



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021
2:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Commission) was held on January 27, 2021. Teleconference via Zoom in San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Hon. Pam Foley called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. A quorum of 17 was established.

Members in attendance were:

Municipality

City of Campbell
City of Cupertino
City of Gilroy
City of Los Altos
Town of Los Altos Hills
Town of Los Gatos
City of Milpitas
Town of Monte Sereno
City of Morgan Hill
City of Mountain View
City of Palo Alto
City of San José
City of Santa Clara
City of Saratoga
City of Sunnyvale
County of Santa Clara
Santa Clara Valley Open
Space Authority
Midpeninsula Regional Open Space
District

Representative

Hon. Susan M. Landry
Hon. Hung Wei
Hon. Peter Leroe-Muñoz
Hon. Lynette Lee Eng
Hon. Courtenay Corrigan

Hon. Carmen Montano
Hon. Liz Lawler
Hon. Rich Constantine*
Hon. Lucas Ramirez
Hon. Greg Tanaka
Hon. Pam Foley

Hon. Rishi Kumar
Hon. Omar Din
Hon. Mike Wasserman
Hon. Mike Flaughner

Alternate

Hon. Matthew Hudes

Hon. Kathy Watanabe

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
City of Campbell		Hon. Sergio Lopez
City of Cupertino		Hon. Jon Willey
City of Gilroy		Hon. Fred Tovar
City of Los Altos		Hon. Anita Enander
Town of Monte Sereno		Hon. Javed Ellahie
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. Mason Fong
County of Santa Clara		Hon. Cindy Chavez
Santa Clara Valley Open		Hon. Shay Franco-Clausen
Space Authority		
Midpeninsula Regional		Hon. Yoriko Kishimoto
Open Space District		

*Commission Members arrived at time stated.

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

Staff members in attendance were: Jennifer Abadilla, Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Chelsea Busick, Domingo Candelas, Leonardo Foster, Rachael Gibson, Vincent Gin, Andrew Gschwind, Stacy Klopfer, Marta Lugo, Carmen Narayanan, Heath McMahon, Linda Nguyen, Melanie Richardson, Donald Rocha, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, and Warren Whitlock.

Guests in attendance were: Christopher Hoem (Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors), Karla Dailey (City of Palo Alto), Brendan McCarthy (City of Santa Clara), Mansour Nasser (City of Sunnyvale), Tony Ndah (City of Milpitas), Hon. Maria Ristow (Town of Los Gatos), and Gary Welling (City of Santa Clara).

Public in attendance was: Katja Irvin.

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

It was moved by Hon. Mike Wasserman, seconded by Hon. Kathy Watanabe, and by roll call and majority vote (13 yes votes), to approve the October 28, 2020, Santa Clara Valley Water Commission meeting minutes as presented. Hon. Matthew Hudes, Hon. Greg Tanaka, Hon. Omar Din and Hon. Mike Flaughner abstained.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Vice Chair Foley opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

It was moved by Hon. Lucas Ramirez, seconded by Hon. Mike Wasserman to nominate Hon. Pam Foley for Chair. It was moved by Hon. Susan M. Landry, second by Hon. Carmen Montano to nominate Hon. Lynette Lee Eng for Vice Chair. The Commission by roll call and unanimous vote, elected Hon. Pam Foley as Chair and Hon. Lynette Lee Eng as Vice Chair.

4.2 REVIEW AND APPROVE 2020 ANNUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD (COMMITTEE CHAIR)

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

It was moved by Hon. Mike Wasserman, seconded by Hon. Mike Flaughner and by roll call and unanimous vote approved the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission's 2020 Accomplishments Report. Due to COVID 19, the Commission was limited in fully engaging in 2020.

*Hon. Rich Constantine logged on at 2:36 p.m.

4.3 REVIEW AND COMMENT TO THE BOARD ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 PRELIMINARY GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION CHARGES

Mr. Darin Taylor reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission (Hon. Carmen Montano, Hon. Mike Wasserman, Hon. Greg Tanaka, Hon. Rishi Kumar, Hon. Susan Landry, Hon. Kathy Watanabe, Hon. Pam Foley, Hon. Liz Lawler, Hon. Peter Leroy-Muñoz, and Hon. Mike Flaughner) discussed the following: water usage, North/South Zones costs, keeping the agricultural rates low, water basin, recharge, wells, Pacheco Reservoir, fees increase, Anderson Dam, water supply/demand, assist low-income areas, do not increase rates, monthly impact, lot size comparison, capital improvement projects, planning for future/infrastructure and continuing to provide clean drinking water.

Mr. Mansour Nasser explained the City of Sunnyvale's water system and usage.

Director Tony Estremera, Mr. Aaron Baker and Mr. Donald Rocha were available to answer questions.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

4.4 REVIEW SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER COMMISSION WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS AND THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

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

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

5.1 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

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

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

5.2 UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER'S CREATION OF NEW OFFICE OF RACIAL EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION AND BOARD ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC RACISM AND PROMOTING EQUITY

Ms. Linda Nguyen reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Santa Clara Valley Water Commission took no action.

6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported there was one action item for Board consideration.

Agenda Item 4.2

The Commission by roll call and unanimous vote approved the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission's 2020 Accomplishments Report. Due to COVID 19, the Commission was limited in fully engaging in 2020.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Director's Report

None.

7.2 Manager's Report

None.

7.3 Commission Member Reports

None.

7.4 Informational Link Reports

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hon. Pam Foley adjourned at 3:29 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 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-29-20.

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

Approved: 4-14-2021