



TO: Board of Directors
SUBJECT: Joint Meeting with the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee and SCC Farm Bureau Meeting Summary for December 16, 2019

FROM: Agricultural Water Advisory Committee
DATE: January 14, 2020

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the Joint Meeting with the Agricultural Water Advisory Committee and SCC Farm Bureau for December 16, 2019.

Attendees:

Committee members in attendance were: Russ Bonino, Mitchell Mariani, James Provenzano, William Cilker, David Vanni, Brent Bonino, Jan Garrod, Tim Chiala, Robert Long, and Dhruv Khanna.

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, Board Alternate, Director Richard P. Santos, and Director John L. Varela, Board Representatives.

Staff members in attendance were: Hossein Ashktorab, Aaron Baker, Glenna Brambill, Vanessa De La Piedra, Samantha Greene, Garth Hall, Anthony Mendiola, Michael Potter, Metra Richert and Darin Taylor.

SCC Farm Bureau members in attendance were: Erin Gil and Paul Mirrasou.

Guests in attendance were: Andy Bonino, Doug Muirhead, Amy McElroy (for Assemblymember Robert Rivas), Hon. Mike Flaugh and Jake Smith of the Open Space Authority and Rich Firato of Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce.

AGENDA ITEM:

3. RETAIN OPEN SPACE CREDIT DISCUSSION

Director John L. Varela gave an overview of the Open Space Credit purpose.

Mr. Tim Chiala, Mr. Dhruv Khanna, Mr. Paul Mirassou, Hon. Mike Flaugh, Mr. Erin Gil, Director Richard P. Santos, Director Nai Hsueh and Director John L. Varela spoke on the following: policies and processes, Anderson Dam seismic issues and other projects, ways of finding financial resources/ballot measures, increases of agricultural rates/affordable rates, financial stability of maintaining open space credit, need financial comparison data, partnerships, discussions of continuing issues with growth development and meeting water supply demands.

The Committee took the following action:

The Agricultural Water Advisory Committee by unanimous vote, approved the recommendation that the Board consider endorsing the Collaborative Team, the SCC Farm Bureau along with the Open Space Authority efforts in exploring alternative funding for water projects in order to ensure the stability of groundwater agricultural rates through a measure patterned after Measure P adopted by the City of Mountain View voters in November 2018.

This agenda item is scheduled to go the Board on January 28, 2020.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, April 6, 2020, 1:30 p.m., in the Valley Water Headquarters Boardroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at, gbrambill@valleywater.org or 1.408.630.2408.

Thank you.

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