



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

**SOUTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019
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 was called to order at the Morgan Hill City Council Chambers, 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, California, at 7:00 p.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

Board members in attendance were Nai Hsueh, Linda J. LeZotte, Richard Santos, and John Varela, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Directors Tony Estremera, Barbara Keegan and Gary Kremen were excused from attending.

Staff members in attendance were A. Fulcher, C. Hakes, G. Hall, N. Hawk, D. Taylor, and T. Yoke. Deputy Clerk of the Board M. Meredith represented Clerk, Board of Directors, Michele King.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

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

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

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

2. TIME CERTAIN:

7:00 P.M.

- 2.1. Public Hearing – Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies – February 2019 and Recommended Groundwater Production and Other Water Charges for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (FY 2019-20).

- Recommendation:
- A. Continue the public hearing pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act to consider the District FY 2019-20 Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies, and direct staff to review such report with, and solicit comments from the District's advisory committees;
 - B. Hear public comments from groundwater producers and any interested persons regarding such report; and
 - C. Continue the public hearing regarding such report to the April 23, 2019 regular meeting, at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson LeZotte opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Nina Hawk, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 2 were reviewed by staff as follows: Mr. Darin Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed Slides 1 through 21; and Mr. Joseph Atmore, Revenue Manager, reviewed Slides 22 through 34.

Mr. Dale Jelsema, Morgan Hill resident, expressed concern over proposed zoning amendments in unincorporated lands of Santa Clara County, that would develop agricultural areas into commercial and industrial use, and the impact this would have on groundwater consumption and quality.

Chairperson LeZotte requested that staff come back with information on new rural zoning proposals being considered for unincorporated lands, including information on upcoming planning meetings (Board Member Request R-19-0004).

Ms. Swanee Edwards, Morgan Hill resident, requested the Board keep agricultural water rates the same for the next two to three years.

Hon. Peter Leroe-Munoz, Gilroy City Councilmember, reiterated the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission's recommendation to maintain the Open Space Credit for the next three years, described agriculture land as a non-renewable resource, and requested the Board support the agricultural preservation efforts being made by the County.

Chairperson LeZotte acknowledged receipt of the attached handouts, identified as Handout 2.1-A, Handout 2.1-B, Handout 2.1-C and Handout 2.1-D, herein. Copies of the Handouts were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

Chairperson LeZotte continued the public hearing to the April 23, 2019 regular meeting.

3. ADJOURN:

3.1. Clerk Review and Clarification of Board Requests.

The new Board Member Request was not read into the record.

3.2. Adjourn to 4:00 p.m. Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting on April 23, 2019, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Chairperson LeZotte adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m., to the 4:00 p.m. Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting on April 23, 2019, in the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose.

Michele L. King, CMC
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date:

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