

SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE SAN JOSÉ CITY COUNCIL AND SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2018

A Special Joint Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) Board of Directors and the City of San Jose City (City), Council, was called to order at 9:07 a.m., at the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Board Room, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Present: Councilmembers - Arenas, (9:25), Carrasco (9:25);

Davis, Jimenez, Jones, Diep (9:15), Peralez, T. Nguyen, Rocha, Khamis;

Liccardo.

Absent: All Present.

District Board Members: Estremera, LeZotte, Keegan, Santos,

Hsueh, Kremen.

Absent: Varela.

City Staff: Deputy City Manager, David Sykes, City Attorney Richard Doyle; City Clerk Toni J. Taber, CMC; Director of Transportation Jim Ortbal; Deputy City Manager Angel Rios, Jr., Chief of Staff, Office of the City Manager, Lee Wilcox; Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Ray Riordan, Deputy Director of Housing, Ragan Henninger and Deputy City Clerk, Ruth Krantz.

District Staff Members: Chief Executive Officer Norma Camacho; Mr. Brian Hopper, Senior Assistant District Counsel; Mr. Stan Yamamoto, District Counsel; Clerk/Board of Directors, M. King; J. Aranda, R. Callender, A. Comelo, V. Gin, T. Yoke and M. Richardson.

<u>Documents Filed</u>: (1) Board Agenda Memorandum dated December 12, 2018, and accompanying PowerPoint presentation: "Updates Associated with Coyote Creek". (2) PowerPoint presentation "Joint Emergency Action Plan for Severe Storm and Flood Response in City of San José". (3) Update on City and District Efforts Regarding Creek Health and Safety Along Waterways, dated December 12, 2018.

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INTRODUCTION

Chair Richard Santos and Mayor Sam Liccardo offered opening comments, and Chief Executive Officer Norma Camacho provided an introduction.

(4) Recommendations: Updates Associated with Coyote Creek.

- (a) That the District Board and the City Council receive information regarding updates to the joint emergency action plan with the addition of Canoas, Guadalupe and Ross Creeks;
- (b) That the District Board and the City Council receive information on the status of Anderson Dam winter operations;
- (c) That the District Board and the City Council receive information on the Water District's Flood Awareness/Winter Preparedness Campaign for 2018-2019; and
- (d) That the District Board and the City Council receive information on the current status of the Coyote Creek Feasibility Study.

District Chief Executive Officer Norma Camacho and City Manager, David Sykes reviewed the information on Coyote Creek. Mr. Alexander Gordon, District Emergency Services and Security Manager, offered updates and Mr. Ray Riordan, City Director of the Office of Emergency Management, reviewed the Joint Emergency Action Plan (JEAP). District Water Policy and Planning Manager Afshin Rouhani discussed the Coyote Creek Feasibility Study.

<u>Public Comments</u>: Chair Richard Santos opened the floor for public comment. There was no public testimony from the floor.

<u>Motion</u>: Vice Chair LeZotte moved approval of the updates associated with Coyote Creek. Chairperson Estremera seconded the motion.

<u>Action</u>: On a call for the question, the SCVWD Board of Directors motion carried unanimously. (6-0-1. Absent: Varela)

<u>Motion</u>: Councilmember Johnny Khamis moved approval of the updates associated with Coyote Creek. Councilmember Tam Nguyen seconded the motion.

<u>Action</u>: On a call for the question, the Council of the City of San José motion carried unanimously. (11-0.)

(5) Recommendation: Update on the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project.

(a) That District Board and City Council receive information on the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project;

- (b) That the District Board direct its District Chief Executive Officer to work collaboratively with the City Manager to advance the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project, including Phase I; and
- (c) That the City Council direct its City Manager to work collaboratively with the District Chief Executive Officer to advance the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project, including Phase I.

Chief Executive Officer Norma Camacho introduced the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project and District Capital Engineering Manager, Rechelle Blank provided a presentation.

