



Dublin San Ramon
Services District



MINUTES

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TRI-VALLEY WATER LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING
2nd Floor Training Room
7035 Commerce Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94588

Monday, April 29, 2024
4 p.m.

1. Welcome by Chairperson

Chair Richard Halket, Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Committee Members (Elected Officials) Present:

- Michael McCorriston, Councilmember, City of Dublin
- John Marchand, Mayor, City of Livermore
- Robert Carling, Vice Mayor, City of Livermore
- Jeff Nibert, Councilmember, City of Pleasanton
- Karla Brown, Mayor, City of Pleasanton
- Marisol Rubio, Councilmember, City of San Ramon
- Richard Halket, Director, DSRSD
- Georgean Vonheeder-Leopold, Director, DSRSD
- Dawn Benson, Director, Zone 7 Water Agency
- Kathy Narum, Director, Zone 7 Water Agency
- Sarah Palmer, Director, Zone 7 Water Agency

Staff Present:

- John Freeman, District Manager, California Water Service Company
- Robert Seeley, Regional Community Affairs Specialist/Government Relations, California Water Service Company
- Linda Smith, City Manager, City of Dublin
- Judy Erlandson, Acting Public Works Director, City of Livermore
- Anthony Smith, Acting Assistant Public Works Director, City of Livermore
- Gerry Beaudin, City Manager, City of Pleasanton
- Pamela Ott, Assistant City Manager, City of Pleasanton
- Siew-Chin Yeong, Public Works Director, City of Pleasanton
- Tamara Baptista, Assistant Director of Public Works, City of Pleasanton
- Todd Yamello, Utilities Planning Manager, City of Pleasanton
- Brian Bornstein, City Engineer, City of San Ramon
- Jan Lee, General Manager, DSRSD
- Steve Delight, Engineering Services Director, DSRSD
- Irene Suroso, Senior Engineer, DSRSD
- Valerie Pryor, General Manager, Zone 7 Water Agency

- Chris Hentz, Assistant General Manager – Engineering, Zone 7 Water Agency
- Osborn Solitei, Assistant General Manager – Finance, Zone 7 Water Agency
- Ken Minn, Water Resources Manager, Zone 7 Water Agency
- Lillian Xie, Associate Civil Engineer, Zone 7 Water Agency

2. Public Comment / Citizen's Forum

Chair Halket opened the public comment period. There were no speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A. Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes, with name corrections for Zone 7 Water Agency Director Sarah Palmer and City of Dublin Councilmember Sherry Hu.

4. Discussion Items

4.A. Water Supply Update (Zone 7 Water Agency Staff)

Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) General Manager Valerie Pryor provided an overview of the current water supply. Ms. Pryor stated that while the start of the year was slow, it concluded at average or just above average for precipitation and snowpack. Currently, the State Water Project (SWP) allocation stands at 40%, indicating a good Tri-Valley water supply outlook. Zone 7 currently has some wells offline; however, that deficiency will be made up with surface water this year, and the well water will be stored for the following season.

4.B. Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Updates (Zone 7 Water Agency Staff)

Zone 7 Water Resources Manager Ken Minn reviewed the item for the Committee. The presentation included regulatory updates, Zone 7's response to PFAS regulations, Zone 7's proactive actions, and a discussion of next steps. Mr. Minn described the six new Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for PFAS that were established on April 10, 2024, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Public water systems must begin monitoring for these PFAS within three years and have five years to comply with the new federal MCLs. Zone 7 has actively been monitoring for PFAS since late 2018 and has voluntarily made changes to meet the new MCLs now by either taking groundwater wells out of service or treating the groundwater below the new MCLs before delivery to customers. The State of California has advisory response levels and is in the process of developing its own PFAS standards. Mr. Minn described Zone 7's proactive actions to install PFAS treatment at its wellfields and highlighted the effectiveness of the Stoneridge PFAS treatment system, which came online in September 2023, in removing PFAS. The Chain of Lakes PFAS treatment facility will be online by the end of the year, and conceptual design has been started for a Mocho PFAS treatment facility, with construction anticipated in 2026.

Speaker: Jim Lehrman (City of Pleasanton resident) – Mr. Lehrman provided public comment on the item. He stated that he is a hydrogeologist and expressed concerns with the lack of action in identifying PFAS sources and the potential for PFAS to spread with the addition of new wells

planned for the Bernal Subbasin. He expressed that wellhead treatment is a good method for managing PFAS.

City of Pleasanton Mayor Karla Brown asked if the Mocho Groundwater Demineralization Facility will need additional treatment after the water passes through the process. Mr. Minn explained that demineralization treatment (reverse osmosis) removes PFAS. However, because treatment capacity is limited, Zone 7 is looking at additional PFAS treatment options. City of Livermore Mayor John Marchand noted PFAS is commonly found in household products. City of San Ramon Councilmember Marisol Rubio inquired about PFAS education for the public and commented on the importance of legislation to regulate PFAS in products. Zone 7 Director Sarah Palmer asked what happens with the media from PFAS treatment, and it was explained that the contractor that removes it disposes of it as required. Chair Halket asked about the compliance point and detection limit for PFAS; staff explained that compliance is at the beginning of the distribution system, and the minimum detection limit is 2 parts per trillion. The Committee and staff also discussed the challenges of sampling and testing for PFAS at low levels. In response to a question from City of Pleasanton City Manager Gerry Beaudin, Mr. Minn provided a brief overview on Zone 7's well master plan, the need to diversify groundwater sources to increase water resiliency, and the partnership between Zone 7 and City of Pleasanton to explore adding new wells in the Bernal Subbasin.

4.C. Desktop Groundwater Contaminant Mobilization Study (Zone 7 Water Agency Staff)

Zone 7 Associate Civil Engineer Lillian Xie reviewed the item for the Committee. The presentation included the background, overview, results, and takeaways of the study to evaluate potential water quality impacts from recharging purified water in the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin. The study performed a desktop simulation of four potential purified water recharge scenarios identified in the 2018 Potable Reuse Study. Results showed that recharging purified water in certain areas of the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin could help dilute pre-existing nitrate, chloride, and boron levels. The results also showed that recharging purified water could increase arsenic and hexavalent chromium above MCLs. Impacts are generally greater with larger volumes of purified water and modeling results are dependent on local aquifer characteristics. Ms. Xie reviewed future considerations, which could include conducting additional modeling with Zone 7's new groundwater model to refine results, performing laboratory and/or field-scale pilot tests, and implementing field testing to refine model assumptions. The Committee discussed the study results and expressed support for additional modeling with Zone 7's new groundwater model. The Committee and staff also discussed updating the 2018 Potable Reuse Study to reflect changed conditions, including the impact of conservation of availability of wastewater supplies and the new Direct Potable Reuse regulations. The Committee expressed support for updating the 2018 Potable Reuse Study.

5. Next Meeting and Future Agenda Topics

The Committee agreed to hold the next meeting in early 2025.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.