



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

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# MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021  
11:00 AM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was held on July 28, 2021. Teleconference via Zoom in San Jose, California.

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

Chair Hon. Pam Foley called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. A quorum of 14 was established.

**Members in attendance were:**

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate</u></b>
City of Campbell	Hon. Susan M. Landry	
City of Cupertino	Hon. Hung Wei	
City of Gilroy	Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz	
City of Los Altos	Hon. Lynette Lee Eng	
Town of Los Gatos	Hon. Maria Ristow	
City of Milpitas	Hon. Carmen Montano*	
City of Monte Sereno		Hon. Bryan Mekechuk
City of Morgan Hill	Hon. Rich Constantine	
City of Mountain View	Hon. Lucas Ramirez	
City of Palo Alto	Hon. Greg Tanaka	
City of San José	Hon. Pam Foley	
City of Santa Clara	Hon. Karen Hardy**	Hon. Kathy Watanabe**
City of Saratoga	Hon. Rishi Kumar	
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority		Hon. Helen Chapman
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District	Hon. Jed Cyr	

**Members not in attendance were:**

<b><u>Municipality</u></b>	<b><u>Representative</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate</u></b>
City of Campbell		Hon. Sergio Lopez
City of Cupertino		Hon. Jon Wiley
City of Gilroy		Hon. Fred Tovar
City of Los Altos		Hon. Anita Enander
Town of Los Altos Hills	Hon. Lisa Schmidt	
Town of Los Gatos	Hon. Maria Ristow	
City of Monte Sereno	Hon. Liz Lawler	
City of Morgan Hill		Hon. Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Mountain View		Hon. Alison Hicks
City of San José		Kerrie Romanow
City of Saratoga		Hon. Tina Walia
City of Sunnyvale	Hon. Omar Din	Hon. Mason Fong
County of Santa Clara	Hon. Mike Wasserman	Hon. Cindy Chavez
Midpeninsula Regional		Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto
Open Space District		
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority	Hon. Mike Flaughner	

\*\*Note-Hon. Kathy Watanabe was on during roll call and became a guest when Representative Hon. Karen Hardy logged on 11:25 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: Director Tony Estremera (Board Representative), and Director Gary Kremen (Board Representative).

Staff members in attendance were: Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Paola Giles, Vincent Gin, Linh Hoang, Matt Keller, Candice Kwok-Smith, Melanie Richardson, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, Sophia Simcox, Kirsten Struve, Bhavani Yerrapotu and Beckie Zisser

Guests in attendance were: Karla Dailey (City of Palo Alto), Mansour Nasser (City of Sunnyvale), Tony Ndah (City of Milpitas), and Gary Welling (City of Santa Clara).

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

Mr. John Bourgeois (Valley Water's Deputy Operating Officer for Watersheds Stewardship and Planning Division) announced that the Draft EIR is available for public review. FAHCE Program stands for Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort, which is Valley Water's ongoing stewardship commitment where looking to balance the needs of fish and aquatic habitats with the flood protection and water supply operations, this will improve aquatic spawning and rearing habitat for fish in the Coyote Creek, Stevens Creek and Guadalupe corridors, includes flow measures as well as in-stream habitat improvements, the Draft EIR was released on June 30, 2021, for review and the comment period runs through October 15, 2021. {Ms. Glenna Brambill will send applicable link to the Water Commissioners}

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Hon. Susan M. Landry, seconded by Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz, and by roll call and unanimous vote to approve the April 14, 2021, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission meeting minutes as amended (page 11 under Agenda Item 4.3. removed ~~(12 Ayes/6 Nays)~~ and page 12 under Agenda Item 4.1 added call).

\*Hon. Carmen Montano logged on at 11:10 a.m.

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

#### 4.1 REVIEW AND COMMENT TO THE BOARD ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 PROPOSED GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES

Mr. Don Rocha, Ms. Kirsten Struve, and Ms. Linh Hoang reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Hon. Susan Landry, Hon. Rishi Kumar, Hon. Pam Foley, Hon. Carmen Montano, Hon. Kathy Watanabe, Hon. Lynette Lee Eng, Hon. Matthew Hudes, Hon. Karen Hardy, Hon. Rich Constantine, and Hon. Lucas Ramirez) *discussed the following*: conservation messaging and potential educational seminars on the drought, Anderson Dam shutdown, construction, infrastructure, population growth and housing development, purple piping, recycled and grey water, climate change, engaging the appropriate agencies on water conservation and other water resources, 2040 Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) the 15% shortfall, ABAG's growth projections, water supply, drought resilience, receiving statistical data of water usage comparison (example 2020 vs. 2021), cost of water and impact on water rates, potable water, concerned about the RHNA numbers and writing a letter to the State, MTC, ABAG (possibly forming a task force if necessary), receiving quarterly reports/presentations on recycled water and finding needed water resources.

\*\*Hon. Karen Hardy logged on at 11:25 a.m.

Ms. Ashley Shannon, Ms. Linh Hoang, Ms. Metra Richert, Mr. Vincent Gin, Ms. Melanie Richardson, Board Chair Director Tony Estremera were available to answer questions. *{Communications Unit will supply applicable link(s) to the Water Commissioners on drought and water conservation messaging}*

*The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took the following actions:*

#### Recommendation #1:

It was moved by Hon. Susan M. Landry, seconded by Hon. Rishi Kumar, and by roll call and majority vote (8 Yes/7 Nays) to recommend that the Valley Water Board of Directors write letters to the State of California, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) regarding the Water Commission's concerns about limited water resources and the length of the reconstruction of Anderson Dam, and requesting that the current Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) requirements be revisited to better balance housing growth and development with sustainable levels of water demand and supply, thereby helping to ensure RHNA requirements are feasible given the available water supply for the planning time period. (friendly amendments from Hon. Lynette Lee Eng, Hon. Matthew Hudes and Hon. Bryan Mekechuk) *{the Water Commission would like to receive the BAWSCA letter regarding ABAG and Ms. Glenna Brambill will follow up on this request}*

Recommendation #2:

It was moved by Hon. Rich Constantine, seconded by Hon. Karen Hardy, and by roll call and unanimous vote to approve to recommend that the Board of Directors take up the issue of increasing the production and use of recycled water with defined goals and benchmarks.

**5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there were two action items

**Agenda Item 4.1**

Recommendation #1

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Water Commission) voted by roll call and majority vote (8 Yes/7 Nays) to recommend that the Valley Water Board of Directors write letters to the State of California, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) regarding the Water Commission's concerns about limited water resources and the length of the reconstruction of Anderson Dam, and requesting that the current Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) requirements be revisited to better balance housing growth and development with sustainable levels of water demand and supply, thereby helping to ensure RHNA requirements are feasible given the available water supply for the planning time period.

Recommendation #2

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Water Commission) approved by roll call and unanimous vote to recommend that the Board of Directors take up the issue of increasing the production and use of recycled water with defined goals and benchmarks.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hon. Pam Foley adjourned at 12:55 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 12:00 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-08-21.

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

Approved: 10-27-2021