



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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# MINUTES

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**Monday, September 28, 2020  
2:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. Call to Order  
1.1 Roll Call**

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on September 28, 2020, in the District Headquarters Building, Conference Room A-124, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Board Members in attendance in Conference Room A-124: Director Nai Hsueh-District 5; Board members attending by videoconference: Director Linda J. LeZotte-District 4; and Director Barbara Keegan-District 2, constituting a quorum of the BPPC.

Staff members in attendance in Conference Room A-124: Michele King, Clerk of the Board; staff in attendance by videoconference: CEO Rick Callender, Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Rechelle Blank, Frances Brewster, Theresa Chinte, Roslyn Fuller, Andy Gschwind, Bassam Kassam, Marta Lugo, Linda Nguyen, Melanie Richardson, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Samina Shaikh, Kirsten Struve, Jenny Ta, Sue Tippets, and Tina Yoke.

Reverend Jethroe Moore, Environmental and Water Resources Vice Chair was in attendance by videoconference.

**2. Time Open for Public Comment on any Item not an Agenda**

Chairperson Hsueh declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present that wished to speak.

**3. 3.1 Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2020.**

The BPPC considered the attached minutes from the August 12, 2020 meeting. BPPC Chair Hsueh requested that the minutes be amended to correct the word “interdiction” in the first sentence of Item 4.1 on page 1, to “introduction”. It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Hsueh, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as amended.

**4. Information and Action Items**

**4.1 Discuss Board Governance Ends Policy E-4.**

Ms. Lisa Bankosh, Acting Deputy Operating Officer, Watershed Stewardship and Planning, reviewed the information on this item as outlined in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2, attached herein.

The BPPC provided the following input on the proposed revised Ends Policy E-4 and proposed new Ends Policy E-5:

Goal 4.2 (1) – Ensure language documents optional solutions or a set of solutions that offers the ability to find projects that meet water supply, flood protection and ecosystem solution objectives, and are not open to interpretations.

Goal 4.4 (3) – Insert “for” after the word Prepare.

Goal 4.4 (4) – Consider replacing the word “reduce” with “address” to document efforts to collaborate with partners to assist with homelessness that impact waterways.

Ensure that all objectives under Goal 4.4 are obtainable.

Proposed Ends 5 – Ensure that environmental justice language is weaved into this new policy on Climate Change and considered for inclusion in all Board Governance Policies.

Consider highlighting endangered species and fisheries in a creek related objective within the Ends policies.

The BPPC requested that staff incorporate input given on the revised goals, further define proposed Ends 5, and return in November.

Chair Hsueh acknowledged Reverend Moore’s comment that public places should be open to the entire public.

**4.2 Update on Outreach Findings on the Untreated Surface Water Program.**

Ms. Samina Shaikh, Associate Engineer, Raw Water Operations Unit, and Mr. Aaron Baker, Deputy Operating Officer, Water Utility, provided an update on the untreated surface water program customer information, status of fire-suppression resources, water usage, and revenue; and requested input on the proposed staff revisions to the BPPC’s prior recommendations on the future of the program and the proposed stakeholder input outreach plan.

The BPPC noted that the program must document the public benefit.

The BPPC requested that staff formalize the presented program recommendations and stakeholder outreach plan approach and return in November for further input and direction.

Director Keegan left the meeting and did not return.

**4.3 Fiscal Year 2021 Revised Board Policy Planning Calendar.**

Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board and Mr. Rick Callender, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the information on this item per the attached memo and the updated calendar, identified as Handout 4.3-A. The handout was distributed to the BPPC and made available to the public.

The BPPC supported the revisions and requested that it be presented to the full Board in October for approval.

**4.4 Work Plan, Meeting Schedule and Accomplishments Report.**

Ms. King reviewed the updates to the work plan and meeting schedule. It was agreed that the items Planning for the FY22 Strategic Planning Workshop and the Revised Water Resources Protection Ordinance be placed on the October meeting agenda. The BPPC also noted that the Revised Ends Policy and Untreated Surface Water Program items would be scheduled for November, along with the new Climate Change Action Plan item.

**5. Clerk Review and Clarification of Committee Requests.**

There were no requests from the Committee. Committee input was noted from items 4.1 and 4.2.

**6. Adjourn:**

Committee Chair Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:55 p.m.

  
Michele L. King, CMC  
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 10/26/20

