



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (VALLEY WATER)  
WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

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# MINUTES

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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019  
10:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (Committee) was held on December 11, 2019, in the Headquarters Building Boardroom at Valley Water, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Water Storage Exploratory Committee was called to order by Chair Director Gary Kremen at 10:05 a.m.

**1.1 ROLL CALL**

Board Members in attendance were: Director Gary Kremen-District 7, Director Richard P. Santos-District 3, and Director John L. Varela-District 1.

Staff in attendance were: Bradly Arnold, Aaron Baker, Erin Baker, Glenna Brambill, Jerry De La Piedra, Tim Bramer, Mark DeMartini, Rachael Gibson, Christopher Hakes, Garth Hall, Nina Hawk, Brian Hopper, Cindy Kao, Ryan McCarter, Eli Serrano and Charlene Sun.

San Benito County Water District Staff in attendance were: Jeff Cattaneo and Sara Singleton.

BAWSCA Representatives were: Tom Francis and Steve Jordan.

Infracapital Representatives were: Rock Clapper and Paul Kelley.

Guests in attendance were: Katja Irvin, Doug Muirhead and Rob Steiner.

**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**

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It was moved by Director Richard P. Santos, seconded by Director John L. Varela, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2019, meeting of the Water Storage Exploratory Committee as presented.

**4. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4.1 STANDING ITEMS INFORMATION**

**1. Update on Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project (Transfer Bethany Pipeline – TBP)/Update on Management of South Bay Aqueduct (SBA) Facilities**

Mr. Bradley Arnold reported on Contra Costa Water District (CCWD)'s clean energy workshop-JPA formation of roles and responsibilities, facility operations and management, risk reviews and off ramps, existing facility usage fees, the final independent review and staff review of SFPUC, BAWSCA on SBA capacity. the selection of external counsel to be completed by December. Ms. Erin Baker reported on meetings with DWR and South Bay Contractors to discuss use of the SBA, DWR's asset management and capacity study being conducted and ongoing discussion meetings of the SBA issues. Ms. Nina Hawk reported on concern of water supply, the regional project and is now elevated with BAWSCA, SFPUC and CCWD becoming more involved to support Valley Water. Mr. Garth Hall reported that Alameda County Water District brought in a new-hire agency that made a presentation at the ACWA meeting and Valley Water is awaiting the completed analyses report. Ms. Nina Hawk mentioned Ms. Erin Baker as the new lead for the SBA portion of the project.

**2. Water Banking Opportunities including but not limited to Pleasant Valley Water District**

Ms. Cindy Kao reported that over the past year staff has been looking at a number of groundwater banking opportunities, some include; Pleasant Valley Water District, San Juan Water District and Antelope Valley/East Kern. Staff will be developing a more rigorous criteria for comparison and also developing a methodology to analyze and determine the best projects.

- 3. **Update on Conceptual Lake Del Valle Modifications** no update.
- 4. **Del Puerto**, an invitation was extended to Ms. Anthea Hansen and Mr. Chris White.

The Committee took no action.

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT**

Mr. Chris Hakes reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following: enhancement of steelhead, flooding of Soap Lake, Henry Coe State Park, recreational benefits, impacted species (red-legged frogs, steelhead, tarantulas, eagles/bald eagles), financial/funding issues-Prop 1 and agricultural entities.

Ms. Nina Hawk and Ms. Charlene Sun were available to answer questions.

The Committee took no action.

## **5.2 SEMITROPIC GROUNDWATER BANK UPDATE**

Mr. Brady Arnold reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee took no action.

## **5.3 WATER STORAGE-P3 (PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP) PROJECT DELIVERY PRESENTATION**

Special Guests, Mr. Paul Kelly and Mr. Rock Clapper reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following: storage banking structures, P3 private money/Cal PERS money-is a mix and environmental benefits.

The Committee took no action.

## **5.4 LEGISLATIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES - SOUTH BAY AQUEDUCT OPERATIONAL RELIABILITY AND MAINTENANCE**

Ms. Rachael Gibson reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee discussed the following; amending the wording for long-term O and M relationships and the principles are broadly written for flexibility to accomplish the Board's ends.

Ms. Nina Hawk was available to answer questions.

The Committee took the following action:

The Committee would like the Chair to review the amended language and advise the Committee.

## **5.5 REVIEW OF 2018 WATER STORAGE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

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

The Committee would like all work plan items on a standing item basis and if there is significant information to report it will be placed on an action item agenda memo. Also, the next meeting's agenda should have a closed session item on Pacheco's potential litigation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 2:30 p.m.

## **6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTIONS**

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

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Director Gary Kremen adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m. to the regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 2:30 pm, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom.

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

Approved: 1-15-20