Public Comments: Mayor Liccardo opened the floor for public comments.

- 1. Deb Kramer, representing Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful, expressed support for City and District staff working together to advance the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project, and encouraged the Board and Council to consider including opportunities for community engagement in restoration efforts.
- 2. Lieutenant Colonel David Kaulfers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project Manager, discussed project benefits, funding, and the importance of completing the project's permit and regulatory processes.

<u>Motion</u>: Vice Chair LeZotte moved approval of the updates associated with the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project. Chairperson Estremera seconded the motion.

<u>Action</u>: On a call for the question, the SCVWD Board of Directors motion carried unanimously. (6-0-1. Absent: Varela)

<u>Motion</u>: Councilmember Chappie Jones moved approval of the updates associated with the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project. Councilmember Tam Nguyen seconded the motion.

<u>Action</u>: On a call for the question, the Council of the City of San José motion carried unanimously. (11-0.)

6. Update on City and District Efforts Regarding Creek Health and Safety Along Waterways.

That the District Board and the City Council receive information regarding their respective roles, responsibilities, and coordinated efforts with respect to creek health and waterway safety issues.

Chief Executive Officer Norma Camacho and City Manager, David Sykes offered an introduction. District Senior Water Resource Specialist Kirsten Struve offered a presentation on creek health and safety, and City Interim Deputy Director of the Environmental Services Department, Casey Fitzgerald and Deputy Director of Housing, and Ragan Henninger continued the presentation.

Chairperson Santos requested that staff return with information on District funding of park ranger monitoring and patrol of homeless encampment areas, including opportunities for the District to partner with the City to allow police officers to accompany park rangers.

<u>Public Comments</u>: Chair Richard Santos opened the floor for public comment.

Expressing concern for the health and safety of persons, employees and volunteers working in creeks adjacent to encampments were: Ingrid Bella and Robert Ewing (District Employees Association, AFSCME Local 101) and Leslee Hamilton, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy.

Requesting increased enforcement, clean-up and support and services for property owners adjacent to encampment areas were: David Hernandez (Opening Doors 2020) and Roxanne.

Requesting increased support for the homeless community were: Elaine Tallerico, Thompson Creek Neighborhood Association; Phil Mastrocola (Housing for All); Kathy Mattingly (Winter Faith Collaborative); Gail Osmer, Moria Merriweather, Robert Aguirre and Stephanie Lee, Ms. Kramer, and Ms. Hamilton.

Chief of Police Edgardo Garcia offered comments, noted the assistance of street crime units and gave statistics of arrests in the areas noted, adding that this is not the solution – the solution is getting the housing housed.

<u>Motion</u>: Chairperson Keegan moved approval of the updates associated with the Update on City and District Efforts Regarding Creek Health and Safety Along Waterways. Board Member Estremera seconded the motion.

<u>Action</u>: On a call for the question, the SCVWD Board of Directors motion carried unanimously. (6-0-1. Absent: Varela.)

Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco left the meeting at approximately 11:20 a.m.

<u>Motion</u>: Councilmember Dev Davis moved approval of the Update on City and District Efforts Regarding Creek Health and Safety Along Waterways. Councilmember Johnny Khamis seconded the motion.

<u>Action</u>: On a call for the question, the Council of the City of San José motion carried unanimously. (10-0-1. Absent: Carrasco.)

OPEN FORUM

Ms. Jennifer Johnson, Canyon Snow Consulting, for Poseidon Water, discussed the importance of water reuse, and discussed Pure Water Silicon Valley's ongoing support for, and engagement in, the District's request for proposal process for the Expedited Purified Water Program.

Mr. Bruce Naegel, Sustainable Silicon Valley, expressed support for water reuse and encouraged continued partnership between the District and City to address regional water supply.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Santos and Mayor Liccardo adjourned the Special Session at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

Toni J. Taber, CMC City Clerk

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