



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

**JOINT MEETING OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
AND SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2017
5:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

5:00 PM

A joint Board and staff dinner event was held at 5:00 p.m. No minutes were transcribed during the dinner event.

TIME CERTAIN:

6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A Special Joint Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) and Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (OSA) Boards of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m., in the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

1.1. Roll Call.

District Board members in attendance were Tony Estremera, Linda J. LeZotte, Barbara Keegan, Richard Santos, Nai Hsueh, constituting a quorum of the District Board.

District Director Kremen arrived as noted below.

District Chairperson Varela was excused from attending.

OSA Board members in attendance were Alex Kennett, Mike Flaughter, Sequoia Hall, Dorsey Moore, Virginia Holtz, Mike Potter, and Calvin Gill, constituting a quorum of the OSA Board.

District staff members in attendance were N. Camacho, Interim Chief Executive Officer (Interim CEO), S. Yamamoto, District Counsel, M. King, Clerk/Board of Directors, R. Callender, A. Cheung, A. Comelo, C. Elias, J. Fiedler, V. Gin, G. Hall, and M. Richardson.

OSA staff members in attendance were A. Mackenzie, General Manager, M. Freeman, Assistant General Manager, M. Landgraf, L. Monack, D. Plunkett, and J. Smith.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

District Vice Chairperson Santos led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Welcome Remarks and Introductions.

OSA Chairperson Moore and District Vice Chairperson Santos provided brief opening comments.

Ms. Norma Camacho, District Interim Chief Executive Officer, and Ms. Andrea Mackenzie, OSA General Manager, provided a brief introduction of the District and OSA's purpose and functions.

Director Kremen arrived.

2. REGULAR AGENDA:

2.1. Presentation and Discussion on the District's and Authority's Missions, Goals, Functions; and Opportunities and Constraints for District and Authority Collaboration.

Recommendation: That the District and Authority Boards receive and discuss information on the District's and Authority's respective missions, goals, and functions, as well as opportunities and constraints for District and Authority collaboration.

Ms. Mackenzie, and Ms. Camacho, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memorandum.

Ms. Monika Gardias, San Jose resident, expressed concern regarding invasive plant species and crime along Los Gatos creek.

A summary of the joint Boards' discussions is contained in the attached flip chart notes.

The joint Boards noted the information without formal action.

2.2. Presentation and Discussion on the District and Authority's Major Initiatives, including: the Authority's Santa Clara Valley Greenprint, Regional Conservation Investment Strategy, and Climate and Agricultural Protection Plan; the District's One Water Plan and Water Supply Master Plan.

- Recommendation:
- A. That the District Board endorse the Water Resources Goal and Guiding Principles outlined in the Authority's Santa Clara Valley Greenprint, in light of the District's Ends Policies and associated legislative guiding principles related to water supplies, flood protection, and environmental resources;
 - B. That the District Board support exploration of conservation and mitigation planning tools that can benefit large-scale conservation efforts and help streamline infrastructure project permitting via mitigation site identification;
 - C. That District staff continue participating in both the Authority's Regional Conservation Investment Strategy and Climate and Agricultural Protection Plan planning processes, and provide progress reports back to the District Board along with any potential actions;
 - D. That the Authority Board direct Authority staff to bring a Resolution endorsing the concept of integrated water resource management, such as through the One Water Plan, back to the Authority Board at the next regular Authority Board meeting; and
 - E. That Authority staff continue working with District staff to provide input on both the District's Water Supply Master Plan and One Water Plan, and with the District's Coyote Valley team as part of the District-Authority partnership established by the Memorandum of Understanding, and report back to the Authority Board with any potential actions.

Mr. Matt Freeman, OSA Assistant General Manager, Mr. Brian Mendenhall, District Project Manager, and Ms. Tracy Hemmeter, District Senior Project Manager, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memorandum.

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Motion: That the District Board approve Recommendations A., B., and C., as contained in the attached Board Agenda Memorandum.

Move to Approve: Linda J. LeZotte
Second: Tony Estremera
Yeas: Tony Estremera, Gary Kremen, Linda J. LeZotte, Barbara Keegan, Richard Santos, Nai Hsueh
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absent: John L. Varela
Summary: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 1 Absent.

Motion: That the OSA Board approve Recommendations D. and E., as contained in the attached Board Agenda Memorandum.

Move to Approve: Virginia Holtz

Second: Alex Kennett

Yeas: Alex Kennett, Mike Flaughter, Sequoia Hall, Dorsey Moore, Virginia Holtz, Mike Potter, Calvin Gill

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Absent: None

Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

2.3. Presentation and Discussion on the District and Authority's Potential for Collaboration in the Coyote Valley.

- Recommendation:
- A. That the District and Authority Boards reaffirm their commitment to collaboration per the formal Memorandum of Understanding between both agencies (referenced in Item 2.1), with a focus on current and planned efforts in Coyote Valley; and
 - B. That District and Authority staff continue working together collaboratively on Coyote Valley studies, planning, and other efforts, and report back to the respective Boards with any potential actions resulting from the collaboration.

Mr. Jake Smith, OSA Conservation GIS Coordinator, and Mr. Mendenhall reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memorandum.

