Santa Clara Valley Water District
Board Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Teleconference Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

Monday, August 2, 2021
2:00 PM

District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1. Roll Call.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.
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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of Minutes.
Recommendation: Approve the June 7, 2021 Minutes.
Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711.
Attachments: Attachment 1: June 7, 2021 Minutes.

4. INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:
4.1. Review Effectiveness of Board Advisory Committees.  
Recommendation:  
A. Receive input on how the Board Advisory Committees can be more effective; and  
B. Discuss input and make recommendations to Board for consideration, if necessary.  
Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

4.2. Review of Board Governance Ends Policy E-3, Natural Flood Protection.  
Recommendation: Discuss and provide feedback on the revised draft Board Governance Ends Policy E-3, Natural Flood Protection.  
Manager: Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618  
Attachments: Attachment 1: Draft Revised Ends Policy E-3  
Attachment 2: PowerPoint

4.3. Work Plan, Meeting Schedule and Accomplishments Report.  
Recommendation:  
A. Review 2021 Board Policy and Planning Committee’s Work Plan and Accomplishments Report and incorporate any new tasks; and  
B. Schedule Committee meetings as appropriate.  
Manager: Michele King, 408-630-211  
Attachment 2: FY22 Board Work Plan Goals & Strategies assigne

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.  
This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.

6. ADJOURN:  
6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 2:00 p.m., on September 6, 2021, to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor’s Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor’s Executive Order N-08-21.
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Board Policy and Planning Committee

SUBJECT:
Approval of Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the June 7, 2021 Minutes.

SUMMARY:
A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee's meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: June 7, 2021 Minutes.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Michele King, 408-630-2711.
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 June 7, 2021, via teleconference Zoom meeting.

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

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Theresa Chinte, Rachael Gibson, Michele King (in Conference Room A-124), Marta Lugo, Heath McMahon, Brian Mendenhall, Melanie Richardson, Afshin Rouhani, Sue Tippets, Gabriel Vallin, Damaris Villalobos, Tony Vye, and Tina Yoke.

Guests/Public in attendance: Arthur Keller, Environmental and Water Resources Committee (EWRC) member.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT AN AGENDA
Chair Director Hsueh declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who requested to speak.

3. 3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 3, 2021.
The BPPC considered the draft minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting. Director Keegan requested that her concerns about the artificial turf environmental impacts be included in Item 4.1 summary. It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as amended.
4. **Information and Action Items**

4.1 **REVIEW OF BOARD GOVERANCE POLICY ENDS-3 (E-3).**
Ms. Lisa Bankosh, Deputy Operating Officer and Mr. Afshin Rouhani, Water Policy and Planning Manager, reviewed the information on this item as outline in the committee agenda memo.

The BPPC members provided the following input:

That Social Justice language is included in the Ends-1 (E-1) policy and is integrating in all work performed so it doesn’t need to be included in this section. Ensure that work is not compartmentalized.

Agreed that it’s necessary to look at flood risk in a more holistic way and focus on life and health risks when prioritizing flood risk actions.

Supported identifying a minimal level of risk reduction as an interim level of service before designing any new higher-level flood protection projects; identifying priorities, i.e., capturing external funding sources or equitable treatment for all communities; and ensuring level of service language is consistent with what was committed to in the Safe, Clean Water Program. Additionally, it was suggested that staff consider a level of service identifying a ten to 15-year Board visions/goal which identifies a percentage of parcels to remove from floodplain.

Supported structing the policy framework in the same layout as the One Water program and connecting the level of service to the same framework. Language should convey concept that project maintenance is a higher priority than building new projects. Ensure to document the need to finalizing all Emergency Action Plans.

Aesthetics considerations are included in Ends-1 (E-1) policy so it doesn’t need to be included in this section.

Environmental Stewardship guidance is reflected under Ends-4 (E-4) policy (to be reviewed by the Board) so it doesn’t need to be included in this section. Natural flood protection language should be revised since all the work we do is considered and labeled as such.

The BPPC requested that Staff incorporate comments, create draft policies, and return to the BPPC in August.

4.2 **WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT.**
Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board reviewed the current committee work plan and meeting schedule.

The BPPC agreed to move the July meeting to July 7, 2021 at 2pm and requested that the FY22 Board Work Plan items be included so the that subjects requiring monitoring can be identified for the work plan.
5. **CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**
   None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**
   Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:15 p.m.

   Michele L. King  
   Clerk of the Board

Approved:
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Board Policy and Planning Committee

SUBJECT:
Review Effectiveness of Board Advisory Committees.

RECOMMENDATION:
A. Receive input on how the Board Advisory Committees can be more effective; and
B. Discuss input and make recommendations to Board for consideration, if necessary.

SUMMARY:
One of the tasks assigned to the Board Policy and Planning Committee (BPPC) is to review the effectiveness of the Board Advisory Committees.

