



JOINT AGRICULTURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
(SCC) FARM BUREAU MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019**  
**1:30 PM**

A special joint meeting of the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee and SCC Farm Bureau was held on December 16, 2019, 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 David Vanni called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m., there was no quorum.

**Members in attendance were:**

Jurisdiction

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

District 6

Private Well Owner (Non Retail)

Representative

Russ Bonino

Mitchell Mariani

James Provenzano

William Cilker

David Vanni

Brent Bonino

Jan Garrod

Tim Chiala

Robert Long

Dhruv Khanna

**Member not in attendance was:**

Jurisdiction

District 5

District 7

Loma Prieta Resource Conservation District

Santa Clara County Farm Bureau

Representative

Michael Miller

Sandra Carrico

George Fohner

Sheryl O. Kennedy

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, Board Alternate, Director Richard P. Santos, and Director John L. Varela, Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Vanessa De La Piedra, Samantha Greene, Garth Hall, Anthony Mendiola, Michael Potter, Metra Richert and Darin Taylor.

SCC Farm Bureau members in attendance were: Erin Gil and Paul Mirrasou.

Guests in attendance were: Andy Bonino, Doug Muirhead, Amy McElroy (for Assemblymember Robert Rivas), Hon. Mike Flaughner and Jake Smith of the Open Space Authority and Rich Firato of Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**ACTION ITEM:**

**3. RETAIN OPEN SPACE CREDIT DISCUSSION**

Director John L. Varela gave an overview of the Open Space Credit purpose.

Mr. Tim Chiala, Mr. Dhruv Khanna, Mr. Paul Mirassou, Hon. Mike Flaughner, Mr. Erin Gil, Director Richard P. Santos, Director Nai Hsueh and Director John L. Varela spoke on the following: policies and processes, Anderson Dam seismic issues and other projects, ways of finding financial resources/ballot measures, increases of agricultural rates/affordable rates, financial stability of maintaining open space credit, need financial comparison data, partnerships, discussions of continuing issues with growth development and meeting water supply demands.

The Committee took the following action:

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee by unanimous vote, approved the recommendation that the Board consider endorsing the Collaborative Team, the SCC Farm Bureau along with the Open Space Authority efforts in exploring alternative funding for water projects in order to ensure the stability of groundwater agricultural rates through a measure patterned after Measure P adopted by the City of Mountain View voters in November 2018.

**4. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there was one action item for Board consideration.

Agenda Item 3:

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**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair David Vanni adjourned to the regular meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020, at 1:30 pm, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom.

Glenna Brambill  
Board Committee Liaison  
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 1-6-20