



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018
6:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

A Special Joint Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) and Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD) Board of Directors was called to order in the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, at 6:00 p.m.

SCVWD Board members in attendance were Nai Hsueh, Gary Kremen, Barbara Keegan, Linda J. LeZotte, Richard Santos, and John L. Varela, constituting a quorum of the SCVWD Board.

SCVWD Director Tony Estremera was excused from attending.

GCRCD Board members in attendance were Janet Burback, Roger Castillo, Maya Esparza, and Rick Lanman, constituting a quorum of the GCRCD Board.

GCRCD Director John Vidovich was absent.

SCVWD staff members in attendance were M. King, Clerk/Board of Directors, K. Arends, R. Callender, R. Gibson, V. Gin, C. Hakes, N. Nguyen, K. Oven, S. Tikekar, and T. Yoke. Chief Operating Officer N. Hawk represented Chief Executive Officer (CEO) N. Camacho, and Senior Assistant District Counsel A. Fulcher represented District Counsel S. Yamamoto.

GCRCD staff members in attendance were S. Moreno, Executive Director/District Clerk, R. Roos-Collins, Legal Counsel, and J. Gantenbein, Legal Counsel.

2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

GCRCD President Lanman led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

SCVWD Chairperson Santos declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who wished to speak.

4. Opening Remarks.

SCVWD Chairperson Santos and GCRCD President Lanman provided opening comments, and GCRCD President Lanman distributed materials summarizing GCRCD activities, identified as Handout 4-A, herein. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Boards and made available to the public.

5. Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Supply Overview.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss update on water supply overview.

Ms. Nina Hawk, SCVWD Acting CEO, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by Ms. Tracy Hemmeter, SCVWD Senior Project Manager.

GCRCD President Lanman invited meeting attendees to view the hydro geomorphology model of the Guadalupe River that demonstrated water flows through the Downtown San Jose Area, which was parked in front of the District Headquarters Building.

GCRCD Director Castillo expressed concern for well dewatering and the lack of water being recycled to storage facilities and local streams, and Mr. Richard Roos-Collins, GCRCD Legal Counsel, expressed concern for groundwater being wasted by other public agencies.

GCRCD Director Castillo asked the District to provide information regarding the City of San Jose's dewatering and groundwater pumping activities, and the volume of water released into the Guadalupe and allowed to move through the Downtown San Jose area, based on readings from the water gauge located near the San Jose Airport.

The joint Boards noted the information, without formal action.

6. Update on Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss schedule and process for completion of environmental review on Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort.

Ms. Hawk reviewed the information on this item, per the attached SCVWD Board Agenda Memo, and SCVWD Consultant Ms. Holly Kennedy, HDR, Inc., reviewed the attached presentation materials, identified as Handout 6-B, herein. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Boards and made available to the public.

Ms. Stephanie Moreno, GCRCD Executive Director/Clerk, expressed concern regarding the new schedule and requested additional explanation for why SCVWD Staff and Consultant believed an additional 1.5 years was needed to complete the final EIR.

In response to Ms Moreno, Ms. Kennedy explained that delays to the EIR had resulted from its reliance on first establishing a robust model to provide the data needed to complete the EIR water supply and aquatics sections. She confirmed that in effort to expedite the EIR as much as possible, other EIR sections that are not dependent on modeling data were being developed simultaneously to the modeling efforts.

SCVWD Chairperson Santos and GCRCD President Lanman provided closing comments, and GCRCD President Lanman made the following requests:

- That SCVWD and GCRCD staff continue working collaboratively to maintain an accelerated schedule;
 - That SCVWD's Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort Ad-Hoc Committee and two members of the GCRCD Board meet and monitor progress;
 - That SCVWD provide confirmation that the Fish Habitat Restoration Plan will be published along with the Draft Environmental Impact Report;
 - That GCRCD provide technical assistance, as needed; and
 - That SCVWD quantify the volume of pumped groundwater being wasted by other agencies.
7. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m., on July 10, 2018, in the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

SCVWD Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m., to the 11:00 a.m. Closed Session and 1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting on July 10, 2018, in the District Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Michele L. King, CMC
Clerk/Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: