, such as the annual favorability survey. • Increase efforts to educate the public about the mix of different types of water in Valley Water's portfolio, including the Delta Conveyance, and associated current and projected costs. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In September and October 2020, the CEO hosted an "Ask the CEO" series of virtual community meetings held in each of the seven Districts with each respective Director to discuss major projects and answer questions from community members. • In October and November 2020, Valley Water reached 893 members of the community through 30 educational tours of water infrastructure projects and the water reuse/recycled and purified water program. • The Office of Government Relations hosted its annual Fall Washington D.C. advocacy trip November 16-18, 2020 completely virtually with administration officials, members of Congress, and congressional committee staff to advocate for our priority projects and federal funding requests. |
| Strategy 5: | Advance Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (ADSRP) |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress all elements on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Order Compliance Project (FOCP) into design/construction. • Begin construction of the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project (ADTP). • Continue to work with appropriate regulatory agencies to review and obtain approval for all project design plans on the ADSRP. • Release for review the Draft Environmental Report for the ADSRP. • Continue to inform the public and neighborhoods of the project progress and construction timeline. • Balance flood protection, water supply, and environmental flow requirements appropriately for annual operations prior to completion of the construction of ADSRP. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anderson Reservoir has been dewatered to 3% capacity as part of the Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) Ordered Compliance Project. • Valley Water continues to coordinate closely with the many stakeholders and regulatory agencies involved. • In August 2020, a rescue and relocation effort for federally threatened Central California Coast Steelhead occurred in Coyote Creek below Anderson Dam in advance of dewatering. Sixty-seven fish were relocated to Upper Penitencia Creek, an area of the watershed that will remain cooler and more suitable for the steelhead. |

| GOAL: NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION | |
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| Strategy 1: | Protect and maintain existing assets and infrastructure. |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize funding for maintenance activities to ensure the most cost-effective flood protection investment. • Develop asset management approach to plan for major asset recapitalization. • Develop program to plan for multi-benefit opportunities when major maintenance work is required. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On November 17, 2020, the Valley Water Board of Directors approved the execution of the Second Amendment amending Valley Water’s long-term Central Valley Project (CVP) water service contract to add the South Bay Aqueduct as a point of delivery for Valley Water’s Central Valley Project water. This will improve the flexibility and reliability of Valley Water’s imported water operations and protect against limitation on delivery through the San Felipe Division facilities. • On November 17, 2020, the Valley Water Board of Directors approved the execution of Amendment No. 25 to Valley Water’s State Water Project Water Supply Contract. This will provide greater flexibility for transfers and exchanges among State Water Project (SWP) contractors and will improve Valley Water’s access to supplemental dry year supplies. |
| Strategy 2: | Pursue opportunities to improve internal capacity to acquire regulatory permits. |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide for Watershed-Wide regulatory planning and permitting effort and pursue other efforts at the state and federal level to expedite permit review. • Centralize permitting efforts amongst Valley Water staff to improve efficiency of applications and build closer relationships with regulatory agencies. • Build closer relationships with regulatory agencies and open dialogue with the environmental community. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On October 7, 2020, Valley Water hosted a joint meeting with the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board to engage and foster a productive working relationship and specifically discuss Valley Water project and priorities that the Regional Water Quality Control Board may have a regulatory and/or partnership interest. |

