



ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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# MINUTES

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021  
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 25, 2021, Teleconference via Zoom in San Jose, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. A quorum was established with 11 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Loren Lewis		
District 2	Charles Ice*	Elizabeth Sarmiento*	
District 3	Hon, Dean Chu	Rev. Jethroe Moore, II*	Charles Taylor
District 4	Susan Blake	Bob Levy	
District 5	Hon. Tara Martin-Milius	Mike Michitaka	
District 6	Hon. Patrick S. Kwok	Diego Mora Tejeda	
District 7	Steve A. Jordan	Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.	

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Bonnie Bamberg
District 7	Tess Byler

\*Committee Member arrived as indicated below.

Board members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera (Board Representative), Director Nai Hsueh (Board Alternate).

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Glenna Brambill, John Bourgeois, Marta Lugo, Linda Nguyen, and Kirsten Struve.

Public in attendance was: San Jose Resident.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no one present who wished to speak.

\*Ms. Elizabeth Sarmiento logged on at 6:10 p.m.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Bob Levy, seconded by Mr. Loren Lewis, and by roll call and unanimous vote carried, to approve the October 19, 2020, Environmental and Water Resources Committee meeting minutes as presented.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Chair Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D. reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Chair Keller opened the floor for nominations for Chair:

Hon. Patrick S. Kwok moved to nominate Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, seconded by Hon. Dean Chu. Mr. Bob Levy moved to nominate Hon. Dean Chu, seconded by Mr. Loren Lewis. Mr. Loren Lewis moved to nominate Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Hon. Tara Martin-Milius.

The nominations were closed, and each nominee gave background, experience and why they wanted to serve as Chair. Hon. Dean Chu withdrew his name.

\*Rev. Jethroe Moore, II logged on at 6:16 p.m.

\*Mr. Charles Ice logged on at 6:22 p.m.

The Committee by roll call and majority vote elected Mr. Bob Levy as Chair.

Chair Bob Levy opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair:

Hon. Patrick S. Kwok moved to nominate Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, seconded by Hon. Dean Chu. Mr. Loren Lewis moved to nominate Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Hon. Tara Martin-Milius.

The Committee by roll call and majority vote elected Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, as Vice Chair.

**4.2 REVIEW AND APPROVE 2020 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD (COMMITTEE CHAIR)**

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

It was moved by Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., seconded by Hon. Dean Chu, and by roll call and unanimous vote approved the Environmental and Water Resources Committee's 2020 Accomplishments Report. Due to COVID 19, the Committee was limited in fully engaging in 2020.

#### **4.3 STATUS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS**

Chair Bob Levy reviewed the following:

Mr. Steve Jordan reported on his Working Group-Water Storage Exploratory Committee that he attends the meetings, and the topics of discussion have been: Anderson Dam Retrofit, Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project (LVE), and other water banking/storage issues and concerns.

Chair Bob Levy encouraged the Members to join the Working Groups as the sign-ups are few.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

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

Ms. Glenna Brambill. reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action but would like to add the Climate Change Action Plan to the work plan.

### **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **5.1 STANDING ITEMS REPORT**

Ms. Glenna Brambill gave an overview of the following:

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee had questions on: drought, water supply/demand, population growth, funding, and climate change.

Mr. Aaron Baker and Ms. Lisa Bankosh were available to answer questions.

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

#### **5.2 UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER'S CREATION OF NEW OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AND BOARD ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC RACISM AND PROMOTING EQUITY**

Ms. Linda Nguyen gave an overview of the following:

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

### **6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

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

## **7. REPORTS**

### **7.1 DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None.

### **7.2. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Aaron Baker reported on:

- Introduced new Deputy of Watersheds, Mr. John Bourgeois
- Anderson Dam going to the Board January 26, 2021

Ms. Lisa Bankosh reported on:

- Climate Change Action Plan
- Trails Policy and Guidance Report
- One Water

Mr. Loren Lewis logged off at 8:04 p.m. and did not return.

### **7.3 COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS**

- New Member, Mr. Diego Mora Tejeda
- Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, reported on NAACP's REDI conference, though needed, the email response was not positive, asked committee members to join Valley Water's Diversity and Inclusion Committee meetings
- Elizabeth Sarmiento reported on Valley Water's Landscape Summit February 25, 2021, 9:00 a.m., she will send information to Glenna to send to Committee

### **7.4 INFORMATIONAL LINK REPORTS**

None.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bob Levy adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. 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-29-20.

Submitted by:

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Office of the Clerk of the Board

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