



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023
12:00 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 in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 12:00 p.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

Board members in attendance were J. Beall, R. Eisenberg, T. Estremera, N. Hsueh, B. Keegan, R. Santos, and J. Varela, Chair presiding, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Staff members in attendance were R. Callender, Chief Executive Officer, C. Orellana, District Counsel, M. King, Clerk, Board of Directors, E. Aryee, A. Baker, L. Bankosh, R. Blank, J. Bourgeois, B. Broome, J. Codianne, M. Cook, R. Gibson, C. Hakes, B. Hopper, M. Lugo, T. Ndah, M. Richardson, D. Rocha, D. Taylor, B. Yerrapotu, 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.

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. TIME CERTAIN:

12:00 PM

2.1. Workshop on Valley Water’s Approach to Addressing Encampments of Unhoused People along Waterways and on Valley Water Property.

Recommendation: Receive information and provide direction on the following topics:

- A. Review of the District Act as it relates to unsheltered people in riparian corridors, and prior legislative efforts, and constitutional and legal limitations;
- B. Overview of funding resources and Valley Water expenditures, policies, and efforts related to mitigating the environmental impacts of encampments of unhoused people;
- C. Overview of surplus lands and the utilization of Valley Water lands to benefit unsheltered people living in riparian corridors;
- D. Overview of collaborative efforts with other local municipalities and agencies; and
- E. Any other lawful efforts to address encampments of unhoused people along creeks and on Valley Water lands.
- F. Consider staff recommendations to address encampments of unsheltered people in the riparian corridors of Santa Clara County.

Ms. Elizabeth Funk, DignityMoves, provided a presentation to the Board regarding cost-effective interim supportive housing.

Rick Callender, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Handout 2.1-A were reviewed by staff as follows: Bart Broome, Assistant Officer, reviewed Slides 1-2 and Slide 3 Bullet 1; Jennifer Codianne, Deputy Operating Officer, Reviewed Slide 3 Bullets 2 and 3, Slide 4, and Slides 7-8; James Randol, Security Manager, reviewed Slide 5; Jeffrey Ham, Program Administrator, reviewed Slide 6; and Rick Callender reviewed Slide 10.

Three statements expressing support for Valley Water’s approach to addressing encampments of unhoused people along waterways and on Valley Water property were received from: Omar Passons, City of San Jose Deputy City Manager; Gail Anne Osmer, of undisclosed residency; and Kathy Watanabe, City of Santa Clara Councilmember.

Three statements expressing concern regarding public safety issues as it relates to the unhoused along waterways and on Valley Water property were received from: Brian Crowell, of undisclosed residency; Karen Hardy, Santa Clara resident; and Michael Hemingway, San Jose resident.

Motion: Approve staff's recommendations as contained in Handout 2.1-A, Page 10, and as amended by Director Bell's Handout 2.1-C as follows: Proceed with a District Act amendment to address encampments of unhoused people separately, or in conjunction with a proposed District Act bill; Establish an intergovernmental discussion with Santa Clara County, City of San Jose and other cities to develop a strategy. Consider creating an entity to facilitate this discussion; consider Valley Water owned properties that could be used for the development of housing and create an inventory of those properties. Discuss with the County and/or cities using those properties for housing developments. Include the possibility of trading properties for parcels that are needed by Valley Water in more directly fulfilling its mission.

Move to Approve as Amended: Jim Beall
Second: Rebecca Eisenberg
Yeas: Jim Beall, Rebecca Eisenberg, Tony Estremera, Nai Hsueh, Barbara F. Keegan, Richard Santos, John L. Varela
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

Director Beall left the meeting and returned as noted below.

- 2.2. Approve Agreement with Parsons Transportation Group Inc. for Construction Management Services for the Rinconada Water Treatment Plant Reliability Improvement Project Phases 3-6, Project No. 93294057, for a Not-to-Exceed Fee of \$30,106,678 (Los Gatos, District 7).

Recommendation: Approve Agreement with Parsons Transportation Group Inc., for Construction Management Services for the Rinconada Water Treatment Plant Reliability Improvement Project Phases 3-6 for a not-to-exceed fee of \$30,106,678.

The Board considered this item without a staff presentation.

Move to Approve: Richard Santos
Second: Tony Estremera
Yeas: Rebecca Eisenberg, Tony Estremera, Nai Hsueh, Barbara F. Keegan, Richard Santos, John L. Varela
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: Jim Beall

Summary: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 1 Absent.

Director Beall returned.

3. ADJOURN:

3.1. Clerk Review and Clarification of Board Requests.

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

3.2. Adjourn to Closed Session and Regular Meeting at 11:00 a.m., on January 24, 2023.

Chairperson Varela adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m., to the 11:00 a.m. Closed Session and 1:00 p.m. Regular meeting on January 24, 2023.

Michele L. King, CMC
Clerk/Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: February 28, 2023