



RECYCLED WATER COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020
1:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Recycled Water Committee (Committee) was called to order in the Valley Water Headquarters Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, at 1:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were District 2 Director B. Keegan, District 7 Director G. Kremen, and District 6 Director T. Estremera, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance were H. Ashktorab, H. Barrientos, T. Bramer, M. Burton, R. Callender, G. De La Piedra, M. Gloria-Dalton, G. Hall, L. Hong, N. Hawk, E. Latedjou-Durand, E. Sans, M. Silva, M. Sinaki, C. Sun, D. Taylor, S. Tran, D. Tucker, and B. Yerrapotu.

Also in attendance were Valley Water consultant contractors P. Daniel, Liquisti, LLC, and D. Chen, HDR, Inc.

2. Time Open for Public Comment on Any Item Not on the Agenda.

Chairperson Estremera declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda.

Mr. Stan Williams, Poseidon Water, congratulated the Committee on their 2019 accomplishments, and requested information on the status of the Committee's consideration of Public Private Partnerships (P3).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1 Approval of Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes of the August 14, 2019, meeting.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the August 14, 2019, meeting. It was moved by Director Kremen, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Election of 2020 Recycled Water Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Recommendation: Nominate and elect the 2020 Recycled Water Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

It was moved by Director Kremen, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried, to nominate and elect Director Estremera as 2020 Chairperson, and Director Keegan as 2020 Vice Chairperson.

4.2 Update on Countywide Reuse Master Plan (Reuse Master Plan).

Recommendation: Receive information and discuss next steps.

Mr. Garth Hall, Deputy Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 2 were reviewed by staff as follows: Mr. Hall reviewed Slides 1 and 2; and Mr. Dave Tucker, Associated Civil Engineer, reviewed Slides 3 through 12.

In response to Director Kremen, Mr. Tucker confirmed that a ratepayer advocate was included among the stakeholders in the Countywide Reuse Master Plan's Project Partner Group.

The Committee made the following requests:

- Staff is to provide the Committee with information on the ratepayer advocate participant in the Project Partner Group; and
- Staff is to identify and include in the Countywide Reuse Master Plan, constraints and obstacles in making strategic decisions; and
- Staff is to provide clear definition of the limits that affect timelines, and affordability of implementing the recycled water program projects.

Mr. Williams expressed frustration with the six-month extension to complete the Countywide Reuse Master Plan indicated on Slide 2, Attachment 2, and requested clarification on whether the August 2020 final draft indicated therein was for presentation to the Committee, or for public comment.

4.3 Update on Reverse Osmosis Concentrate Management (ROCM) Plan.

Recommendation: Receive information and discuss next steps.

The Committee continued Item 4.3 to a future meeting.

4.4 Roadmap for Potable Reuse Development.

Recommendation: Receive information and discuss next steps.

Mr. Hall reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by staff as follows: Mr. Hall reviewed

Slides 1 through 6 and Slides 10 and 11; and Ms. Nina Hawk, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed Slides 7 through 9.

It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director Kremen, and unanimously carried that the Committee authorize staff during their January 28, 2020 presentation to the full Board of Directors regarding water rate scenarios, to also present the Committee's recommendation that a letter be drafted to the Cities of San Jose and Sunnyvale and the south county water recycling partner agencies, regarding the commitment needed to reach the December 2020 completion date of the Countywide Reuse Master Plan.

The Committee made the following requests:

- Staff is to come back with an update on the rate-setting scenarios described in Attachment 1, Slide 9, that incorporates the P3 program and includes the Cities of San Jose and Sunnyvale and South County on a reduced program, and with a \$200 million placeholder for potential additional investments; and
- Staff is to update the Project Partners Group on out-of-county recycled water projects, such as desalination, brackish water, and recycled refinery water projects, and include them in the rate setting scenarios.

The Committee considered Item 4.5 without a staff presentation.

4.5 Review and Authorize the Chair to Present the 2019 Recycled Water Committee Accomplishments Report to the Board and Discuss the 2020 Recycled Water Committee Work Plan and Meeting Schedule.

- Recommendation:
- A. Review the 2019 Recycled Water Committee Accomplishments Report;
 - B. Authorize the Chair to present 2019 Recycled Water Committee Accomplishments to the Board;
 - C. Identify items to carry forward to 2020 Work Plan; and
 - D. Accept the 2020 Recycled Water Committee regular meeting schedule.

The Committee approved, without formal action, the proposed meeting schedule for 2020 with comments that some meeting dates may be rescheduled due to external commitments by some Committee members; and made the following requests:

- Staff is to agendaize Centralized and Decentralized Reuse in February 2020, and a P3 program update on April 2020; and
- Staff is to invite P3 short-listed entities to the April 2020 Committee meeting.

Mr. Williams requested that the Committee include a P3 program update on one of its 2020 agendas, and suggested that Poseidon Water was available to contribute in the discussion with ideas and subject matter experts for regulatory issues.

7. ADJOURN:

- 7.1 Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting at 12:00 p.m. on February 26, 2020, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Eva Marie Sans
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Approved:

Date: