

DSRSD Representatives:

Director Rich Halket (Chair)

Director Dinesh Govindarao

Pleasanton Representatives:

Vice Mayor Julie Testa

Councilmember Jack Balch

MINUTES

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DUBLIN SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT / CITY OF PLEASANTON

LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Remillard Room

3333 Busch Road

Pleasanton, CA 94566

Monday, March 25, 2024

4 p.m.

1. Call to Order

DSRSD Director Rich Halket called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Committee Members (Elected Officials) Present:

- Rich Halket, Director, DSRSD
- Dinesh Govindarao, Director, DSRSD
- Julie Testa, Vice Mayor
- Jack Balch, Councilmember (entered the meeting at 4:10 p.m.)

Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD) Staff Present:

- Jan Lee, General Manager
- Dan Gill, Operations Director
- Jason Ching, Senior Engineer

Pleasanton Staff Present:

- Gerry Beaudin, City Manager
- Pamela Ott, Assistant City Manager
- Siew-Chin Yeong, Public Works Director
- Adam Nelkie, Interim Public Works Director
- Tamara Baptista, Assistant Public Works Director
- Todd Yamello, Utilities Planning Manager

Committee members and staff did self-introductions. Ms. Siew-Ching Yeong was introduced as Pleasanton's new Public Works Director.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A. Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023

On a motion made by Vice Mayor Testa and seconded by Director Halket, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

4. Discussion Items

4.A. Water Supply Alternative - Regional Groundwater Wells (Pleasanton)

Utilities Planning Manager Todd Yamello presented the results of the Pleasanton Water Supply Alternatives Study, which evaluated alternatives to recover Pleasanton's water supply that is sourced from its groundwater pumping quota (GPQ). Pleasanton is currently unable to pump its GPQ due to PFAS contamination. Study recommendations included pursuing new groundwater wells in the Bernal subbasin to pump the City's GPQ; investigating the feasibility of collaborating with Zone 7 Water Agency (Zone 7) on a joint project; or pivoting to rehabilitating Well 8 and adding PFAS treatment, if determined that new groundwater wells are infeasible. The Committee asked questions and discussed various well locations and the timeline for Pleasanton's groundwater investigations and final project selection.

4.B. DSRSD Energy Facilities Master Plan and Energy Policy (DSRSD)

Senior Engineer Jason Ching provided a presentation on DSRSD's Energy Facilities Master Plan and Energy Policy, which were completed to support DSRSD's strategic plan goal of improving energy efficiency and reliability. The Energy Facilities Master Plan includes a comprehensive assessment of DSRSD's facilities, energy usage and overall environmental impacts, and a recommended portfolio of energy projects. The policy is designed to provide a framework for implementing cost-effective energy projects to meet the District's energy goals, business needs, and future regulations. The policy outlines three long-term environmental goals - using 100 percent of the biogas generated at its regional wastewater treatment plant by 2030, reducing electricity purchases by 25 percent by 2045, and cutting greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent. The Committee asked questions and discussed the renewable energy generation projects and potential funding sources. Councilmember Balch mentioned that he is the current Chair of Ava Community Energy and on the StopWaste Board and suggested that DSRSD staff reach out to both organizations to discuss funding opportunities and coordinate on SB 1383 compliance and partnership opportunities. DSRSD stated that they would follow up on the question of how much of the energy portfolio would be paid by Pleasanton ratepayers.

4.C. Recycled Water Program Update (DSRSD)

General Manager Jan Lee reviewed the item, which included an update on 2023 recycled water deliveries, efforts to secure supplemental supplies needed for DSRSD to expand the recycled water program, and regulations affecting reuse. Ms. Lee discussed the upcoming nutrient permit that is anticipated to set a limit on the amount of nutrients that wastewater treatment plants can discharge to San Francisco Bay. DSRSD is planning to meet the new regulations through water recycling, which reuses treated wastewater for irrigation, thereby reducing discharges to the Bay. Ms. Lee also reviewed the new Direct Potable Reuse (DPR) regulations that were adopted by the State Water Board in December 2023. The new DPR regulations establish criteria for introducing advanced treated recycled water either directly into a public water system or into a raw water supply system immediately upstream of the surface water treatment plant. The Committee discussed and asked questions on the nutrient and DPR regulations, and potential impacts on the Tri-Valley. Ms. Lee responded that DSRSD is hopeful that DSRSD will be able to meet the upcoming nutrient regulations without requiring significant new investments at the wastewater treatment plant, and further studies with Zone 7 would be required to assess the potential benefits and cost of implementing a DPR project for the Tri-Valley.

4.D. Future Scheduling of Committee Meetings and Proposed Agenda Items

The Committee expressed interest in meeting twice per year and tentatively set the next meeting for October 2024, with the exact date to be confirmed by staff.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.