



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021
12:00 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 in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, at 12:00 p.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. King, Clerk, Board of Directors. Staff participating by teleconference were R. Callender, Chief Executive Officer, C. Orellana, District Counsel, J. Aranda, A. Baker, L. Bankosh, I. Bella, R. Blank, S. Bogale, J. Bourgeois, B. Broome, R. Chan, J. Codianne, M. Cook, A. Fulcher, R. Gibson, V. Gin, A. Gordon, A. Gschwind, C. Hakes, B. Hopper, M. Lugo, H. McMahon, L. Orta, M. Richardson, D. Rocha, K. Struve, D. Taylor, S. Tippetts, G. Williams, K. Wong, and T. Yoke.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem.

Director LeZotte 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:

12:00 PM

2.1 Water Supply Master Plan Monitoring and Assessment Program Update 2021.

Recommendation: Receive and discuss information on the annual Water Supply Master Plan Monitoring and Assessment Program evaluation.

The Board entered into a work study session on Water Supply Master Plan Monitoring and Assessment Program Update 2021.

Mr. Aaron Baker, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Board Agenda Memo and Ms. Samantha Greene, Senior Water Resources Specialist, reviewed Attachment 4.

A summary of the Board's discussion is contained in the attached Flip Chart Notes.

Ms. Katja Irvin, Sierra Club Loma Prieta Chapter, expressed support for Valley Water's efforts to re-evaluate its water supply planning; suggested public hearings to be scheduled for the Department of Water Resource's (DWR) B.F. Sisk/San Luis Dam Modification Project; discussed the DWR Project's potential impacts on Valley Water's Water Supply 2040 planning; expressed opposition to the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, citing that its cost exceeded its water supply benefits; and requested a yearly Water Supply Public Forum to provide a venue for more discussions by stakeholders and the public.

Ms. Osha Meserve, Soluri Meserve Environmental Law Attorney representing Pacheco Land Cattle Co., LLC and Lawler Ranch, expressed opposition to including the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project in the Water Supply Master Plan 2040; expressed concern about the Project's high costs, increased risks, and potential environmental and cultural damages; and requested the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project be replaced in the Water Supply Master Plan 2040 by other projects that would better serve Valley Water's customers.

Ms. Molly Culton, Sierra Club California, expressed opposition to the Delta Conveyance Project and requested that it be removed from the Water Supply Master Plan 2040 due to the high costs and risks associated with the project, and encouraged consideration of projects that reuse, recycle, and conserve local and regional water supplies instead.

3. ADJOURN:

3.1 Clerk Review and Clarification of Board Requests.

None.

3.2 Adjourn to the 4:00 p.m. Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting on October 26, 2021, to be called to order in compliance with the Brown Act as currently in effect and Santa Clara Valley Water District Resolution 21-85,

adopted on September 28, 2021, in compliance with the provisions of AB361 (Rivas).

Chairperson Estremera adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m., to the 4:00 p.m. Closed Session and 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting on October 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.

Michele L. King, CMC
Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved:

Date:

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM UPDATE 2021
OCTOBER 22, 2021
FLIP CHART NOTES

Board Discussion

- Director Kremen
 - The Master Plan 2040 should consider that all water storage is not equally reliable, and should not focus solely on cost of storage.
 - Staff is to advise the Soluri Meserve Law Corporation that the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project includes recreational enhancements.
 - Staff is to come back with clarification on the relationship between the local Native American community and the Pacheco Land and Cattle Co., LLC, including how much land access had been granted through easements prior to Pacheco Dam being built.
- Director Varela
 - Refer to the Water Storage Exploratory Committee (WSEC) discussion on the impact of climate change on ground and surface water supply, and stakeholder input on undocumented risks and additional costs not included in the Project Risk Assessment Report.
- Director Hsueh
 - Referred Handout 2.1-B to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee, to assist with achieving the projected time frame for the Master Plan 2040.
 - Staff is to research how to incorporate input from stakeholders such as the Sierra Club and the Soluri Meserve Law Corporation.
- Director Santos
 - Staff is to come back with information on outreach to the local farming community when the Pacheco Dam was originally built, and information on whether landowners supported or opposed the Project.
 - Staff is to consider water storage reliability when evaluating undocumented risks and costs, and extend educational outreach opportunities on this information to stakeholders.
- Chairperson Estremera
 - Staff is to provide extended outreach of WSEC and CIP Committee meeting notices where further discussion, as described herein, would be held.