



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018
6:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A Special Joint Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors, and the City of Gilroy and City of Morgan Hill City Councils, was called to order in the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, at 6:00 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call.

Board members in attendance were T. Estremera, N. Hsueh, B. Keegan, G. Kremen, R. Santos, and J. Varela, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Director LeZotte arrived as noted below.

Gilroy City Councilmembers in attendance were M. Blankley, D. Bracco, D. Harney, F. Tovar, and R. Velasco.

Morgan Hill City Council members in attendance were L. Carr, R. Spring, and S. Tate.

Gilroy City Councilmembers P. Leroe-Muñoz and C. Tucker, and Morgan Hill City Council members R. Constantine and C. Robinett-Jachimowicz, were excused from attending; and District Director LeZotte arrived as noted below.

District staff members in attendance were N. Camacho, Chief Executive Officer, S. Yamamoto, District Counsel, M. King, Clerk/Board of Directors, K. Arends, R. Callender, C. Hakes, K. Oven, S. Tikekar, S. Tippetts, and T. Yoke.

City of Gilroy staff members in attendance were G. Gonzalez, City Administrator, and S. Guzzetta, Deputy City Clerk.

City of Morgan Hill staff members in attendance were C. Turner, City Manager, and A. Eulo, Program Administrator.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

Ms. Glenna Brambill, District Management Analyst, performed the National Anthem.

Director LeZotte arrived.

2. SPECIAL JOINT SESSION:

District Chairperson Santos, Gilroy Mayor Velasco, and Morgan Hill Mayor Tate, offered brief opening comments.

District Director LeZotte arrived.

2.1. Overview of the District's Water Infrastructure, Current/Future Water Supply Planning, Capital Improvement Program, and Morgan Hill/South County Flood Protection Projects.

Recommendation: That the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors and the Gilroy and Morgan Hill City Councils consider directing their respective staff to continue their commitment to meaningful engagement in pursuit of new and innovative partnership opportunities for the continued delivery of a safe, and reliable water supply, and flood protection, in Santa Clara County.

District Director Varela requested that the materials contained in Attachment 1 be taken out of order to allow presentation on the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project (Pacheco Project) to be heard first; and acknowledged receipt of the attached written comments from Mr. Valentin Lopez, Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, identified as Handout 2.1-A herein.

Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Board and Councils, and made available to the public.

Ms. Norma Camacho, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Board Agenda Memo; and Mr. Chris Hakes, Assistant Officer, reviewed the Pacheco Project presentation materials contained in Attachment 1, Slides 21 through 23.

District Chairperson Santos declared time open for public comments.

Three statements requesting increased community outreach, public and stakeholder tours of the Pacheco Project site, and collaborative discussions between District staff, elected officials, stakeholders, and the public were received from: Mr. Daniel Benfiel and Mr. Adam Escoto, Morgan Hill residents; and Mr. Mike Meyers, Gilroy resident.

The presentation of materials contained in Attachment 1 resumed, as follows: Ms. Tracy Hemmeter, District Senior Project Manager, reviewed Slides 1 through 20; Ms. Katherine Oven, Deputy Operating Officer, reviewed Slides 24 through 32; and Mr. Darin Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed Slides 33 through 40.

Ms. Swanee Edwards, Morgan Hill resident, suggested that water released during the Anderson Dam dewatering process be captured in percolation ponds, or allocated for other beneficial use.

Mr. Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill resident, requested that the public be included as stakeholders to the Santa Clara County Countywide Water Reuse Master Plan; and discussed the importance of groundwater recharge in Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and unincorporated southern Santa Clara County.

Motion: That the District Board direct its staff to continue their commitment to meaningful engagement in pursuit of new and innovative partnership opportunities for the continued delivery of a safe, and reliable water supply, and flood protection, in Santa Clara County.

Move to Approve: L. LeZotte
Second: J. Varela
Yeas: L. LeZotte, J. Varela, T. Estremera, G. Kremen, B. Keegan, R. Santos, N. Hsueh
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent

Motion: That the Gilroy City Council direct its staff to continue their commitment to meaningful engagement in pursuit of new and innovative partnership opportunities for the continued delivery of a safe, and reliable water supply, and flood protection, in Santa Clara County.

Move to Approve: D. Bracco
Second: D. Harney
Yeas: D. Bracco, D. Harney, M. Blankley, F. Tovar, R. Velasco
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absents: P. Leroe-Muñoz, C. Tucker
Summary: 5 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 2 Absent

Motion: That the Morgan Hill City Council direct its staff to continue their commitment to meaningful engagement in pursuit of new and innovative partnership opportunities for the continued delivery of a safe, and reliable water supply, and flood protection, in Santa Clara County.

Move to Approve: L. Carr
Second: R. Spring
Yeas: L. Carr, R. Spring, S. Tate
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absents: R. Constantine, C. Robinett-Jachimowicz
Summary: 3 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 2 Absent

2.2 Discussion of Homelessness Issues.

Recommendation: Receive information for discussion of homelessness issues.

Ms. Sue Tippetts, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Watersheds, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Board Agenda Memo.

