



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

# MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018  
7:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A Special Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors was called to order in the Gilroy City Council Chambers, at 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, California, at 7:00 p.m.

#### **1.1. Roll Call.**

Board members in attendance were Tony Estremera, Nai Hsueh, Richard Santos, and John L. Varela, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Directors Barbara Keegan, Gary Kremen and Linda LeZotte were excused from attending.

Staff members in attendance were N. Camacho, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), S. Yamamoto, District Counsel, M. King, Clerk/Board of Directors, R. Callender, V. Gin, N. Hawk, G. Hall, K. Oven, and D. Taylor.

#### **1.2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.**

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

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

Chairperson Santos 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 PM**

- 2.1. Continue Public Hearing - Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies - February 2018 and Recommended Groundwater Production and Other Water Charges for Fiscal Year 2018–2019 (FY 2018–19) (continued from April 10, 2018).

- Recommendation:
- A. Continue the public hearing pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act to consider the District FY 2018–19 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; and
  - 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 24, 2018, regular meeting, at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Katherine Oven, Deputy Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by Mr. Darin Taylor, Chief Financial Officer.

Chairperson Santos acknowledged receipt of the attached correspondence from Mr. Dhruv Khanna, identified as Handout 2.1-A, herein. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

Mr. Erin Gill, Grass Farm, Morgan Hill, discussed watershed storage, open space and agriculture benefits related to groundwater recharge.

Ms. Sherrie Kennedy, Sherrie's Farm, Gilroy, expressed appreciation to local growers that participated in the Santa Clara County Farm Bureau's Irrigation Efficiency Program and discussed processes and equipment used by local growers to support water use efficiency.

The following persons expressed opposition to the proposed increase to South County water rates: Ms. Diane Dean, San Martin resident; and Ms. Connie Martin, Ms. Carol Neal, and Ms. Sandy Holder, Gilroy residents.

Ms. Neal expressed concern for the water rate increase protest process stating that it was confusing and needed to be simplified, and for local growers that are considering converting their lands into agriculture preserves.

Mr. Mike Kennedy, Gilroy resident, expressed concern for Santa Clara County's comprehensive regional framework to preserve agricultural lands and the impacts it could have on local growers.

Ms. Ellen Marden, Ellen's Apricots, Morgan Hill, expressed appreciation to the District for their efforts to minimize water rate increases, and suggested the

District consider including a slide, in its presentation of water rates, that demonstrates how much lower District rates are compared to other water agencies throughout the state.

Ms. Dean expressed concern for the proposed high-speed rail system and potential impacts to the Anderson Dam retrofit project.

Chairperson Santos continued Item 2.1 to the April 24, 2018, Board meeting.

### **3. ADJOURN:**

#### **3.1. Clerk Review and Clarification of Board Requests.**

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

#### **3.2. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., on April 24, 2018, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.**

Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m., to the 4:00 p.m. Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. Regular meeting on April 24, 2018, in the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Michele L. King, CMC  
Clerk/Board of Directors

Approved:

Date:

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