Over the last two years, the BPPC recommended, and the Board approved, the following two actions to better connect the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (EWRC), Water Commission, and the Agricultural Water Advisory committees (advisory committees) with the Board’s work:

1. Provided status reports of Board work plan items on the quarterly advisory committee agendas;
2. Aligned EWRC working groups with Board work plan; and
3. Assigned unclassified managers to support the advisory committees.

This item will allow the BPPC to receive input from the Bob Levy, EWRC 2021 Chair and others on how the EWRC can be more effective.

ATTACHMENTS:
None.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Michele King, 408-630-2711
COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Board Policy and Planning Committee

SUBJECT:
Review of Board Governance Ends Policy E-3, Natural Flood Protection.

RECOMMENDATION:
Discuss and provide feedback on the revised draft Board Governance Ends Policy E-3, Natural Flood Protection.

SUMMARY:
The Board Policy and Planning Committee seeks to revise the existing Board Governance Ends Policy E-3 to better reflect the Board’s goals and objectives for affordable and effective flood risk reduction for Santa Clara County.

On June 7, 2021, the Committee held a brainstorming session based on several key themes suggested by staff, and provided feedback to be addressed in the revised policy, including:

- Prioritize flood risk reduction actions to provide equitable health and safety countywide;
- Consider a minimum level of service goal for flood protection; based on actual life safety risk assessment;
- Organize policy to address maintenance of existing facilities and community preparedness, as well as new flood protection projects; and
- Equity, environmental, and aesthetic considerations are included in other Ends policies and need not be addressed specifically in E-3.

Staff developed a draft revised policy statement, goals, and objectives (Attachment 1), which will be further refined based on feedback from the Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: Draft Revised Ends Policy E-3
Attachment 2: PowerPoint Slides

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Lisa Bankosh, 408-630-2618
ENDS STATEMENT:

Provide flood protection to reduce risk and improve health and safety for residents, businesses and visitors, as well as for future generations.

GOAL

3.1. Maintain fluvial and tidal flood protection facilities to design levels of protection.

OBJECTIVE

3.1.1 Prioritize maintenance and sustainability of existing facilities over construction of new facilities.
3.1.2 Inspect and maintain Valley Water facilities on a regular basis.
3.1.3 Develop and update maintenance guidelines for facilities.
3.1.4 Incorporate full life cycle costs including maintenance and sustainability into capital improvement projects.
3.1.5 Use natural and nature-based features to reduce maintenance whenever possible.

GOAL

3.2 Assist people, businesses, schools and communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from flooding through equitable and effective engagement.

OBJECTIVE

3.2.1. Develop, maintain, and communicate accessible emergency action plans.
3.2.2. Develop, maintain, and communicate flood information to the community.
3.2.3. Provide expertise in flood forecasting and flood warning systems to the public and emergency responders.
3.2.4. Provide expertise to land use agencies to protect floodplains for their multiple benefits.

GOAL

3.3. Provide minimum level [20-year] of fluvial and tidal flood protection to people and property for an increased level of health and safety countywide.

OBJECTIVE

3.3.1. Protect people and property from flooding by applying a comprehensive, integrated watershed management approach that balances environmental quality and protection from flooding.
3.3.2. Promote the preservation, enhancement, and restoration of floodplain and bayland functions.
3.3.3. Prioritize project alternatives with lower recurring maintenance.
Valley Water

Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection
Ends Policy E-3: Natural Flood Protection

DRAFT REVISED POLICY

BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE 8/02/21
GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

• Develop goals to be aspirational
• Develop objectives to be measurable steps to meet goals
• Include major work categories for flood protection (maintenance, communications/preparedness, new flood risk reduction) as a means to the End
• Protect all areas of the county equally with a focus on health and safety
ENDS STATEMENT: There is a healthy and safe environment for residents, businesses and visitors, as well as for future generations

NFP GOAL
3.1. Provide natural flood protection for residents, businesses, and visitors.

NFP Objective
3.1.1. Protect parcels from flooding by applying an integrated watershed management approach that balances environmental quality and protection from flooding.
3.1.2. Preserve flood conveyance capacity and structural integrity of stream banks, while minimizing impacts on the environment and protecting habitat values.

NFP GOAL
3.2. Reduce potential for flood damages.

NFP Objective
3.2.1. Promote the preservation of flood plain functions.
3.2.2. Reduce flood risks through public engagement.
3.2.3. Prepare and respond effectively to flood emergencies countywide to protect life and property.
ENDS STATEMENT:
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COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Board Policy and Planning Committee

SUBJECT:
Work Plan, Meeting Schedule and Accomplishments Report.

RECOMMENDATION:
A. Review 2021 Board Policy and Planning Committee’s Work Plan and Accomplishments Report and incorporate any new tasks; and
B. Schedule Committee meetings as appropriate.

SUMMARY:
This item allows the Committee to review its 2021 Work Plan, meeting schedule and accomplishments report (Attachment 1) and identify additional tasks and schedule meetings as appropriate.

