



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018
10:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee was held on April 30, 2018, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Committee Chair, Director Richard P. Santos called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Board Members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Director Linda J. LeZotte (District 4), and Director Richard P. Santos (District 3).

Staff members in attendance were: Jennifer Abadilla, Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Vanessa De La Piedra, Marty Grimes, Garth Hall, Tracy Hemmeter, Karen Koppett, Michael Martin, Anthony Mendiola and Kirsten Struve.

Guests in attendance were: Brian Boyer (Cinnabar Hills Golf Club), Sherry Bryan (Ecology Action), Rhonda Berry and Edgar Echevarra (Our City Forest) Anthony Eulo (City of Morgan Hill), and Doug Muirhead (Resident of Morgan Hill).

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

Mr. Doug Muirhead, a Resident of the City of Morgan Hill requested staff to share any updates on direct potable reuse regarding treatment plants or reservoirs.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Director Nai Hsueh, seconded by Director Richard P. Santos and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2018, Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee meeting as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 WATER CONSERVATION OPTIONS FOR AGRICULTURE

Ms. Tracy Hemmeter reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Director Nai Hsueh, Mr. Dhruv Khanna, Mr. Anthony Eulo, Director Richard P. Santos, and Director Linda J. LeZotte, had questions on agriculture, water conservation, open space credit, the Mobile Lab Program, historical agricultural water usage, farmers as customers, decrease in agricultural acreage and conversion of land, South County issues, agricultural water subsidy and open space credit being unsustainable.

Ms. Sherry Bryan of Ecology Action spoke about agricultural businesses and services and Mr. Doug Muirhead spoke on a county-wide task force.

No action was taken.

4.2 WATER SUPPLY RELIABILITY LEVEL OF SERVICE GOAL

Mr. Michael Martin reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

Mr. Doug Muirhead spoke on the level of service goal.

Director Linda J. LeZotte, had questions on messaging about water and maintaining our natural reservoirs. Director Nai Hsueh and Mr. Dhruv Khanna had questions on Doug's comment of level of service, a need to discuss the Water Supply Master Plan and groundwater table information during drought.

Mr. Garth Hall, Ms. Vanessa De La Piedra and Ms. Tracy Hemmeter were available to answer questions. Answers: Groundwater information is relied on what well owners provide and that 80% level of reliability is consistent of what the state is doing.

No action was taken.

4.3 WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN "NO REGRETS" PROGRAMS

Ms. Neeta Bijoor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

Mr. Anthony Eulo, Director Nai Hsueh commented on the Water Supply Master Plan No Regrets Programs; the AMI is a great tool and the long and short terms of this program.

Mr. Garth Hall, Ms. Tracy Hemmeter and Ms. Karen Koppett were available to answer questions. Answers: No water agencies participating as of today, past costs, Water Smart cost-sharing already in place.

Ms. Sherry Bryan of Ecology Action responded to the AMI program they offer and that a Water Smart provider comes out to do the repairs.

Director Linda J. LeZotte asked that staff return to the Committee with more up-to-date information for discussion on this tool (program) and Director Nai Hsueh asked for cost-sharing and installation information.

Mr. Doug Muirhead and Ms. Rhonda Berry from Our City Forest spoke on this agenda item.

Further discussion on this agenda item by Mr. Dhruv Khanna, Director Nai Hsueh, Ms. Sherry Bryan and Mr. Anthony Eulo.

No action taken.

4.4 CURRENT WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

Ms. Karen Koppett reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

Ms. Rhonda Berry and Mr. Edgar Echevarra of Our City Forest were introduced and summarized the projects they have completed and the associated costs.

Directors Linda J. LeZotte and Richard P. Santos, Mr. Dhruv Khanna, Ms. Sherry Bryan, Mr. Marty Grimes, Director Nai Hsueh and Mr. Anthony Eulo spoke on the many issues and concerns with water conservation programs, conservation a new of life for Californians and available resources.

No action taken.

4.5 REVIEW OF WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT 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 items.

It was determined that the next meeting would be scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

No action taken.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS

Ms. Glenna Brambill stated there were no action items for Board consideration.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Santos adjourned at 11:59 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled to the next scheduled meeting on Monday, June 25, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom.

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

Approved: 6-25-18