



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL SESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021
10:00 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A Special Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Board of Directors, conducted by Zoom Teleconference, was called to order in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California , at 10:00 a.m.

1.1. Roll Call.

Board members in attendance were Tony Estremera, Nai Hsueh, and Richard P. Santos. Board members participating by teleconference were Barbara F. Keegan, Linda J. LeZotte, and John L. Varela, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Director Gary Kremen joined the meeting by teleconference, as noted below.

Staff in attendance was M. King, Clerk, Board of Directors. Staff participating by teleconference were R. Callender, Chief Executive Officer, Leslie Orta, Acting District Counsel, J. Aranda, A. Baker, A. Fulcher, R. Gibson, C. Hakes, M. Richardson, D. Taylor, S. Tippetts, and T. Yoke.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

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

Chairperson Estremera moved the agenda to Item 2.2.

2. TIME CERTAIN:

10:00 AM

2.2. Board Strategic Planning Meeting.

- Recommendation:
- A. Participate in the Board's Strategic Planning Meeting to review goals, strategies, and focus areas for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (FY22) Board Work Plan;
 - B. Receive recommended changes to the FY22 Board Work Plan from staff; and
 - C. Direct the Board Policy and Planning Committee, in collaboration with facilitator CivicMakers and staff, to review collected information and develop a Draft FY22 Board Work Plan for Board review and approval.

The Board entered into a Strategic Planning session to develop its Fiscal Year 2022 Work Plan.

Mr. Rick L. Callender, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Handout 2.2-A were reviewed as follows: Mr. Lawrence Grodeska, CivicMakers Chief Executive Officer, reviewed Slides 1 through 8, 12 through 14, 18, and 23; and Mr. Callender reviewed Slides 9 through 11, 15 through 17, 19 through 22, and 24. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the Board and made available to the public.

A summary of the Board's discussion will be presented at the March 1, 2021 Board Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

During discussion, Director Kremen joined the meeting by teleconference.

Ms. Stephanie Moreno, of undisclosed residency or agency affiliation, expressed support for staff's recommendations pertaining to environmental justice, as contained in Handout 2.2-A, Pages 16 and 25, and encouraged the Board to include by name in future work plans, the specific projects identified each year to meet the Board's environmental justice goals.

Motion: Accept the proposed changes for incorporation into the Draft FY22 Board Work Plan; refer to staff to present a summary of the Board's discussion to the Board Policy Planning Committee; and refer to the Board Policy and Planning Committee, in collaboration with facilitator CivicMakers and staff, to review collected information and develop a Draft FY22 Board Work Plan for Board review and approval.

Move to Approve: Nai Hsueh
Second: Richard P. Santos

Yeas: Tony Estremera, Nai Hsueh, Barbara F. Keegan, Gary Kremen, Linda J. LeZotte, Richard P. Santos, John L. Varela
 Nays: None
 Abstains: None
 Recuses: None
 Absent: None
 Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent.

2.1. Review of 2021 Board Committee Appointments.

Recommendation: A. Review, revise if necessary, and approve individual Board Committee purpose descriptions;
 B. Create or disband Board Committee(s), as necessary;
 C. Review and approve the proposed 2021 Board Committee appointments as submitted by 2021 Board Chair; and
 D. Appoint new Board Committee Representatives, as necessary.

Ms. Michele King, Clerk, Board of Directors, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo.

Motion: Approve the list of Board Committee Appointments suggested by the Board Chairperson, as contained in Attachments 1 and 2, noting that the Stream Planning and Operations Committee was inadvertently listed twice in Attachment 2, under the Board Committees and *Joint Committees* sections, and would be removed accordingly from the *Joint Committees* table.

Move to Approve: Nai Hsueh
 Second: Richard P. Santos

Director Keegan requested the motion be amended to revise the 2021 Board Committee Appointments to restore her appointment to the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion: Amend the list of 2021 Board Committee Appointments, as contained in Attachments 1 and 2, to replace Chairperson Estremera with Director Keegan as appointed representative to the Homeless Encampment Ad Hoc Committee, and to remove the Stream Planning and Operations Committee from the Joint Committees table in Attachment 2; and approve the lists of 2021 Board Committee Appointments as amended.

Move to Approve as Amended: Nai Hsueh
 Second: Richard P. Santos

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

Director LeZotte explained that she had voted in opposition to the item because she did not agree with her removal from the Board Audit Committee and the Local Agency Formation Commission; because she felt the treatment of women in the 2021 Board Committee Appointments violated the Board's policies of gender and racial equity; and because she felt the 2021 Board Committee Appointments manifested what she describes as an ongoing campaign of harassment, intimidation, and attempts to bully female Board members, by male Board members.

3. ADJOURN:

3.1. Clerk Review and Clarification of Board Requests.

Ms. King confirmed that there were no new Board Member Requests.

3.2. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m., on February 9, 2021, to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting at 1:00 p.m., on February 9, 2021, to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20.

Michele L. King, CMC
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: