



**CITY COUNCIL  
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
JOINT STUDY SESSION ON  
WATER QUALITY ISSUES**

**SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007**

The Council of the City of San José convened at 9:08 a.m. in a Joint Study Session with the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors in the City Council Wing, Committee Rooms 118-120, at City Hall, San Jose, California, to discuss water quality issues related to stormwater management, impacts from excess runoff and groundwater protection.

Present: Council Members - Campos, Chirco, Constant, Cortese, Liccardo, Oliverio, Pyle, Williams; Reed.

Absent: Council Members - Nguyen. (Excused)

Vacant: - District 4.

Present: SCVWD Members - Wilson, Santos, Zlotnick, Sanchez, Kamai; Estremera.

Absent: SCVWD Members - Judge. (Excused)

Staff: City Manager Les White, City Attorney Richard Doyle, District Counsel, Deputy City Manager Deanna Santana, City Clerk Lee Price, and Legislative Secretary Susan Davis.

SCVWD Staff: Chief Executive Officer Stanley M. Williams, District Counsel Debra Cauble and Clerk of the Board Lauren Keller.

Documents Filed: (1) Memorandum from City Manager Les White and District Chief Executive Officer Stanley W. Williams, dated April 3, 2007, transmitting the presentation and the format of the Joint Study Session on Water Quality Issues. (2) Status Report on the Cooperative Efforts between the City of San José and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, dated April 17, 2007, from the Natural Heritage Institute. (3) Press release dated April 18 and April 19, 2007, regarding watershed planning and green infrastructure. (4) Stream Restoration and Erosive Forces: A Dialogue Workshop, dated April 10, 2007, for the Workshop Planning Committee.

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## **Opening Remarks**

Mayor Reed and Director Estremera presented opening remarks.

City Manager Les White and District Chief Executive Officer Stanley presented a brief update about the water supply and current demands; and an overview of the cooperative efforts between the City and the District.

Council and Board discussion followed each presentation.

## **Presentation and Discussion on Stormwater Management**

Director of Environmental Services John Stuffeban presented an outline of water quality issues. Wendy Tovar, Santa Clara Valley Water District, outlined surface water quality.

Mayor Reed pointed out that it is important to collect the data and track the performance measures, particularly with regard to retrofitting and demonstrating when there is a water quality crisis.

City Manager Les White replied that Staff would collaborate and identify key performance measures and focus on the water quality issues.

Member Zlotnick encouraged the City Council Members to attend the Bay Area Forum for Integrated Water Management Plan Committee, who is focusing on how to deal with water quality issues in the Bay Area.

Council Member Campos urged collaboration with other cities and counties, including a long term education process to change future behavior.

Chair Santos suggested using more media and television to get the message out to the community.

Vice Mayor Cortese suggested that Staff include an educational handout in the Recycle Plus customer mailings. City Attorney Richard Doyle will collaborate with the City Manager's Office on this issue.

Council Member Oliverio suggested charging higher taxes or increasing the littering fee citation charge to \$2,000 to help keep the creeks clean.

## **Presentation and Discussion on Impacts from Excess Runoff**

Deputy Director of Public Works Timm Borden summarized impacts from excess runoff. Bruce Wolfe, Executive Officer, Regional Water Quality Control Board addressed hydromodification measures.

Member Wilson stated that small retention basins are needed in each project.

Mayor Reed expressed concern about the homeless living along the streams.

### **Presentation and Discussion on Groundwater Protection**

Vanessa Reymers, Santa Clara Valley Water District presented an overview of the Groundwater Protection.

### **Public Comments**

Richard McMurty and Larry Johnmann, Santa Clara County Creek Coalition, presented an overview of the Stream Restoration and Erosive Forces: A Dialogue Workshop.

### **Next Steps**

Melanie Richardson, Assistant Operating Officer of Water Supply Management Division, Santa Clara Valley Water District summarized the next steps.

Mayor Reed adjourned the Joint Study Session at 12:08 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared and Respectfully Submitted by,

Lee Price, MMC  
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