The Honorable Brian Schmidt, former SCVWD District 7 Director, representing the Greenbelt Alliance, encouraged City of San Jose participation in future joint District and OSA Board meetings, and expressed concern regarding ground water contamination and offered assistance to develop water contamination tests.

Vice Chairperson Santos acknowledged receipt of the attached letter from Mr. William B. Baron, Brandenburg Properties and The Sobrato Organization, identified as Handout 2.3-A herein, copies of the Handout were distributed to the joint Boards and made available to the public.

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Motion: That the District Board approve Recommendations A. and B., as contained in the attached Board Agenda Memorandum.

Move to Approve: Gary Kremen
Second: Tony Estremera
Yeas: Tony Estremera, Gary Kremen, Linda J. LeZotte, Barbara Keegan, Richard Santos, Nai Hsueh
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absent: John L. Varela
Summary: 6 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 1 Absent.

Motion: That the OSA Board approve Recommendations A. and B., as contained in the attached Board Agenda Memorandum.

Move to Approve: Mike Potter
Second: Virginia Holtz
Yeas: Alex Kennett, Mike Flaughter, Sequoia Hall, Dorsey Moore, Virginia Holtz, Mike Potter, Calvin Gill
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

2.4. Presentation and Discussion on the District and Authority's Potential for Collaboration in the Wake of the Loma Fire, Regarding Watershed Management.

Recommendation: That District and Authority staff to report back to their Boards, respectively, with a progress report and any potential future actions, if necessary.

Director Kremen left the meeting and did not return.

Ms. Donna Plunkett, OSA, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memorandum.

A summary of the joint Boards' discussions is contained in the attached flip chart notes.

Motion: That the District Board approve directing staff to report back to their Boards, respectively, with a progress report and any potential future actions, if necessary.

Move to Approve: Linda J. LeZotte
Second: Nai Hsueh
Yeas: Tony Estremera, Linda J. LeZotte, Barbara Keegan, Richard Santos, Nai Hsueh
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absent: Gary Kremen, John L. Varela

Summary:	5 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 2 Absent.
Motion:	That the OSA Board approve directing staff to report back to their Boards, respectively, with a progress report and any potential future actions, if necessary.
Move to Approve:	Alex Kennett
Second:	Sequoia Hall
Yeas:	Alex Kennett, Mike Flaughter, Sequoia Hall, Dorsey Moore, Virginia Holtz, Mike Potter, Calvin Gill
Nays:	None
Abstains:	None
Absent:	None
Summary:	7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

3. ADJOURN:

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

OSA Chairperson Moore and District Vice Chairperson Santos declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda.

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3.2. Clerk Review and Clarification of Board Requests.

Ms. Michele King, District Clerk/Board of Directors, confirmed that there were no new Board member requests.

3.3. Adjourn to Regular Meeting and Closed Session at 4:00 p.m., on January 24, 2017, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

District Vice Chairperson Santos and OSA Chairperson Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m., the District's next Regular Meeting and Closed Session will occur at 4:00 p.m., on January 24, 2017, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Michele L. King, CMC
Clerk/Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: 03/14/2017

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and the
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority Board of Directors

January 17, 2017

FLIP CHART NOTES

BOARDS DISCUSSION

Item 2.2: Presentation and Discussion on the District's and Authority's Major Initiatives, including: the Authority's Santa Clara Valley Greenprint, Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS), and Climate and Agricultural Protection Plan (CAPP); the District's One Water Plan and Water Supply Master Plan.

- Director Linda LeZotte
 - Recycled water – great stuff but comes down to politicians sending message.
 - CAPP – appreciate regional effort.
 - RCIS – tremendous, congratulations, looking forward to working with you.
- Director Tony Estremera
 - Sustain low water rates for retailers.
 - Beneficial to all of us to look at variables, water rates significant investment.
 - Open space devoted to Ag, productive, consider substituting role to mountain open space.
 - Alternatives to accomplish open space.
- Director Gary Kremen
 - Open space credit growth going up – Board policy on agricultural land policy.
 - Work together open space credit.
- Director Tony Estremera
 - Pursue mitigation credit from regulators in making these investments.
 - Incorporate protection of the deed.
 - Regulators – give sense greater open mind than in the past, start engaging in new ways of thinking.
- Interim CEO Norma Camacho
 - Look at ag purchases to help us in drought times and preserving areas.
 - Ag land flooding, acquire properties.
- Vice-Chair Richard Santos
 - Recommendations – bring language back to Boards.

Item 2.3: Presentation and Discussion on the District and Authority's Potential for Collaboration in the Coyote Valley.

- Director Linda LeZotte
 - Important we invite City of San Jose or create a sub-group of directors.
 - Open Space Authority, District, City of San Jose – Ad Hoc Committee?
- Director Barbara Keegan
 - Support, recommendations – staff get together and develop programmatic way to endorse.
 - Define what we want to accomplish.
- Director Tony Estremera
 - Motion covers but come back with recommendations.
- Interim CEO Norma Camacho
 - Suggestion we present findings to water commission to receive input.

Item 2.4: Presentation and Discussion on the District and Authority's Potential for Collaboration in the Wake of the Loma Fire, Regarding Watershed Management.

- Interim CEO Norma Camacho
 - Lobby for Public Law 566 program during trip to D.C.