



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY, September 7, 2021
2:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 ROLL CALL

A special 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 7, 2021, via teleconference Zoom meeting.

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

Staff members in attendance: Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Theresa Chinte, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Brian Hopper, Michele King (in Conference Room A-124), Brian Mendenhall, Melanie Richardson, Afshin Rouhani, Sue Tippets, Jing Wu, Tony Vye, and Tina Yoke.

Guests/Public in attendance: Arthur Keller, EWRC Vice Chair.

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

BPPC Chair 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 – August 2, 2021.**

The BPPC considered the draft minutes from the August 2, 2021 meeting. It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Hsueh, and carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as presented. Director Keegan abstained as she wasn't present at the August 2, 2021 meeting.

4. **Information and Action Items**

4.1 BOARD ENDS POLICY E-2 REVISIONS.

Ms. Lisa Bankosh, Assistant Officer, and Mr. Brian Mendenhall, Senior Water Resources Specialist, reviewed the information on this item as presented in the attached PowerPoint presentation, identified as Handout 2.

The BPPC provided the following input:

- Reword Ends Statement language to list the end goal, i.e. “Natural flood protection is provided to reduce risk and improve health and safety for residents, business and visitors now and into the future.”
- Consider whether Objectives 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 need to be in an Ends policy; and if so, should they be reworded to document the end goal, not the how, i.e. Objective 3.1.3 “Perform maintenance using maintenance guidelines and sustainability of existing facilities.”
- Objective 3.1.2 remove Valley Water.
- Move Objective 3.1.5 to Goal 3.3 and reword, i.e. “Prioritize the use of natural and nature-based features to reduce maintenance as practicable/feasible.”
- Consider rewording language in Goal 3.2, Objectives (3.2.1-3.2.4) to remove the how and document the end goal, keeping in mind that this goal is about engagement.
- Revise language in Goal 3.3 to “Increase the health and safety of residents county-wide by reducing flood risks.”
- There is concern that adding “community-supported” in Objective 3.3.1 could imply that only projects that are supported by the community are performed; considering revising to say we solicit community-support.
- Update language in objectives 3.3.2 and 3.3.3 so that language ties into the goal.
- Add language in Objective 3.3.1 or 3.3.3 that reflects affordability, equitability, resource availability, and achievability.
- Consider incorporating sea-level rise into this policy, by including sustainability language.

The BPPC requested that staff revise E-3 policies and bring them back to the BPPC at a future meeting.

4.2 WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT.

Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board reviewed the work plan updates listed in Attachment 1.

BPPC Chair Hsueh provided an update on her meeting with the CEO regarding Board Work Plan monitoring assignments. The CEO is planning to engage the leadership team to identify and define monitoring methods assigned to specific committees and will provide a report to the BPPC at a future meeting.

BPPC Chair Hsueh requested that Mr. John Bourgeois, Deputy Operating Officer, provide a report at a future BPPC meeting on the Environmental Water Resources Committee (EWRC) working group structure and support process.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

Ms. King reported that the BPPC input on E-3 Policies would be incorporated and the item would be brought back at a future meeting, and that an EWRC working group and structure report item would be added to the work plan.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:25 p.m.



Michele L. King
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 10/21/21