



WATER CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

A regular meeting of the Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee was held on June 27, 2022, at 5700 Almaden Expressway, in San Jose, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte called the meeting to order at 11:03 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), and Committee Chair, Director Linda J. LeZotte (District 4) establishing a quorum.

Staff members in attendance were: Joseph Aranda, Aaron Baker, Roseryn Bhusdabourg, Neeta Bijoor, Glenna Brambill, Justin Burks, Vanessa De La Piedra, Phil Dolan, Paola Giles, Vincent Gin, Samantha Greene, Jason Gurdak, Alexander Johanson, Cindy Kao, Matt Keller, Candice Kwok-Smith, Jess Lovering, Isabella Millet, Carolos Orellana, Michael Potter, Colin Resch, Metra Richert, Don Rocha, Ashley Shannon, Nicholas Simard, Kirsten Struve, Sherilyn Tran, Gregory Williams, and Jing Wu.

Guest Agencies in attendance were: Brian Boyer (Cinnabar Hills Golf Club), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter), and Kurt Elvert, John Tang, and Bill Tuttle (San Jose Water Company-SJWC).

Public in attendance were: Hon. Jim Beall, Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D., Christophe LaBelle, and Julia Nussbaum.

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 unanimously, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022, Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee meeting as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS

4.1. MONTHLY UPDATE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING VALLEY WATER'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: Water rates, survey responses and breakdown, tailoring messaging, development and growth concerns-drought's impact and challenges, Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) short term vs. long term goals and planning, restaurants serving water, and continued water conservation efforts.

Public comments:

Katja Irvin had a question on the water waste complaints and the link for complaint process. Dr. Arthur Keller had a question on water retailers' usage and the modification of the 'green' regulations.

Mr. Justin Burks, Mr. Matt Keller, Ms. Kirsten Struve, Mr. Aaron Baker, and Mr. John Tang (San Jose Water) were available to answer questions.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action

4.2. WATER FIXTURE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM ONE YEAR UPDATE

Mr. Alexander Johanson reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: toilet types, vendor list, cost-sharing opportunities, county-wide partnerships, cooperative agreements, and other programs.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee took no action.

4.3. COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (CII/MF) WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Mr. Justin Burks reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda items.

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: outreach to condominiums, management companies, high density/multi-dwelling/homeowners' associations, realtors,

Public comment:

Dr. Arthur Keller suggested having a program "cash for grass."

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 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.

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

The Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee discussed the following: requested MAP process – figure out a way to bring items to the committee, WSMP is an important document (may be too technical-so possibly having a workshop type board meeting) and would like to also engage the community.

The July Agenda Items:

- Drought/outreach update/water waste statistics further discussion
- Drought Plan vulnerability assessment
- Draft Ordinance for the Proposed Drinking Water Well Control Zones for the Purified Water Project

Future agenda items:

- Drought vs. long term planning
- Ag Baseline study (August/September)
-  Ms. Samantha Greene gave a brief update, the study has completed their collection data and will be able to have a report late summer with a completed study by year's end
- Information on hot water recirculation pumps and what the options are (easy and cheap)/how do we rebate?/inclusion in MWENDO – look at evaluating it
- AMI update (prompted by SJWC approval)

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

It was moved by Director Nai Hsueh, seconded by Director Barbara F. Keegan, and carried unanimously, approved requesting that the Board consider approving a Board Workshop on the Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) MAP process to engage all that would benefit (Board, Committee and Community) when staff is ready.

The Committee's next scheduled meeting is at 11:00 a.m. on July 25, 2022. Also noted to change the August meeting from August 22nd to August 29th.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS

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

Agenda Item 4.5

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chair Director Linda J. LeZotte adjourned at 12:41 p.m., to the next scheduled meeting.

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

Approved: 7-25-2022