



HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019
2:00 P.M.**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A meeting of the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) was held on September 30, 2019, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Director Richard P. Santos called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Board Members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera-District 6, Director Richard P. Santos-District 3, and Director John L. Varela-District 1.

Staff members in attendance were: Mark Bilski, Glenna Brambill, Rick Callender, Domingo Candelas, James Choate, Ray Fields, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Chad Grande, Linh Hoang, Hieu Huynh, Jay Lee, Marta Lugo, Bill Magleby, Tracy Pena, Melanie Richardson, Mike Sawatzky, Kirsten Struve, Sue Tippets and Jennifer Turner.

Elected/Representative in attendance were: Representative Helen Chapman (City of San José Council Member Sergio Jimenez-District 2), Deputy Manager Angel Rios, Jr. City of San José, Chief of Staff Donald Rocha, County of Santa Clara Office of Supervisor Dave Cortese.

Guests in attendance were: Robert Aguirre, Jan Bernstein Chargin, Charles Black, John Davis, Heather Ernst, David Hernandez, Ed Howard, Deb Kramer, Bryan Murphy, Gail Osmer, Jeanne Serpa, Cris Unciano and Olympia Williams.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. 3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Director John L. Varela, seconded by Director Tony Estremera, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2019, Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee meeting, as presented.

4. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4.1 ASSESSMENT OF OPERATIONAL APPROACH OF FUNDING THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM'S B4 GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM: ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP PROJECT IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND BEYOND

Ms. Melanie Richardson reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The following attendees spoke on this agenda item: Ms. Gail Osmer, Ms. Deb Kramer, Mr. Robert Aguirre and Mr. John Davis.

The Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee took the following action:

The Committee unanimously approved that the Board consider the Committee's support of staff's recommendations noted in A and B:

- A. Receive operational approach of funding the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program's B4 Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup Project for Fiscal Year 2020 by supplementing the current Encampment Cleanup Project budget with additional funding from Watersheds Stream Stewardship Fund reserves, with subsequent year Encampment Cleanup Project funding to be determined by the Board on an annual basis for Fiscal Years 2021-2028, and
- B. Recommend this operational approach of funding the Encampment Cleanup project for Board approval; or provide other feedback as the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee deems appropriate for Board consideration.

4.2 ANALYSIS OF CONCEPT, COST, AND POTENTIAL FUNDING FOR PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP DAY EVENT

Mr. Mark Bilski reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda.

The following spoke on this agenda item regarding the proposed cleanup site, partnerships, police coverage available lands or sites for the homeless, inviting volunteers and community outreach: Mr. Angel Rios, Jr., Ms. Jan Bernstein Chargin, Director Richard P. Santos, Mr. Donald Rocha, Mr. Robert Aguirre, Director Tony Estremera, Mr. John Davis, Mr. Chad Grande, Mr. Rick Callender, Ms. Melanie Richardson, Ms. Deb Kramer and Ms. Gail Osmer

The Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee took the following action:

The Committee unanimously approved that the Board consider the Committee's support of staff's recommendations below:

To host an Environmental Cleanup Day event to engage government agencies, environmental advocates, homeless advocates, volunteers, and local homeless populations in a collaborative effort to perform environmental cleanup activities along Coyote Creek in San Jose.

5. **CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Ms. Glenna Brambill stated there were two action items for Board consideration.

Agenda Item 4.1

The Committee unanimously approved that the Board consider the Committee's support of staff's recommendations noted in A and B:

- A. Receive operational approach of funding the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program's B4 Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup Project for Fiscal Year 2020 by supplementing the current Encampment Cleanup Project budget with additional funding from Watersheds Stream Stewardship Fund reserves, with subsequent year Encampment Cleanup Project funding to be determined by the Board on an annual basis for Fiscal Years 2021-2028, and
- B. Recommend this operational approach of funding the Encampment Cleanup project for Board approval; or provide other feedback as the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee deems appropriate for Board consideration.

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The Committee unanimously approved that the Board consider the Committee's support of staff's recommendations To host an Environmental Cleanup Day event to engage government agencies, environmental advocates, homeless advocates, volunteers, and local homeless populations in a collaborative effort to perform environmental cleanup activities along Coyote Creek in San Jose.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Director Richard P. Santos adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

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

Approved: 11-15-19