



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**SPECIAL MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION  
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021  
8:45 AM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

A Special Meeting and Closed Session 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 8:45 a.m.

**1.1 Roll Call.**

Board members participating by teleconference were Barbara Keegan, Gary Kremen, Linda J. LeZotte, and John L. Varela, with Tony Estremera, Nai Hsueh, and Richard Santos being present in the Boardroom, constituting a quorum of the Board.

Staff in attendance was M. Meredith, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Staff participating by teleconference were R. Callender, Chief Executive Officer, B. Hopper, Acting District Counsel, M. Lugo, M. Richardson, and T. Yoke.

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

Director Varela 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.

## 2. TIME CERTAIN:

**8:45 AM**

- 2.1 Resolution Declaring March 29 - April 4, 2021, as a Week of Public Service in Honor of César Chávez.

Recommendation: A. Recognize and observe March 29 - April 4, 2021, as a week of public service in honor of César Chávez; and  
B. Adopt the resolution DECLARING MARCH 29 - APRIL 4, 2021, AS A WEEK OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN HONOR OF CESAR CHAVEZ.

Ms. Marta Lugo, Assistant Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo.

Ms. Demaris Villalobus-Gallindo, Organization of Latino Affairs (OLA) Employee Resource Group (ERG) President, expressed support for the Resolution and encouraged the Board to attend OLA ERG's virtual event, *Voice to the Voiceless: Continuing Cesar Chavez's Legacy of Environmental Justice* on April 6, 2021.

Motion: Adopt the Resolution No. 21-06, DECLARING MARCH 29 - APRIL 4, 2021, AS A WEEK OF PUBLIC SERVICE IN HONOR OF CESAR CHAVEZ, by roll call vote.

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

Chairperson Estremera confirmed that the Board would adjourn to Closed Session for consideration of Item 2.2.

- 2.2 CLOSED SESSION  
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)  
Title: District Counsel

Upon completion of Closed Session, Directors Keegan, Kremen, LeZotte, and Varela concluded their participation by teleconference and did not rejoin.

Upon return to Open Session, the same Board members and staff were present, excluding, Directors Keegan, Kremen, LeZotte, and Varela.

**3. ADJOURN:**

**3.1 District Counsel Report on Closed Session.**

Chairperson Estremera confirmed that a quorum of the Board was no longer present, and continued the District Counsel report on Closed Session to the March 26, 2021 Special Closed Session Meeting.

**3.2 Adjourn to Special Closed Session Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on March 26, 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 3:30 p.m. to the March 26, 2021 Special Closed Session Meeting at 10:00 a.m. 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: