



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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**SPECIAL MEETING, SOUTH COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021  
7:00 PM**

(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 at 7:00 pm.

**1.1 Roll Call.**

Board members in attendance were Tony Estremera, Linda J. LeZotte and John L. Varela, with Nai Hsueh and Richard Santos participating from the Board room, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Directors Barbara Keegan and Gary Kremen were excused from attending.

Staff in attendance was M. King, Clerk, Board of Directors. Staff participating by teleconference were R. Callender, Chief Executive Officer, A. Baker, M. Cook, R. Gibson, V. Gin, D. Rocha, and D. Taylor. Assistant District Counsel A. Gschwind represented Acting District Counsel L. Orta.

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

Chairperson Estremera 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.

Mr. Roland LeBrun, of undisclosed residency or affiliation, encouraged the Board to use Trevi S.p.A. projects as models for the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project; and the Hetch-Hetchy water system as a model for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project.

**2. TIME CERTAIN:**

**7:00 PM**

2.1 Public Hearing on February 2021 Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies and Recommended Increases to Groundwater Production and Other Water Charges for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (Continued from April 13, 2021).

- Recommendation:
- A. Continue the Public Hearing, pursuant to Section 26.6 of the District Act, to consider Valley Water's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Annual Report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies and recommended increases to groundwater production and other water charges;
  - B. Hear public comments from groundwater producers and any interested persons regarding such report;
  - C. Count all written protests received regarding proposed increased surface water rates;
  - D. Direct staff to review such report with, and solicit comments from, Valley Water's advisory committees; and
  - E. Continue the Public Hearing regarding such report and proposed rates to the April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting, at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Estremera opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Aaron Baker, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo, and Mr. Darin Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 2.

In regard to Attachment 2, Slide 38, Mr. Taylor additionally advised the Board that there had been no additional public phone calls received since the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting, and that the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, at its April 14, 2021 meeting, provided the following recommendations:

- That the Board consider not increasing Ground Water Production Charges or the State Water Contract Tax for Fiscal Year 2022;
- That the Board consider writing a letter to water retailers in support of tier rates and low-income programs;
- That the Board consider alternate investments to the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, including storm water capture, recycled water, and desalination, and pursue federal funding sources for capital investments; and
- That the Board consider higher levels of engagement with local agencies regarding urban planning and housing development.

Chairperson Estremera declared time open for public comments.

Mr. Peter Van Dyke, of undisclosed residency or affiliation, expressed concern about the monetary value of, and inability to recover the cost of, water that flows from Zone W5, into San Benito County.

Mr. LeBrun expressed support for the recommendations made to the Board by the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, as detailed by Mr. Taylor above.

The Board continued the Public Hearing to the April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**3. ADJOURN:**

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

None.

**3.2 Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., on April 27, 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 8:50 p.m., to the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m., on April 27, 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:

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