



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017  
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 December 14, 2017, in the Headquarters Boardroom at the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

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

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: Glenna Brambill, George Cook, Jerry De La Piedra, Vanessa De La Piedra, Marty Grimes, Garth Hall, Tracy Hemmeter, Bassam Kassab and Darryl Williams.

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

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Director Nai Hsueh, seconded by Director Linda J. LeZotte and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017, Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee meeting, as presented.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1 LANDSCAPE WATER USE EVALUATION PROGRAM**

Mr. Jerry De La Piedra reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items and reported that there will be a District sponsored Landscape Summit on Thursday, February 1, 2018.

Director Nai Hsueh noted this was a great program.

No action was taken.

**4.2 OUTREACH MESSAGING**

Mr. Marty Grimes reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Director Nai Hsueh asked that communications be prepared for the increase in water charges and work with retailers in crafting the message.

Director Santos mentioned engaging the public more through more messaging.

No action was taken.

**4.3 WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN**

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

Directors Richard P. Santos and Nail Hsueh spoke about the gray water rebate program.

Mr. John Tang from San Jose Water Company spoke on their Leak Detecting Program.

Mr. Doug Muirhead, a City of Morgan Hill resident, spoke about the gray water model ordinance.

Ms. Rita Vrhel, a City of Palo Alto resident and with Save Palo Alto's Groundwater organization, asked about gray water in her area in.

Mr. Jerry De La Piedra was available to answer questions.

Director Linda J. LeZotte spoke about the importance of gray water.

Ms. Glenna Brambill read into the record the handout from an email received from Mr. Doug Muirhead a City of Morgan Hill resident.

Director Nai Hsueh had questions on the next steps and the Board's look at the level of service to assist with the discussion with the stakeholder group.

No action was taken.

**4.4 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) UPDATE – PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK AND NEXT STEPS**

Ms. Vanessa De La Piedra reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

Mr. John Tang and Mr. Bill Tuttle of San Jose Water, Mr. Tom Zigterman of Stanford University, Mr. Doug Muirhead, a City of Morgan Hill resident, Ms. Rita Vrhel, a City of Palo Alto resident and with Save Palo Alto's Groundwater organization and Ms. Esther Nigenda of the public, spoke regarding the concerns with groundwater and shallow aquifers.

Director Linda J. LeZotte thanked the retailers for their input.

Ms. Glenna Brambill read into the record of the handout from an email received from Mr. Doug Muirhead, a City of Morgan Hill resident.

Mr. Garth Hall was available to answer questions.

**4.5 REVIEW OF WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN, ANY OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OR COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items. Director Nai Hsueh will volunteer to work with staff to develop some topics to discuss for January 2018's meeting.

No action was taken.

**5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS**

Ms. Glenna Brambill stated there were no action items for Board consideration. The Committee does support SIGMA.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Santos adjourned at 11:35 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting to be determined for January 2018.

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

Approved: 2-28-18