

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

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TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006

The Council of the City of San José convened in special session at 10:05 a.m. at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San José, in the District Board Room.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chavez, Chirco, Cortese, LeZotte, Nguyen, Pyle, Reed, Williams, Yeager; Gonzales.

Absent: Council Members - None.

CEREMONIALS

- (a) **Presentation of a POWER Award to the City in recognition of its work with the District on the Water Resources Protection Collaborative, in tandem with other local jurisdictions. (ESD)**

Action: Chair Larry Wilson presented POWER award to Mayor Gonzales for City of San José

- (b) **Presentation by the City of San José to the Santa Clara Valley Water District of the 2005-2006 Award for Excellence in planning, design and implementation received from the California Redevelopment Association and from the California Parks and Recreation Society for the “Guadalupe River Park and Flood Protection Project”. (City Clerk)**

Action: Mayor Gonzales presented the 2005/06 Award for Excellence for the Guadalupe River Park to Chair Larry Wilson for the “Guadalupe River Park and Flood Protection Project”.

- (c) **Presentation of District History Book – Water in the Santa Clara Valley : A History**

Action: Chair Larry Wilson presented the District History Book to Mayor Gonzales.

- 3 (a) **Acceptance of the 2005 Annual Status Report on cooperative efforts between the City of San José and the Santa Clara Valley Water District relating to:**
- (1) **Water Protection Partnerships, including:**
 - (a) **Water Resources Protection Collaborative.**
 - (b) **Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan.**
 - (c) **Trash Removal from Creeks.**
 - (d) **City of San José Water Policy.**
 - (e) **Watershed Planning Efforts.**
 - (f) **Guadalupe Watershed Flood Protection Projects.**
 - (2) **Water Supply Partnerships, including:**
 - (a) **Water Supply for New Developments.**
 - (b) **Integrated Water Resources Planning.**
 - (c) **Coyote Valley Specific Plan Coordination.**
 - (d) **South Bay Water Recycling Collaborative.**
 - (e) **Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Development and Implementation Grant Proposal on Advanced Recycled Water Treatment.**
 - (3) **Park, Trails and Open Space Partnership.**
- (b) **Direct City and District Staff to schedule and prepare an agenda and material for a Joint City Council and District Board Study Session on water issues.**

CEQA: Trash Removal - Exempt, PP04-248, Water Recycling Program - Exempt, PP04-249. Not a Project, environmental review for other individual projects has, or will be received, prior to City Council approval. (City Manager's Office/Santa Clara Valley Water District)

Documents Filed: 2005 Annual Status report dated April 4, 2006.

Staff presentations were presented. Questions and comments from Council Members and Board Members ensued.

Action on 3(a): Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chavez, seconded by Council Member Pyle and carried unanimously, 2005 Annual Status Report was accepted, with Staffs directed to: (1) Encourage financing discussions with private sector partners on the infrastructure. (2) Explore ways to bring the County into these discussions and collaborations. (3) Continue to work to bring forward a new agreement for Penetencia Creek Trail before the current agreement expires. (4) City Manager Les White and Chief Executive Officer Stan Williams to work with the Mayor's Office and the Water District Board on lobbying efforts in Washington, D.C., for priority of the Union Pacific Bridge and Guadalupe trail connections. (5) Work through the Coyote Valley water supply issues. (11-0.)

District Chair Wilson called for a vote by Board Directors and the report was approved unanimously.

3. (b) (Cont'd.)

Action on 3(b): Upon motion by Vice Mayor Chavez, seconded by Council Member Pyle and carried unanimously, the direction for Staff to schedule a study session to further discuss water related issues, was approved. (11-0.)

District Chair Wilson called for a vote by Board Directors and the direction to Staff was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- (1) John Asuncion, Blue Whale Sailing School, delivered information on his clean-up efforts in the Alviso Slough.
- (2) Charles Taylor, member of Alviso Water Task Force and South Bay Yacht Club, commented on clean-up and correction of illegal conditions along the Slough in Alviso.
- (3) Lourdes Rivera, resident of Alviso, stated there is a need to protect Alviso, and mentioned that the Water District is not keeping the Alviso Slough clean.
- (4) Russ Robinson, South Bay Yacht Club, stated there will be a new ramp placed in the water by the County, which is an important safety issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The Joint City Council/Santa Clara Valley Water District meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

ATTEST:

LEE PRICE, CMC, CITY CLERK

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