| GOAL: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP | |
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| Strategy 1: | Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing flood protection and water supply projects. |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the One Water planning process, develop an integrated water resource plan for each watershed, including appropriate metrics to monitor Valley Water’s impacts on and benefit to the environment. • Ensure that stewardship efforts are integrated and not focused primarily on mitigation. • Seek input from a wide range of communities including tribal voices, disadvantaged communities, regulators, and the environmental community, whenever possible. • Revisit Ends Policy 4 in light of climate change, trails, open space, stewardship, etc. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to Board Ends Policy E-4 on Environmental Stewardship have been developed and have been gone through initial review by the Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC). |
| Strategy 2: | Promote the protection of creeks, bay, and other aquatic ecosystems from threats of pollution and degradation. |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue efforts to protect the ecosystem and water quality of our waterbodies, the integrity of our infrastructure, and ensure our employees have a safe work environment. Such efforts include preventing stormwater pollution, increased implementation of green stormwater infrastructure, addressing mercury pollution, and homeless encampment clean ups. • Continue partnerships and investments on a regional scale such as the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration and Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Program (SCVURPPP). |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In August 2020, the Saratoga Creek Hazard Tree Removal and Restoration Project to remove fifty-four non-native, damaged eucalyptus trees that pose a fire and safety hazard. This first phase of the three-year project was completed ahead of schedule. • Valley Water has begun engaging with key stakeholders and members of the community regarding the update of its Public Trails on Valley Water Lands Policy Criteria and Guidance. |
| Strategy 3: | Continue the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expedite early implementation of feasibility studies, monitoring activities, and planning and construction of various fish passage improvements. • Integrate with Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, Coyote Creek, and other new projects. • Continue FAHCE effort on remaining two creeks: Guadalupe River and Stevens Creek. • Develop Adaptive Management Plan to encompass all three creeks. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Valley Water Board of Directors approved converting The FAHCE Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Board Committee called the Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC). The SPOC has added a third purpose to identify and track progress of Valley Water and non-Valley Water activities that may affect the FAHCE Settlement Agreement and implementation. |

| GOAL: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT | |
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| Strategy 1: | Advance diversity and inclusion. |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue research on best practices to understand the changing landscape of diversity and inclusion to identify where continued investment is necessary. Develop Board’s vision for Valley Water as a diverse and inclusive organization. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valley Water created the Office of Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (REDI Office) to provide focused actions to address racial equity, diversity and inclusion within agency operations as well as promoting these issues and environmental justice to all the communities Valley Water serves. On September 22, 2020, the Valley Water Board of Directors adopted a Resolution “Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Equity” to establish Valley Water’s response to individual and systemic racism and its commitment to taking meaningful action, internally and externally, to address the impacts of prejudice, abuse of power, racial bias, gender or gender identity bias, racism, and barriers to diversity, equity and inclusion. |
| Strategy 2: | Maintain appropriate staffing levels and expertise. |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize a long-term staffing strategy that aligns with Water Supply Master Plan, Capital Improvement Program, Operations & Maintenance plans, etc.. Develop classification career ladders to provide understanding of requirements for professional growth. Consider opportunities to grow the recruitment pipeline from high school and college students, workforce development programs, and the Valley Water intern program. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valley Water continues to advance on the focus areas within this strategy, has reduced the rate of vacancies within the agency, and continues to creatively provide professional development opportunities for staff even with a socially distanced working environment. |
| Strategy 3: | Provide affordable and cost-effective level of services. |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish benchmarking with other agencies, particularly water agencies, in order to understand areas for improvement. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In August 2020, the Valley Water Board of Directors approved the agency moving forward with implementing a two-year budget cycle. Valley Water is preparing for the transition and anticipates implementation to begin in Fiscal Year 2023. |

| GOAL: CLIMATE CHANGE | |
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| Strategy 1: | Address future impacts of climate change to Valley Water’s mission and operations. |
| Focus: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a vision for how Valley Water thinks about and responds to Climate Change throughout the organization. |
| Update: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valley Water is developing a Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) that outlines Valley Water’s vision for climate change and will address greenhouse gas reductions, adaptations to climate change and expansions to Valley Water’s existing efforts around water conservation, recycled water, flood protection, ecosystem protection and habitat restoration. The plan is under development and expects to be completed in 2021. |



Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 21-0028

Agenda Date: 1/25/2021

Item No.: 5.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Environmental and Water Resources Committee

SUBJECT:

Update on Valley Water's Creation of New Office of Racial Equity, Diversity & Inclusion and Board Adoption of a Resolution Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Equity.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information on Valley Water's Creation of the Office of Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and the Board of Directors' Adoption of a Resolution Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Equity.

