



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

A regular scheduled meeting of the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee was held on March 21, 2022, via zoom in San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

1.1. ROLL CALL

Committee Board Members in attendance were: Committee Vice Chair, Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), Director Barbara F. 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, Sam Bogale, Glenna Brambill, Vanessa De La Piedra, Phil Dolan, Paola Giles, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Andy Gschwind, Linh Hoang, Cindy Kao, Matt Keller, Candice Kwok-Smith, Jess Lovering, Michael Martin, Brian Mendenhall, Carlos Orellana, Colin Resch, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, Kirsten Struve, Gregory Williams, and Jing Wu.

Guest Agencies in attendance were: Michael Bolzowski (California Water Service Company), Kurt Elvert and Bill Tuttle (San Jose Water Company-SJWC), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter), and David Siddiqui (Green Evolution).

Public in attendance was: Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., and Luke Wang

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 Nai Hsueh, seconded by Director Barbara F. Keegan, and carried by roll call and unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the February 23, 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: comparison of last January's numbers there was a 7% progress, two-day watering recommendation (most retailers have this restriction), changing of behavior concerning water conservation, water-use reduction, and focus more on reaching the 15% goal.

Public Comments:

Mr. Bill Tuttle (San Jose Water Company) their customers used 20% more in month of February 2022,

Dr. Arthur Keller questioned if there will be an approval of watering 2-3 days, will people be able to request reprogramming of their sprinkler's system?

Mr. Aaron Baker, Ms. Ashley Shannon, and Ms. Kirsten Struve were available to answer questions.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee (Committee) took the following action:

It was moved by Director Barbara F. Keegan, seconded by Director Nai Hsueh, and by roll call and unanimous vote approved staff's recommendation for Board consideration to adopt a new resolution restricting watering to two-days maximum limit that includes ornamental landscaping and lawns.

4.2. IMPROVING WATER WISE FEATURES FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: communicating with cities and other agencies, partnering, enforcement concerns, efficient landscaping, offering rebates with direct benefit to assist with compliance, ongoing and long-term effects, developers, use of recycled water for projects (Vallco, Google, Apple, and Cambrian Park).

Public Comment:

Dr. Arthur Keller spoke about coordinating land use policies and installation of pipes for recycled water along El Camino Real.

Ms. Kirsten Struve and Mr. Michael Martin were available to answer questions.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

4.3. DROUGHT RESPONSE PLAN UPDATE – BENCHMARK STUDY

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

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: explore triggers, meeting 80% (drought years) vs. 100% (non-drought years) water demand, supplying drinking water, how is messaging conveyed with the Plans, Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) Ends Policy, Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP), WSMP is the guiding document, Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)-state requirement, and the WSCP is a component of the UWMP, level of service goals, inability to supply 100% water supply demand during a dry year needs to be part of the drought communication/education to the public, key take-aways and communication is a common challenge.

Public Comment:

Dr. Arthur Keller questioned-triggers, is groundwater storage only ½ of water supply, therefore, imported water recharges the watershed and other techniques for triggering water supply, and can you drink imported water?

Ms. Kirsten Struve and Ms. Metra Richert were available to answer questions.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

4.4 STANDING ITEMS REPORT

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

There were verbal updates for:

1. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Ms. Vanessa De La Piedra reported:

- Required to submit annual reports due April 1, 2022, will supply a link in the CEO Bulletin and notify the interested stakeholders.

2. Flood MAR

Ms. Samantha Greene reported:

- Bringing a presentation to the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee April 2022,
- Moving along well, digging into the programmatic questions, staffing needs, types of incentives to offer, and regulatory requirements.

3. Agricultural Water Use Baseline Study

Ms. Samantha Greene reported on:

- Moving along, continuing to finish up the analysis, and looking forward to sharing some preliminary results in April.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

4.5 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. Kirsten Struve reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

Agenda Items for next meeting:

Drought Information with scenarios

Annual Water Conservation Update

FloodMAR (potentially verbal report)

Zone of Controlled Drinking Water Well Construction for the Purified Water Project

Anniversary of the E-cart launching

Youth Commission Update

The Committee's next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 25, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS

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

Agenda 4.1:

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee (Committee) by roll call and unanimous vote approved staff's recommendation for Board consideration to adopt a new resolution restricting watering to two-days maximum limit that includes ornamental landscaping and lawns.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte adjourned at 12:29 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, April 25, 2022.

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

Approved: 4-25-2022