Included on this month’s work plan is a listing of the Board's Fiscal Year 2022 Goals and Strategies assigned to the BPPC for monitoring (Attachment 2). This is an opportunity to review and plan upcoming reports and meeting assignment dates.

ATTACHMENTS:
Attachment 1: 2021 BPPC Work Plan & Accomplishments Report
Attachment 2: FY22 Board Work Plan Goals & Strategies assigned to BPPC for Monitoring

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<td>9/21/21 BPPC conducted a brainstorming session and provided input and requested that staff return in August with first draft policy language. 9/21/21 – BPPC recommended that END POLICY: E-4 WATER RESOURCES STRATEGIES sections be presented to the full Board for consideration.</td>
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### Strategy 1

**Protect and maintain existing assets and infrastructure and advance new infrastructure projects.**

#### Challenge/Opportunity

The development and maintenance of Valley Water’s infrastructure is crucial to ensuring we continue to provide safe, clean water and critical flood protection for our communities. Timely maintenance is the most cost-effective investment, whereas deferred maintenance disproportionately increases costs. In addition, aging assets are reaching the end of the design life and will require major recapitalization.

#### Focus

- Be strategic in managing existing flood protection assets consistent with the Safe Clean Water Program.
- Increase engagement with cities on flood plain management, Community Rating System (CRS) program, and emergency action plans.

#### Monitoring

- Board Planning and Policy Committee

#### Related Staff Plans

- Watersheds & Water Utility Five-year Operations and Maintenance Plans
- District-wide Asset Management Plan
- Watershed Asset Management Plan
- Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program
- Capital Improvement Program

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**GOAL:**

**INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

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**FY22 BOARD WORK PLAN BPPC ASSIGNMENTS**

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**SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD WORK PLAN | FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

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**Attachment 2**

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## INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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<td>Valley Water continues to pursue legislative and administrative solutions to resolve regulatory and permitting issues at the federal and state levels. The Board’s efforts will continue to focus on improving internal capacity when applying for permits, as well as continuing to build relationships with regulatory agencies and staying abreast of the regulatory environment.</td>
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| Focus | • Continue to provide for agency-wide regulatory planning and permitting effort and pursue other efforts at the state and federal level to expedite permit review.  
• Continue to foster better relationships with regulatory agencies and open dialogue with environmental, environmental justice and other stakeholders.  
• Implement memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Regional Water Quality Control Board. |
| Monitoring | Board Policy and Planning Committee |
| Related Staff Plans | One Water Plan |
## GOAL: NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION

**Strategy 1**

Plan, design and maintain flood protection projects with multiple benefits, including protecting ecosystem functions and enhancing habitat.

### Challenge/Opportunity

Valley Water has the opportunity, as well as the responsibility, to sustain ecosystem health while managing local water resources for flood protection and water supply. Valley Water must operate its facilities and implement projects by taking a multi-beneficial approach that balances providing a safe, clean water supply, and improving flood protection for the community, while creating a sustainable ecosystem.

### Focus

- Continue to advance Shoreline EIA 11 levee construction.
- Finalize the One Water Coyote Creek Watershed plan and make significant progress on the Guadalupe and Pajaro watershed plans.
- Use a holistic approach to maintaining streams for flow conveyance and habitat enhancement.
- Complete construction of Phase I of the Upper Llagas Flood Protection Project, a multi-benefit project providing flood protection while restoring habitat and benefiting the environmental ecosystem.

### Monitoring

Capital Improvement Program Committee
Board Policy and Planning Committee

### Related Staff Plans

One Water Plan
Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program
### Strategy 2

**Provide flood protection equitably in all regions of the County, prioritizing disadvantaged communities.**

| Challenge/Opportunity | As Valley Water continues to advance flood protection projects, the Board has an opportunity to strengthen relationships and improve coordination with conservation and environmental justice groups, as well as other local jurisdictions, with a specific focus on ensuring the voices of disadvantaged communities are equitably represented. |

| Focus | • Advance One Water Countywide Framework in a comprehensive manner that includes diverse community-wide stakeholders and the incorporation of environmental justice policies in all planning efforts.  
• Continue progress on flood protection capital projects consistent with Valley Water’s commitment to the Safe, Clean Water Program and equitably in all regions. |

| Monitoring | Capital Improvement Program Committee  
[Board Policy and Planning Committee](#) |

| Related Staff Plans | One Water Plan  
Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program |
## GOAL: ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

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| **Focus** | • As part of the One Water Countywide Framework planning process, continue to develop an integrated water resource plan for each watershed, including appropriate metrics to monitor Valley Water’s impacts on and benefit to the environment.  
• Ensure that stewardship efforts are integrated and not focused primarily on mitigation. |
| **Monitoring** | **Board Policy and Planning Committee** |
| **Related Staff Plans** | One Water Plan  
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