



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
11:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A Special Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors was called to order in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference at 11:00 a.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

Board members in attendance were Nai Hsueh, Barbara F. Keegan, Richard P. Santos, and John L. Varela, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Directors Jim Beall, Rebecca Eisenberg, and Tony Estremera arrived, as noted below.

Staff members in attendance were R. Callender, Chief Executive Officer, C. Orellana, District Counsel, M. King, Clerk, Board of Directors, E. Aryee, A. Baker, A. Beaman, L. Bankosh, S. Bogale, B. Broome, R. Gibson, V. Gin, A. Gordon, C. Hakes, C. Lawson, M. Lugo, R. McCarter, P. McElroy, T. Ndah, L. Penilla, M. Richardson, D. Rocha, K. Struve, D. Taylor, G. Williams, B. Yerrapotu, and T. Yoke.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

Chairperson Varela led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Beall and Estremera arrived.

1.3. Time Open for Public Comment on any Item not on the Agenda.

Chairperson Varela declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who wished to speak.

2. 11:00 AM - TIME CERTAIN

2.1. Receive Information and Provide Feedback on the Development of Valley Water's Water Supply Master Plan 2050.

- Recommendation:
- A. Receive an update on the Water Supply Master Plan 2050 Development; and
 - B. Provide feedback and direction to staff on the Water Supply Master Plan 2050 planning framework and engagement plan.

Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer, Water Utility, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Attachment 4; and introduced panelists Jing Wu, Senior Water Resource Specialist; Samantha Green, Senior Water Resource Specialist; Vincent Gin, Deputy Operating Officer; Cindy Kao, Imported Water Manager, and Darin Taylor, Chief Financial Officer.

Director Eisenberg arrived.

Chairperson Varela declared time open for public comment on this Item.

Katja Irvin, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, expressed support for the improvement in the Water Supply Master Plan Process including the updated goals and strategies.

Osha Meserve, Stop the Pacheco Dam Coalition, expressed support for the Board's continued evaluation of the mitigation of the environmental impacts, sustainability, and resilience of the project.

Jim Kuhl, of unidentified residency, requested that the Board consider using the San Francisco Utilities Commission 7-year drought modeling as a benchmark for the 2050 Water Master Plan.

The Board noted the information without formal action.

Chairperson Varela declared a brief recess at 12:30 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with the same Board members and staff present.

2.2. Water Supply Capital Workshop to Review the Capital Validation and Evaluation Processes, Review the Funding Filters for Prioritization, Introduce New Capital Funding Categories, and Provide an Overview of Capital Projects Included in the Capital Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2024-28 Five-Year Plan Funded by the Water Utility Enterprise Fund.

- Recommendation: Receive information and provide feedback, as necessary.

Jessica Collins, Watershed Business Planning and Analysis Manager, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and per the information contained in Handout 2.2-A; and Introduced panelists, Luz Penilla, Assistant Officer; Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer; Emmanuel Aryee, Deputy Operating Officer; and Darin Taylor.

Chairperson Varela declared time open for public comment on this Item.

Katja Irvin expressed concern that not all projects in the Capital Improvement Program should be listed as critical to meeting Valley Water's mission. Katja requested that the Board consider identifying thresholds within a project that would trigger an evaluation by the Board to identify which projects to renew or delay.

The Board noted the information without formal action.

3. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS:

3.1. Clerk Review and Clarification of Board Requests.

Michele King, Clerk, Board of Directors, confirmed that there were no new Board Member Requests.

4. ADJOURN:

4.1. Adjourn to the 11:00 a.m. Closed Session and 1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting on September 26, 2023, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.

Chairperson Varela adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m. to the 11:00 a.m. Closed Session and 1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting on September 26, 2023, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and via Zoom teleconference.

Michele L. King, CMC
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date:

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