



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**SPECIAL MEETING – SOUTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A Special Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, conducted by Zoom Teleconference, was called to order in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, at 7:00 p.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

Board members participating by teleconference were Barbara Keegan, Linda J. LeZotte, and John L. Varela, with Tony Estremera, Nai Hsueh, and Richard Santos being present in the Boardroom, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Director Gary Kremen was excused from attending.

Staff in attendance was M. King, Clerk, Board of Directors. Staff participating by teleconference were R. Callender, Chief Executive Officer, C. Orellana, District Counsel, E. Aryee, A. Baker, M. Cook, R. Gibson, C. Hakes, M. Richardson, D. Taylor, and T. Yoke.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

Director Hsueh led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Pro Tem Varela declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda.

Ms. Swanee Edwards, Morgan Hill resident, expressed gratitude to Valley Water staff for assistance with the Water Wise Program.

**2. TIME CERTAIN:**

**7:00 PM**

2.1. Public Hearing on February 2022 Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies and Recommended Increases to Groundwater Production and Other Water Charges for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. (Continued from April 12, 2022)

Recommendation:

- A. Continue the public hearing, pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act, to consider Santa Clara Valley Water District's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies and recommended increases to groundwater production charges (between 5.2 percent to 15 percent), surface water charges (between 5.9 percent to 15 percent), and recycled water charges (between 4.4 percent to 5.3 percent);
- B. Hear public comments from groundwater producers and any interested persons regarding such Report and recommended FY 2022-23 charges;
- C. Direct staff to review such Report with, and solicit comments from, Santa Clara Valley Water District's advisory committees; and
- D. Continue the public hearing regarding such Report and proposed charges to the April 26, 2022 regular meeting, at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Pro Tem Varela opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Aaron Baker, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and Ms. Carmen Narayanan, Financial Planning and Revenue Manager, reviewed the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 2.

Chair Pro Tem Varela declared time open for public comment.

Ms. Edwards requested information on the estimated amount of water conserved in South Santa Clara County; and Mr. Baker confirmed a South County conservation total of approximately 10 percent.

Chair Pro Tem Varela continued the Public Hearing to the 6:00 p.m. April 26, 2022 Special meeting.

**3. ADJOURN:**

3.1. Clerk Review and Clarification of Board Requests.

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

3.2. Adjourn to Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m., on April 26, 2022.

Chair Pro Tem Varela adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m., to the 6:00 p.m. Special meeting on April 26, 2022, in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose.

Michele L. King, CMC  
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: 06/14/2022

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