Two statements expressing support for continued District and City collaboration, and encouraging compassionate solutions to encampment cleanliness issues were received from: Ms. Francesca Paist and Ms. Jan Bernstein Chargin, Gilroy Compassion Center.

The Board and Councils noted the information, without formal action.

2.3 Emergency Services Coordination.

Recommendation: That the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors and the Gilroy and Morgan Hill City Councils consider directing their respective staff to commit to ongoing and strengthened coordination and partnership on emergency activities and service.

Mr. Alexander Gordon, District Emergency and Security Manager, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and per the presentation materials contained in Attachment 1.

Motion: That the Morgan Hill City Council direct its staff to commit to ongoing and strengthened coordination and partnership on emergency activities and service.

Move to Approve: L. Carr
Second: R. Spring
Yeas: L. Carr, R. Spring, S. Tate
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absents: R. Constantine, C. Robinett-Jachimowicz
Summary: 3 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 2 Absent

Motion: That the District Board direct its staff to commit to ongoing and strengthened coordination and partnership on emergency activities and service.

Move to Approve: L. LeZotte
Second: T. Estremera
Yeas: L. LeZotte, T. Estremera, G. Kremen, B. Keegan, R. Santos, J. Varela, N. Hsueh
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent

Motion: That the Gilroy City Council direct its staff to commit to ongoing and strengthened coordination and partnership on emergency activities and service.

Move to Approve: F. Tovar
Second: D. Harney
Yeas: F. Tovar, D. Harney, D. Bracco, M. Blankley, R. Velasco
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absents: P. Leroe-Muñoz, C. Tucker
Summary: 5 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 2 Absent

2.4 2018 Legislative Efforts and Recommended Position on State Legislation: Senate Bill 1301 (Beall) Expedited Permitting for Flood Protection and Dam Safety.

Recommendation: A. That the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors and Gilroy and Morgan Hill City Councils consider directing staff to work together on advocacy efforts on water supply, flood protection, and other issues of mutual interest, including letters of support on bills, rulemaking actions, and/or advocacy with federal- and state-elected officials and regulatory agency officials, and other actions; and
B. That the Gilroy and Morgan Hill City Councils consider taking a position of support on Senate Bill 1301 (Beall)—Expedited Permitting for Flood Protection and Dam Safety, and direct city staff to follow up with advocacy efforts, as appropriate.

Ms. Rachael Gibson, Deputy Administrative Officer, reviewed the information on this item per the attached Board Agenda Memo.

Motion: That the Morgan Hill City Council authorize its Mayor to send a letter of support on Senate Bill 1301.

Move to Approve: L. Carr
Second: R. Spring
Yeas: L. Carr, R. Spring, S. Tate
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absents: R. Constantine, C. Robinett-Jachimowicz
Summary: 3 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 2 Absent

Motion: That the District Board direct its staff to work together on advocacy efforts on water supply, flood protection, and other issues of mutual interest, including letters of support on bills, rulemaking actions, and/or advocacy with federal- and state-elected officials and regulatory agency officials, and other actions.

Move to Approve: L. LeZotte
Second: N. Hsueh
Yeas: T. Estremera, G. Kremen, L. LeZotte, B. Keegan,
R. Santos, J. Varela, N. Hsueh
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recuses: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent

Motion: That the Morgan Hill City Council direct its staff to work together on advocacy efforts on water supply, flood protection, and other issues of mutual interest, including letters of support on bills, rulemaking actions, and/or advocacy with federal- and state-elected officials and regulatory agency officials, and other actions.

Move to Approve: L. Carr
Second: S. Tate
Yeas: L. Carr, S. Tate
Nays: None
Abstains: R. Spring
Absents: R. Constantine, C. Robinett-Jachimowicz
Summary: 2 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Abstains; 2 Absent

Motion: That the Gilroy City Council direct its staff to work together on advocacy efforts on water supply, flood protection, and other issues of mutual interest, including letters of support on bills, rulemaking actions, and/or advocacy with federal- and state-elected officials and regulatory agency officials, and other actions.

Move to Approve: D. Bracco
Second: F. Tovar
Yeas: D. Bracco, F. Tovar, D. Harney, M. Blankley, R. Velasco
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absents: P. Leroe-Muñoz, C. Tucker
Summary: 5 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 2 Absent

Motion: That the Gilroy City Council direct its staff to come back to the Council with analysis and recommended position on Senate Bill 1301.

Move to Approve: F. Tovar
Second: D. Bracco
Yeas: F. Tovar, D. Bracco, D. Harney, M. Blankley, R. Velasco
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Absents: P. Leroe-Muñoz, C. Tucker
Summary: 5 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 2 Absent

3. ADJOURN:

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

District Chairperson Santos declared time open for public comment on any subject 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 4:00 p.m. Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting on August 28, 2018, in the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

District Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m., in memory of the emergency response personnel and civilians lost during recent California wildfire events, to the 4:00 p.m. Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting on August 28, 2018, in the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Michele L. King, CMC
Clerk/Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: