

March 9, 2019

Agenda Item 4.3
Via electronic mail

Honorable Linda LeZotte, Chair, and
Valley Water Board of Directors

RE: BPPC recommendation about Board Advisory Committee agenda format - inquiry

Dear Chair LeZotte and Board Members:

It is a pleasure to support the BPPC recommendation to update the agenda format for Board Advisory Committees. My inquiry is whether the content of Advisory Committee minutes provides the kind of information the Board is seeking. Two examples follow:

October 2018 Water Commission draft minutes:

- 4.2 SALMONIDS IN THE DISTRICT WATERWAYS: [Five named Water Commission members] had questions/concerns regarding the following issues: chart on fish size and relating to water per year-improvements to the creek, Stevens Creek Corridor Project, cool reservoir releases and fish passage, inviting outside agencies such as; Department of Fish and Game and NOAA Fisheries to speak to the Water Commission, displacement of native fish, balance resources and multi-jurisdictional issues to provide guidance. No action was taken.

October 2018 Environmental and Water Resources Advisory Committee draft minutes:

- 4.1 UPDATE ON THE FISH AND AQUATIC HABITAT COLLABORATIVE EFFORT (FAHCE): [Seven named EWRC members] had questions regarding the following items: general budget, draft EIR released, modeling, technical groups, legal challenges, water rights for fish, settlement agreement, removal of barriers-timeline, CEQA, endangered species and new strategies implemented. **The Committee took the following action:** It was moved ... seconded ... and carried by majority vote, [that] the Committee approved receiving the draft FAHCE EIR when available. Two Members abstained.

Since it is relatively rare for Advisory Committees to make action recommendations for the Board's consideration, my suggestion is that you invite the Board Policy and Planning Committee to follow up on this Advisory Committee agenda format item, review the information content captured in the Advisory Committee minutes, and suggest any appropriate enhancements.

Thanks for your consideration of this idea.

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