



BOARD POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Monday, October 22, 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 October 22, 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; and Director John L. Varela-District 1 constituting a quorum. Director Barbara Keegan-District 2 was excused from attending.

Staff members in attendance were: Yvonne Arroyo, Norma Camacho, Usha Chatwani, Nina Hawk, Michele King, Tony Mercado, Melanie Richardson, Sue Tippets, and Tina Yoke.

Mr. Arthur Keller, Environmental and Water Resources Committee (EWRC) Vice Chair was in attendance.

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. There was no one present who wished to speak.

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 Approval of Minutes – September 24, 2018.

It was moved by Director Varela, seconded by Director Hsueh, and unanimously carried that the minutes of the September 24, 2018 meeting be approved as presented.

3. New Business

3.1 Policy for Use of District Property for Trails, Open Space and Recreation.

Ms. Melanie Richardson, Chief Operating Officer, Watersheds, and Ms. Usha Chatwani, Community Projects Review Manager, reviewed the first case study information, trail development along Regnart Creek Cupertino, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and the information contained in Handout 3.1-A, pages 1 through 15. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

Mr. Gary Wong, President of Camp De Lozano Home Owner Association, and Ms. Peggy Jewett, Cupertino Resident, presented information in opposition to the City of Cupertino's proposed Regnart Creek Trail, as outlined in Handout 3.1-B. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

Mr. Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill Resident, expressed concern about the lack of transparency and planning associated with a trails policy development process.

Ms. Kathy Chole, Cupertino Resident, expressed that any future trails policy could contain language that takes into consideration the safety and privacy of residents in high density residential neighborhoods.

Mr. Arthur Keller, EWRC Vice Chair, stated his understanding of and concerns for the City of Cupertino's review process for potential trail projects.

The Committee continued discussion of this item to its November 26, 2018, meeting to allow staff to present information on the second case study. The Committee requested that staff:

- Review the information on the Use of Trails items presented to the Board on August 22, 2017, and January 10, 2018, as identified by Mr. Muirhead;
- Review information on and follow up to the District's June 29, 2018, Multi-Agency Trails Summit;
- Follow up with staff at the City of Cupertino to ensure that the City Council received the District's comment letter on the proposed Regnart Creek Trail project, prior to council's action; and if they didn't, follow up on how Director Hsueh can assist in sharing the letter with the elected officials.

3.2 Planning for Board's Fiscal Year 2020 Strategic Planning Workshop.

Committee Chair Hsueh reviewed the information on this item per the Committee Agenda Memo and attachment. Chair Hsueh stated that Director Keegan requested that the Public's Input be included during the gathering of information that will be presented and discussed during the strategy session.

The Committee agreed that the next steps would be for Chair Hsueh to meet with the Board Chair, Vice Chair, CEO, District Counsel and Clerk of the Board, to discuss the information that is necessary for the Board to hold its strategy session.

4. Old Business

4.1 Work Plan, Meeting Schedule and Accomplishments Report.

Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board reviewed the work plan and meeting schedule. Chair Hsueh provided direction on the subjects for the next meeting.

5. Adjourn

5.1 Clerk Review and Clarification of Committee Requests.

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5.2 Adjourn

Committee Chair Hsueh adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:45 p.m. to the November 26, 2018 meeting.


Michele L. King, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 1/11/19