



HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019
3:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A meeting of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) was held on March 18, 2019, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee was called to order by Chair Director Richard P. Santos at 3:05 p.m. on March 18, 2019, at the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Board Members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera-District 6, Director Richard P. Santos-District 3, and Director John L. Varela-District 1.

Staff members in attendance were: Joe Aranda, Michael Baratz, Glenna Brambill, Rick Callender, Rita Chan, Usha Chatwani, James Choate, Robert Ewing, Ray Fields, Carole Foster, Anthony Fulcher, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Rachael Gibson, Chad Grande, Marty Grimes, Linh Hoang, Hieu Huynh, Jay Lee, Bill Magleby, Ngoc Nguyen, Melanie Richardson, Hernan Rivero, Cecilia Rocha, Mike Sawatzky, Eli Serrano, Kirsten Struve, Sue Tippetts, Sherilyn Tran, Jennifer Turner and Sue Turner.

Special guests in attendance were: Robert Aguirre, Kathleen Almoslino, Mark Amann, Elizabeth Agramont-Justiniano, Jan Bernstein Chargin, Kelly Blake, Marisa Butturini, Susan Carothers, Roger Castillo, Michelle Covert, Terry Denevah, Anthony Di Pietro, Mitchell Ehrlich, Elizabeth Estensen, Joaquin Galaza, Karen Gillette, Colleen Guest, Willy G, Jacquie Heffner, Kathryn Hedges, Steve Holmes, Gary Jansen, Larry Johmann, Karen Laten, Reid Lerner, Jackie MacLean, Patrick Martinez, Phil Mastrocola, Kent McLaggan, Cathy Michelin, Sharlene Mello, Peter Miron Conk, Billy Moore, Stephanie Moreno, Mansour Nasser, Francesca Paist, Ben Ramos, Ed Rast, Phil Roemer, Sandra Sepulveda, Rob Solchaga, Brittany Stagnaro, C. Jeffrey Stanley, Lara Thomas Scott Van Gordon, Michaeline Vierra, Jeremy Taylor, Lara Thomas, David Zappelli, Richard Zappelli and Jennifer.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, seconded by Director Tony Estremera, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018, Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee meeting, as presented.

4. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4.1 REDUCING TOXINS, HAZARDS AND CONTAMINANTS IN LOCAL WATERWAYS

Ms. Kirsten Struve reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

Ms. Karen Gillette, a member of the public spoke on this item.

The Committee took no action.

4.2 SANTA CLARA COUNTY PROPOSAL TO TEMPORARILY RELOCATE HOPE VILLAGE ON VALLEY WATER PROPERTY

Ms. Melanie Richardson reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda, however staff was not able to give a detailed presentation because the proposal was just received. Directors Tony Estremera and John L. Varela noted they would like to assist and needed suggestions from the public.

Mr. Ngoc Nguyen was available to answer questions

San Jose City Representative Ms. Ragan Henninger, Deputy Director of Housing and County's Office of Support Housing Representative Ms. Michelle Covert shared a powerpoint presentation and explained State and County Codes, Ruff Drive property was City owned, FAA requirements and list of grants and funding.

The following members of the public spoke on Willow St/Lelong property (Hope Village) along with homeless issues:

Mr. Steve Holmes, Mr. Terry Denevah, Ms. Jacquie Heffner, Ms. Karen Gillette, Mr. Peter Miron Conk, Mr. Roger Castillo, Mr. Mitchell Ehrlich, Ms. Cathy Michelon, Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Kathleen Almoslino, Ms. Diana, Ms. Sandra Sepulveda, Mr. Larry Johmann, Ms. Brittany Stagnaro, Ms. Kathryn Hedges, Ms. Lara Thomas, Mr. Joaquin Galaza, Ms. Jan Bernstein Chargin, Mr. Mansour Nasser, Mr. Reid Lerner, Ms. Colleen Guest, Mr. Patrick Martinez, Mr. Rob Solchaga, Ms. Francesca Paist, Mr. Phil Mastrocola, Ms. Karen Laten, Ms. Stephanie Moreno, Ms. Sharlene Mello, Mr. Willy G., Ms. Kelly Blake, Mr. Gary Jansen, Mr. Jeremy Taylor, Ms. Elizabeth Estensen, Mr. Ed Rast, Mr. David Zappelli, Mr. Richard Zappelli, Mr. Mark Amann, Ms. Elizabeth Agramont-Justiniano, Mr. Anthony Di Pietro, Mr. C. Jeffrey Stanley and Mr. Billy Moore.

Handout from the Willow Glen Neighborhood Association.

The Committee had further discussions on potential sites such as County Fairgrounds, hotels/motels, getting people out of the creeks and safety of people in the surrounding communities.

The Committee took the following action.

It was moved by Director Tony Estremera, seconded by Director John L. Varela and unanimously carried, to:

1. Have staff facilitate and assist a meeting with the FAA in requesting that the City extend the Hope Village's time,
2. Have staff investigate Valley Water properties that are more amenable for a sanctioned encampment site, discuss with Mr. Miron Conk and work with the City and County to identify additional sites.
3. Have staff continue to analyze the County's proposal and come back to the committee with recommendations, and
4. Have the 3 HEAH Committee Members (Directors Tony Estremera, Richard P. Santos and John L. Varela) meet with the elected(s) in the respective areas (example: City Council Member Dev Davis or others in the impacted areas) and bring back the information to share with the Community.

4.3 PRESENTATION BY THE SOUTH BAY CLEAN CREEKS COALITION ON THE IMPACTS OF ENCAMPMENTS

Mr. Steve Holmes gave a special presentation on this agenda item.

The Committee took no action.

4.4 DOWNTOWN STREETS TEAM UPDATE.

This agenda item was tabled for another meeting.

4.5 HOMELESS ALONG WATERWAYS SUMMIT

The Committee took the following action.

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, seconded by Director Tony Estremera and unanimously carried for Board consideration in proceeding with a Homelessness Along Waterways Summit with an open discussion and a collaborative forum with the Electeds, County, City, San Jose State University, Water Retailers and other respective agencies.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Glenna Brambill stated there were two action items for Board consideration.

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Agenda Item 4.5:

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Richard P. Santos adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

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

Approved: 8-5-19