SUMMARY:

In July 2020, Chief Executive Officer Rick Callender announced the creation of a new Office of Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) under the External Affairs Division. The new office will encompass the existing Diversity and Inclusion Program, with an expanded charge to break down organizational barriers that enable systemic racism, and instead promote a culture of equity and environmental justice. This office will ensure that racial equity, diversity and inclusion practices are reflected both internally and externally to better serve all communities within Valley Water's service area.

On August 27, 2020, REDI staff presented a resolution "Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Equity" to the Board of Directors' Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee. The resolution was developed consistent with Valley Water's core values and the principles used in accomplishing Valley Water's mission. Specifically, the purpose and intent of the resolution is to establish Valley Water's response to individual and systemic racism and its commitment to taking meaningful action, internally and externally, to address the impacts of acts of prejudice, abuse of power, racial bias, gender or gender identity bias, racism, and barriers to diversity, equity and inclusion. The Committee recommended the resolution go to the Board of Directors for adoption and recommended that staff present the resolution to other Board Advisory Committees.

During the September 22, 2020 Board Meeting, REDI staff presented the resolution to the Board of Directors for adoption. The Board voted to adopt the resolution and directed staff to present the resolution to all Board Advisory Committees. The resolution is included as Attachment 1.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Board-Adopted Resolution Addressing Systemic Racism and Promoting Equity

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UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-

ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC RACISM AND PROMOTING EQUITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) has adopted policies upholding its commitment to diversity, inclusion equity, and justice; and has reflected on the current events of the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others that underscore a history in which Black and African Americans have been unjustly accused, detained, or killed by citizens or police officers as a result of prejudice, abuse of power, racial bias, and racism; and

WHEREAS, in this sobering and heartbreaking moment, our eyes have been opened to the ongoing burden and the resulting inequalities that prejudice, abuse of power, racial bias, and racism in both overt and systemic forms have inflicted on the Black and African American community; and

WHEREAS, Valley Water is committed to the fair treatment of all races, cultures, ethnicities, socio-economic classes, genders, gender identity, sexual orientation, and affirms that diversity, equity, inclusiveness, and respect are core values of the agency; and

WHEREAS, Valley Water is committed to advancing racial justice by centering the agency's programs and resource allocations on racial and social equity, both as a regional employer, as well as a service provider; and

WHEREAS, Valley Water understands that many members of the communities served by Valley Water, as well as members of our own employee community, are hurting deeply because of the events surrounding the unjust killings and abuse of power of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, the Governance Policies of the Board GP 7.7 states that the Santa Clara Valley Water District is committed to creating an inclusive work environment, which reflects and supports the diversity of our community and enriches our perspectives; and

WHEREAS, In 2018 the Valley Water Board adopted the Environmental Justice Policy, aligning with the Federal Environmental Protection Agencies' definition of Environmental Justice and adding a value statement that we are committed to upholding Environmental Justice for Disadvantaged Communities in Santa Clara County (including low-income, minority, immigrant, tribal, and Limited English Proficiency residents), and will strive to ensure the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to our projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, Valley Water acknowledges that increasing diversity, representation, inclusion and a sense of belonging at all levels, including the Board, Executive Leadership and Professional and Managerial classes is critical, as it results in better outcomes for individuals as well as for the Agency; and

WHEREAS, On June 22, 2020, the Board of Directors took an emergency legislative position of support on ACA 5 (Weber), an Assembly-proposed constitutional amendment to repeal

Proposition 209 enacted in November 1996, in order to support equity, diversity, inclusion, and justice in state and local government hiring practices; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District stands against prejudice, abuse of power, racial bias, gender bias, gender identity bias, sexual orientation bias, and racism in both overt and systematic forms, and does hereby adopt the following guiding principles, at Valley Water we will:

1. Recognize and acknowledge that black lives matter.
2. Stand up against acts of racism, exclusion, and abuse of power in our organization and in our community.
3. Provide leadership in calling out institutionalized racism and broken systems within water resources community and working to fix them.
4. Go beyond diversity and inclusion and build cultural competence and address issues of racial inequity to become an anti-racist, anti-hate organization.
5. Intentionally and proactively change our ways of thinking about racial equity through dialogue, education, training, and engaging all Valley Water employees and contractors.
6. Create a supportive work environment regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity and create a more equitable and safe work environment for LGBT employees.
7. Combat hate, discrimination, and unfair treatment against all people.
8. Be a resource for education and awareness for Valley Water employees and the communities we serve, relative to Valley Water's mission, by regularly sharing educational resources about ongoing social justice issues in America.
9. Offer consistent, equitable amenities across Valley Water projects regardless of community demographics or affluence.
10. Support First Amendment rights that allow freedom of speech and peaceful non-violence public protests to educate and advocate for justice and stand against injustice.
11. Condemn systematic racism that sanctions police violence against people of color and especially Black and African American people.
12. Ensure that all employees voices be heard, creating a culture of equity, diversity inclusion, and belonging by continuing to support the Employee Resource Groups (ERGs).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Valley Water Board further calls upon Valley Water labor union partners to affirmatively address racial, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and social inequalities and ensuring equitable benefits, decision-making, and negotiation demands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Valley Water Board acknowledges and calls on all employees to recognize that the responsibility falls on each of us, regardless of the color of our skin to work together to create a "new normal" in which the legacy of bigotry and unequal treatment no longer infects our institutions, systems, and values.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Valley Water Board directs the CEO to move beyond acknowledgement of injustice and take concrete actions that are visible in the prioritization of resources and programs to (1) create a culture where employees feel safe, respected, valued, and are invited to participate fully in sharing their unique gifts, talents, and backgrounds; (2) expand access to equity, diversity, and inclusion evidence-based strategies, such as implicit bias trainings, culturally competent education and historical learnings, including through collaboration and support of ERGs; (3) recognize and ensure access to clean and safe drinking water as a human right; (4) recognize and make sure flood protection is provided in an equitable fashion to all communities; and (5) recognize and ensure that environmental restoration and watershed stewardship projects equitably benefit all communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Valley Water Board directs the CEO to bring forward an Environmental Justice Ends Policy for the Board's adoption, consistent with the Board's Environmental Justice Executive limitation before end of this fiscal year FY2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Valley Water Board directs the CEO to identify and dismantle structural and institutional racism within Valley Water by (1) affirmatively addressing racial and social inequities and (2) promoting environmental justice consistent with the Board's policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Valley Water Board directs the CEO to assess, strengthen, and fund outreach and engagement strategies to ensure that communities of color and disadvantaged communities have true access to representation and participation in our agency's processes, as well as equitable access to engage in Valley Water processes and programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Valley Water Board directs the CEO to assure hiring, retention, and promotion practices ensure personnel decisions are made equitably and justly, and make sure the workforce is diverse and enjoys equal opportunities for promotions and benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Valley Water Board directs the CEO to put into place programs that will ensure the greatest diversification of its contractors to strive to aim for inclusion and utilization of all Local Business Enterprises, including Minority and Women Business Enterprises.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors directs the CEO to identify actions Valley Water will implement to advance racial, and social equity across all enterprises and, including developing performance measures, incorporating a racial, and social equity lens in budgeting, personnel, contracting decisions, and in all strategic long-term planning processes for the express purpose of advancing racially just outcome reporting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors directs the CEO, upon the passage of Proposition 16, the numeric designation assigned to ACA 5 (Weber) for the statewide General Election to be held on November 3, 2020, to put in place programs, policies, and procedures to implement the expressed intent of Proposition 16.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Valley Water will support and continue to explore additional efforts in the communities which it serves, the State of California, and nationwide to address racial inequalities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on September 22, 2020:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

Clerk, Board of Directors

