



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (VALLEY WATER)
WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021
12:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (Committee) was held on October 29, 2021, via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Director Gary Kremen at 12:00 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

Valley Water Board Members in attendance were: Committee Chair, Director Gary Kremen (District 7), Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), and Director John L. Varela (District 1).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Bart Broome, Andrew Garcia, Vincent Gin, Alexander Gordon, Samantha Greene, Andy Gschwind, Michael Hagerty, Christopher Hakes, Brian Hopper, Dana Jacobson, Cindy Kao, Kathleen Low, Michael Martin, Ryan McCarter, Heath McMahon, Carmen Narayanan, Carlos Orellana, Melih Ozbilgin, Steven Peters, Melanie Richardson, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Jamie Silva, Charlene Sun, Darin Taylor, Jing Wu, and Beckie Zisser.

Guests in attendance were: Brad Gleason (Pleasant Valley Water District {PVWWD}), Thomas Francis and Danielle McPherson (BAWSCA), Bob Green (AECOM), Anthea Hansen (Del Puerto Water District), Hon. Steve Jordan (BAWSCA and Purissima Hills Water District), Maureen Martin, Ph.D., and Marguerite Patil (Contra Costa Water District {CCWD}), Hon. Paul Sethy and Hon. John Weed (Alameda County Water District {ACWD}).and Eric Zagol (Mott Macdonald).

Public in attendance were: Gabriel J Alcantar, Jim Bowley, David Cramer, Fenerty Family, Rachel Glauser, Osha Meserve, Doug Muirhead, and Dave Niese.

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

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It was moved by Director Richard P. Santos, second by Director John L. Varela, and by roll call and unanimous vote carried to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021, meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 GROUNDWATER BANK UPDATE

Mr. Andrew Garcia reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee discussed the following: alternate water sources, cost for pumping, ranking the banks, exchange issues, and any other semi-tropic water.

Ms. Cindy Kao and Mr. Vincent Gin were available to answer questions.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action.

4.2 LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Michael Martin reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee discussed the following: JPA formed but has not met yet.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action.

4.3 PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT STAFF RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE AND PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Ryan McCarter reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee discussed the following: alternative borders-State Park, tribal discoveries-mitigation, touring sites, agricultural concerns, draft EIR release, WIFIA Loan rate, and partners level of interest.

Public Comment Received:

Hon. Steve Jordan-congratulations on the progress, costs, and partners this is good news.

Ms. Charlene Sun was available to answer questions.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action, however, suggested having Director John L. Varela continue to build relationships with the elected officials.

4.4 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Mr. Vincent Gin, Mr. Andrew Garcia and Ms. Cindy Kao gave verbal reports on the following projects:

Semitropic:

- 90 % full, DWR-recovering water, South Bay Contractors, No challenges, safety withdrawals,
- Salinity, have to stop pumping they'll have to reverse flow/if hydrology is low as well

Sites:

- Project agreement, JPA Board approves additional WIIN Act funding, Amendment 3.

B.F. Sisk Dam Raise Project:

- EIR final report, single participation approach, cost allocations.

Mr. Aaron Baker was available to answer questions.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action.

4.5 REVIEW WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the agenda materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Schedule tours and invite Pacheco Pass Water District and CAL Fire.

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee took no action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Gary Kremen adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

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

Approved: 1-27-2022