



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MONDAY, July 23, 2018

2:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. Call to Order

1.1 Roll Call

A meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Policy and Planning Committee (Committee) was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on July 23, 2018, at the District Headquarters Building Board Conference Room A-124, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Board Members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh-District 5; Director John L. Varela-District 1; and Director Barbara Keegan-District 2 constituting a quorum.

Staff members in attendance were: Kurt Arends, Norma Camacho, Michelle Critchlow, Vincent Gin, Michele King, Samina Shaikh, Sue Tippetts, Stan Yamamoto, and Tina Yoke.

1.2. 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.

Mr. Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill resident, submitted written comments regarding the transparency of the FAHCE Committee, identified as Handout 1.2-A herein. Copies of the handout were distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

The Committee concurred that Mr. Muirhead's comments be referred to the FAHCE Ad Hoc Committee.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of Minutes – July 5, 2018.

It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director Varela, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the July 5, 2018 meeting be approved as presented.

Committee Chair Hsueh moved the agenda to Item 4.1.

4. Old Business

4.1 Follow up on Untreated Surface Water Program Update.

Mr. Kurt Arends, Deputy Operating Officer, Water Utility, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda memo.

The Committee recommended that staff bring an item to the full Board to discuss and consider separating the public and private surface water users, and sun setting the program for general service private users by the year 2030; possibly start with the direction to not issue of any new private user permits.

The agenda item should include:

- How the water charges are not reflective of the District's true costs.
- Identifying significant negative impacts to District services (i.e. raw water service), and associated true cost impacts.
- Possibility of starting the sunset process with small landscape users first.
- Options for feasible assistance program to help users transition to other water sources

Committee Chair Hsueh returned the agenda to Item 3.1.

3. **New Business**

3.1 Policy Maintenance Role/Responsibility for District-Owned and Non-District-Owned Unimproved/Natural Creeks and Creekside Land.

Ms. Sue Tippets, Deputy Operating Officer, Watersheds, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

The Committee requested that staff return with a policy level description under flood protection objectives that clearly defines what the District role relative to an assistance level.

Staff was also requested to enhance communications with property owners in the District-identified hot spots, via neighborhood meetings, emergency services notification, etc., prior to the rainy season so that they are informed of their options.

Mr. Muirhead submitted written comments, identified as Handout 3.1-A herein, containing suggestions on online application options to inform constituents of creek work being performed in specific areas. Copies of the handout were distributed to the Committee and made available to the public. The Committee referred Mr. Muirhead's comments to staff to investigate if any of his suggestions can be implemented.

Committee Chair Hsueh returned the agenda to Item 4.2.

4. **Old Business**

4.2 Board Strategic Plan

Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

Mr. Arthur Keller, Vice Chair, Environmental and Water Resources Committee, submitted written comments regarding the Board Work Plan, identified as Handout 4.2-A herein. Copies of the handout were distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

The Committee requested that staff add an Appendix with links or URLs to District program and master plans, as requested by Mr. Keller, and finalize the Plan for Board consideration.

4.3 Work Plan, Meeting Schedule and Accomplishments Report.

The Committee reviewed the workplan, discussed upcoming items, and decided to cancel the August 27, 2018 meeting, and hold the next meeting on September 24, 2018.

5. **Adjourn**

5.1 Clerk Review and Clarification of Committee Requests.

Untreated Surface Water Program - staff to bring an item to the full Board to discuss and consider separating the public and private surface water users, and sun setting the program for general service private users by the year 2030; possibly start with the direction to not issue of any new private user permits

Policy Maintenance Role/Responsibility for District-Owned and Non-District-Owned Unimproved/Natural Creeks and Creekside Land - staff to return with a policy level description under flood protection objectives that clearly defines what the District can and cannot do at each assistance level; and enhance communications with property owners in the District-identified hot spots, via neighborhood meetings, emergency services notification, etc., prior to the raining season so that they are informed of their options

Board Strategic Plan – staff to add an Appendix with links or URLs to District program and master plans, and finalize the Plan for Board consideration

5.2 Adjourn

The Committee agreed to cancel the next meeting on Monday, August 27, 2018. Committee Chair Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m. to the September 24, 2018 meeting.


Michele L. King, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 9/24/18