



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

A regular scheduled meeting of the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee was held on February 23, 2022, via zoom in San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1.1. ROLL CALL

Committee Board Members in attendance were: Committee Vice Chair, Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Director Barbara Keegan (District 2), Committee Chair, Director Linda J. LeZotte (District 4) establishing a quorum.

Staff members in attendance were: Joseph Aranda, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Vanessa De La Piedra, Melissa Fels, Paola Giles, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Linh Hoang, Alexander Johanson, Michael Martin, Colin Resch, Melanie Richardson, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Kirsten Struve, Gregory Williams, Jing Wu, and Beckie Zisser.

Guest Agencies in attendance were: Michael Bolzowski (California Water Service Company), Brian Boyer (Cinnabar Hills Golf Club), Kurt Elvert and Curt Rayer (San Jose Water Company-SJWC), and Katja Irvin (Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter).

Public in attendance was: Hon. Jim Beall, and Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

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 Barbara Keegan, seconded by Director Nai Hsueh, and carried by roll call and unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2022.

Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee meeting as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1 MONTHLY UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS VALLEY WATER RESOLUTION 21-68'S WATER USE REDUCTION TARGET AND WATER CONSERVATION EFFORTS RELATED TO THE DROUGHT EMERGENCY

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

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: high water usage, 2019 comparison numbers, shutting off outside watering, continuing outreach message on conserving, xeriscaping needs to be defined-drought resistant landscaping, educating the users about 'low' watering, have conservation incentives awarding those conserving (young children/schools).

Ms. Kirsten Struve, Ms. Linh Hoang, and Mr. Aaron Baker were available to answer questions.

Public Comment: Dr. Arthur Keller suggested using the definition of xeriscaping rather than the actual term. Also, encouraging realtors to put in low tolerant plantings instead of lawns when trying to sell houses.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

4.2. DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN UPDATE

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

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: differences between the Water Shortage Contingency Plan and Drought Response Plan, scheduling, outreach messaging reaching those underserved communities, reaching out to the housing development agencies, realtors for adoptions of Model Ordinances, looking at vulnerability assessment versus the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for project completion, and working with the retailers' having differing water conservation requirements, or mandates.

4.3 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

There were no verbal updates for:

1. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)
2. Flood MAR
3. Agricultural Water Use Baseline Study

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

**4.4 REVIEW 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 and Ms. Kirsten Struve reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

Agenda Items for next meeting:
Monthly Drought Information
Land Use
Drought Response Plan Benchmark Study
E-cart

April agenda items:
Monthly Drought Information

The Committee's next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 21, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte adjourned at 10:54 a.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, March 21, 2022.

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

Approved: 03-21-2022