



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017
6:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee (Committee) Meeting was held on January 23, 2017, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Hon. Dean Chu called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Bonnie Bamburg* Loren Lewis Rita Norton
District 2	Elizabeth Sarmiento
District 3	Hon. Dean Chu Rev. Jethroe Moore, II Charles Taylor
District 4	John Bourgeois Bob Levy Richard Zahner
District 5	Hon. Tara Martin-Milius Mike Michitaka Marc Rauser
District 6	Maya Esparza
District 7	Tess Byler Stephen A. Jordan* Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

Members not in attendance were:

<u>District</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 2	Patricia Colombe
District 6	Hon. Patrick Kwok

*Committee members arrived as noted below.

The Board members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera, Board Representative and Director Nai Hsueh, Board Alternate.

Staff members in attendance were: Glenna Brambill and Garth Hall.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present who wished to speak.

The Committee had introductions of the new members, Mr. John Bourgeois, Ms. Maya Esparza, Hon. Tara Martin-Milius, Mr. Mike Michitaka, and Mr. Charles Taylor.

*Mr. Stephen Jordan arrived at 6:07 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Tess Byler, seconded by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. and carried by majority vote, to approve the October 17 2016, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes, as presented. There were six abstentions by Mr. John Bourgeois, Ms. Maya Esparza, Mr. Bob Levy, Hon. Tara Martin-Milius, Mr. Mike Michitaka, and Mr. Charles Taylor.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

It was moved by Ms. Tess Byler, seconded by Mr. Bob Levy to nominate Hon. Dean Chu as Chair. It was moved by Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento, seconded by Hon. Dean Chu to nominate Mr. Loren Lewis as Chair. It was requested by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. to hear from both candidates before voting. Both candidates gave the Committee a brief overview of their respective backgrounds and how they would fulfill the duties of the Chair for 2017.

The Committee approved by majority vote Mr. Loren Lewis as 2017 Chair.

It was moved by Mr. Bob Levy, seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento, to nominate Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. as Vice Chair. It was moved by Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, seconded by Mr. Loren Lewis to nominate Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento as Vice Chair. The Committee requested to hear from both candidates before voting. Both candidates gave the Committee a brief overview of their respective backgrounds and how they would fulfill the duties of the Vice Chair for 2017.

The Committee approved by majority vote Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento as 2017 Vice Chair.

It was moved by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Mr. Bob Levy and unanimously carried to formally recognize and commend Hon. Dean Chu as the Committee's 2016 Chair.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 REVIEW AND APPROVE 2016 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Chair Lewis reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

It was moved by Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, seconded by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. and carried unanimously, to approve the Committee's 2016 Accomplishments Report, as presented.

5.2 WATER SUPPLY UPDATE AND DROUGHT RESPONSE

Mr. Garth Hall reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Mr. Richard Zahner, Mr. Stephen Jordan, Mr. Marc Rauser, Ms. Tess Byler, Hon. Dean Chu, Chair Lewis, Hon. Tara Martin-Milius, Mr. John Bourgeois, Vice Chair Sarmiento, Mr. Mike Michitaka, and Ms. Rita Norton spoke to this agenda item.

No action was taken.

*Ms. Bonnie Bamburg arrived at 6:42 p.m.

5.3 RECEIVE STATUS UPDATE FROM WORKING GROUPS

Ms. Glenna Brambill updated the Committee on changes to the working groups' worksheet suggested having the Committee sign up via email.

Chair Lewis and Vice Chair Sarmiento reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

Ms. Tess Byler will be willing to update the guidelines Ms. Nancy Smith had done previously during her term as 2015 Committee Chair. Ms. Byler would like to get the Board's validation on the working groups.

Ms. Maya Esparza, new member, felt it was beneficial to have the guidelines to get an understanding of what the Board's direction was and how the working groups functioned.

Mr. Bob Levy suggested having the Board allow the group to have two years for a particular topic in order to have sufficient time to discuss and work a topic and fully vet it. Director Tony Estremera agreed that was a good suggestion.

Director Nai Hsueh explained the Board's Board Planning and Policy Committee and the calendar that is implemented which will give this Committee topics for discussion and input for the full Board.

No action was taken.

5.4 REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Chair Lewis and Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

The Committee took the following actions:

1. It was moved by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Hon. Tara Martin-Milius, and carried unanimously, to approve the Committee's request for Energy Use Policy discussion to be added to the Committee's work plan.
2. It was moved by Mr. Bob Levy, second by Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, and carried unanimously to approve the Committee requesting the Board to consider the Committee receiving information of the District's environmental audit of disposable (paperware) products pertaining to their food services.

6. Clerk Review and Clarification of Committee's Requests to the Board

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were four Committee actions to apprise the Board.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee's (EWRC) Actions:

1. Approved the Committee's 2016 Accomplishments Report.
2. Requested to formally recognize the efforts of Hon. Dean Chu as the Chair of the Committee for 2016.
3. Requested to add to the Committee's work plan for 2017 a discussion of the District's energy use policy.
4. Requested to receive information of the District's environmental audit of disposable (paperware) products pertaining to their food services.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Director's Report

Director Nai Hsueh reported on the following:

- Board Action
- Community News

7.2. Manager's Report

Mr. Garth Hall reported on the following:

- Water Supply
- Groundwater Management Plan
- EOC opened for any critical flooding issues

7.3 Committee Member Reports

Vice Chair Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento read a quote from Margaret Mead.

Committee Member Mike Michitaka is interested in any orientations and/or tours for new members.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mr. Loren Lewis adjourned at 8:18 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom.

Submitted by:

Glenna Brambill
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 4-17-17