



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Environmental and Water Resources Committee

**SUBJECT:** Environmental and Water Resources Committee Meeting Summary for October 21, 2019

**DATE:** November 12, 2019

This memorandum summarizes agenda items from the regular meeting of the Environmental and Water Resources Committee held on October 21, 2019.

## **Attendees:**

Committee members in attendance were: Bonnie Bamberg, Loren Lewis, Rita Norton, Charles Ice, Elizabeth Sarmiento, Hon. Dean Chu, Rev. Jethroe Moore, II, Charles Taylor, Susan Blake, Bob Levy, Mike Michitaka, Marc Rauser, Hon. Patrick S. Kwok, Tess Byler, Stephen A. Jordan and Arthur M. Keller, Ph.D.

Board members in attendance was: Director Nai Hsueh, Board Alternate

Staff members in attendance were: Glenna Brambill, Jerry De La Piedra and Vincent Gin.

There were no staff presentations, however, the Committee wanted to meet to discuss the status of their working groups!

## **NEW AGENDA ITEM:**

### **4.1 STANDING ITEMS REPORT**

Chair Tess Byler. reviewed the following standing agenda items.

## **Summary:**

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee was established to assist the Board with policy review and development, provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District mission, and to identify Board-related issues.

On March 12, 2019, the Board of Directors approved aligning the Board Advisory Committees' agendas and work plans with the Board's yearly work plan.

The new agenda format will allow regular reports on the Board's priorities from the Board's committees and/or Board committee representative and identify subjects where the committees could provide advice to the Board on pre-identified subjects in a timely manner to meet the Board's schedule, and distribute information/reports that may be of interest to committee members.

For the Environmental and Water Resources Committee to receive information on the Board's priorities on the following subjects:

- A. For the Environmental and Water Resources Committee *to receive verbal or written updates and discuss the Board's Fiscal Year 2020 Work Plan Strategies. These items are generally informational; however, the Committee may request additional information and/or provide collective input to the assigned Board Committee on the following subjects:*

1. Finalize the Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE). (Assigned to FAHCE)

*Nothing to report at this time!*

2. Actively Pursue Efforts to Increase Water Storage Opportunities. (Assigned to Water Storage Exploratory Committee) *Nothing to report at this time!*
3. Actively Participate in Decisions Regarding the California Delta Conveyance. (Assigned to California Delta Conveyance Working Group) *Nothing to report at this time!*
4. Lead Recycled and Purified Water Efforts with the City of San Jose and Other Agencies. (Assigned to Recycled Water Committee) *Nothing to report at this time!*
5. Engage and educate the community, local elected officials and staff on future water supply strategies in Santa Clara County. (Assigned to Water Conservation and Demand Management Committee) *Nothing to report at this time!*
6. Advance Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project. (Assigned to Capital Improvement Program Committee) *Nothing to report at this time!*
7. Provide for a Watershed-Wide Regulatory Planning and Permitting Effort. (Assigned to FAHCE) *Nothing to report at this time!*
8. Attain net positive impact on the environment when implementing Valley Water's mission. *Nothing to report at this time!*
9. Promote the protection of creeks, bay, and other aquatic ecosystems from threats of pollution and degradation (E-4.1.3). (Assigned to Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee) *See Attachment 1.*
10. Advance Diversity and Inclusion Efforts. Carry forward to FY20. (Assigned to Diversity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee) *Nothing to report at this time!*
11. Understand if the level of services Valley Water provides to the public are reasonable and the costs of providing services are affordable and effective. (Assigned to Financial Sustainability Group). *Nothing to report at this time!*

The Committee took no action.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **5.1 UPDATE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUPS**

Chair Tess Byler reviewed the following:

#### **Summary:**

At the Committee's January 2019 meeting, the Committee would like to see the working groups more aligned with the issues and policies that the Board of Directors has on their work plan and calendar for this year.

The Board approved the Committee's request to keep the Committee informed of the working groups' activities and results.

This will be a standing agenda item.

The Committee discussed the working groups and assigned leads and members to the 11 established working groups. 1. **Fisheries and Aquatic Habitat Collaboration Effort (FAHCE)**, 2. **Water Storage Opportunities**, 3. **California Delta Conveyance (formerly WaterFix)**, 4. **Recycled and Purified Water**, 5. **Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project**, 6. **Coyote Creek Emergency Action Plans and Flood Protection**, 7. **Coordinated Approach to Environmental Stewardship**, 8. **Advance Diversity and Inclusion Efforts**, 9. **Groundwater Production Charges, Open Space Credit**, 10. **Water Supply Master Plan 2040** and 11. **Climate Change Adaptation and Carbon Neutrality by 2020 Program**

The Committee took no action.

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, January 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m., in the Valley Water Headquarters Boardroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at, [gbrambill@valleywater.org](mailto:gbrambill@valleywater.org) or 1.408.630.2408.

Thank you.

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