



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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# MINUTES

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**SPECIAL MEETING AND CLOSED SESSION  
FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021  
10:00 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 10:00 a.m.

**1.1 Roll Call.**

Board members participating by teleconference were 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.

Director Barbara Keegan 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, and R. Gibson.

**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.

**2. TIME CERTAIN:**

Director Keegan joined the meeting by teleconference.

**10:00 AM**

**2.1 Adopt a Resolution Addressing Violence and Racism Against the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Community.**

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AND RACISM AGAINST THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) COMMUNITY.

Mr. Warren Whitlock, Racial Equity and Diversity and Inclusion Manager, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo.

Ms. Lydia Yiu, AAPI Employee Resource Group representative, expressed appreciation and support for the Board's consideration of the attached resolution.

Motion: Adopt the Resolution No. 21-12, ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AND RACISM AGAINST THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AAPI) COMMUNITY, by roll call vote.

Move to Adopt: Gary Kremen  
Second: Nai Hsueh  
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 return to Open Session, the same Board members and staff were present.

**3. ADJOURN:**

3.1 District Counsel Report on Closed Session.

Chairperson Estremera stated for the record that a quorum of the Board was not present to provide a report on the March 25, 2021, Item 2.2 Closed Session, and reported that in regard to March 25, 2021, Item 2.2, the Board met in Closed Session with all members present and initiated candidate interviews.

Chairperson Estremera also reported that in regard to Item 2.2, the Board met in Closed Session with all members present and reviewed candidates for the position of District Counsel.

3.2 Adjourn to 1:00 p.m. Special Meeting, on April 6, 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 2:00 p.m., to the 1:00 p.m. Special Closed Session Meeting on April 6, 2021, in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose.

Michele L. King, CMC  
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date: