



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 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 January 27, 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 Tess Byler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was established with 13 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Bonnie Bamberg*	Loren Lewis	
District 2	Charles Ice	Elizabeth Sarmiento	
District 3	Hon. Dean Chu	Rev. Jethroe Moore, II*	
District 4	Susan Blake	John Bourgeois*	Bob Levy
District 5	Hon. Tara Martin-Milius	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	Rita Norton
District 5	Mike Michitaka

*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, Glenna Brambill, Vincent Gin,
Garth Hall, Marta Lugo, Brian Mendenhall, Mike Potter and Darin Taylor.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hon. Patrick S. Kwok, seconded by Mr. Marc Rauser, and by majority vote carried, to approve the July 15, 2019, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Tess Byler and Hon. Tara Martin-Milius abstained.

3.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hon. Dean Chu, seconded by Mr. Bob Levy, and by majority vote carried, to approve the October 21, 2019, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented. Hon. Tara Martin-Milius abstained.

*Rev. Jethroe Moore arrived at 6:04 p.m.

4. 4.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was moved by Steve A. Jordan, seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento to nominate Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. as Chair.

It was moved by Hon. Patrick S. Kwok, seconded by Hon. Tara Martin-Milius to nominate Hon. Dean Chu. as Chair.

Both candidates gave background/statements before the vote took place.

*Mr. John Bourgeois arrived at 6:07 p.m.

The first vote took place and both candidates tied 7 and 7, which indicated that someone did not vote.

Both candidates restated more of their backgrounds before the second vote took place.

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. received 9 votes and Hon. Dean Chu received 6 votes, electing Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. as the new 2020 Chair.

4. 4.1 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

It was moved by Mr. Loren Lewis, seconded by Mr. Bob Levy to nominate Hon. Dean Chu as Vice Chair.

It was moved by Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento, seconded by Mr. Marc Rauser to nominate Rev. Jethroe Moore II, as Vice Chair.

Hon. Dean Chu's earlier statement was sufficient and Rev. Jethroe Moore, II gave his background/statement before the vote took place.

Hon Dean Chu. received 7 votes and Rev, Jethroe Moore, II. received 8 votes, electing Rev, Jethroe Moore, II, as the new 2020 Vice Chair.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 REVIEW AND APPROVE 2019 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD (COMMITTEE CHAIR)

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

It was moved by Steve A. Jordan, seconded by Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, and unanimously carried, to approve the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's 2019 Annual Accomplishments Report as presented.

Ms. Bonnie Bamburg arrived at 6:28 p.m.

5.2 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 item.

The Committee (Ms. Tess Byler, Mr. Steve A. Jordan, Mr. Bob Levy, Mr. John Bourgeois, Mr. Marc Rauser, Hon. Dean Chu, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Mr. Charles Ice and Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento) discussed the following questions/issues/concerns: 6th year of the 15th year will there be an increase of parcel tax realignment, shortfall, why do now, program is great thus far, borrowing money, project specific measure fund vote, flexibility on how to use money, fund measure or general, 2/3rd vote early in case it fails and needs to go back out, Pacheco Reservoir impact, would like to see the survey results and outreach efforts, ag rate stabilization concern, program's set aside funds, prior years of water (pipelines/San Luis), new proposition(relabel), 1 priority for mitigation/climate change to allow for funding, sea level rise-making the case stronger, going to ballot now may be rushed-other tax issues on the ballot, flood protection issues, no red flags-great, Coyote Creek controversy and public art.

Hon. Patrick S. Kwok left at 6:45 p.m. and did not return.

Mr. Darin Taylor and Mr. Garth Hall were available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. move to Agenda Item 5.5.

5.5 REVIEW AND COMMENT TO THE BOARD ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 PRELIMINARY GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES

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

The Committee (Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Ms. Tess Byler, Mr. Steve A. Jordan, Mr. Marc Rauser, Mr. Charles Ice, Elizabeth Sarmiento, Hon. Dean Chu and Ms. Bonnie Bamburg) discussed the following questions/issues/concerns: WSMP 3 new plans, TBP in scenario but not LVE, wells out of the zone criteria (send to the Committee via email), preparing for April's Groundwater discussion, surcharge on treated water, water conservation and projections.

Mr. Garth Hall was available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. move to Agenda Item 5.3.

5.3 UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUPS

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mr. Bob Levy reported out on his working group: interviewed other agency representatives on issues such as Anderson Dam and the regulatory agency complexities,

Mr. Steve A. Jordan reported on the Water Storage Exploratory Committee meetings he attends and how the working group could provide input.

Anyone not on a working group may contact Glenna Brambill to participate.

Ms. Tess Byler confirmed that the working groups' do align with the Board's working plan.

The Committee took no action.

5.4 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee took no action.

6. 6.1 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee took no action.

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

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

Action:

The Committee approved the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's 2019 Annual Accomplishments Report.

8. REPORTS

8.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Nai Hsueh reported on:

- The standing items updated format makes it more user-friendly (process improvement from feedback received)

8.2. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Vincent Gin reported on:

- Update on advances of the weather monitoring program, region-wide improvements on the radar system called Advanced Quantitative Precipitation Information (AQPI) expand radar installation at the Penitencia Treatment Plant (imaging of rainfall)

8.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., thanked Ms. Tess Byler for her leadership as the 2019 Chair

Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento reported on:

- 2020 Landscape Summit ("Landscape is a Changing Climate") scheduled for February 27, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., held at Valley Water Boardroom

Ms. Tess Byler reported on:

- Green Sustainable Streets Symposium, March 12th sponsored by the City of Mountain View

8.4 LINK TO INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. adjourned at 8:08 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom. *(meeting was canceled due to COVID 19 Shelter in Place restrictions)*

Submitted by:

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Approved: 10-19-2020