

January 14, 2022

MEETING NOTICE

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE (Formerly Homeless Encampment Committee)

Members of the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee:

District 3 Director Richard Santos, Committee Chair
District 1 Director John Varela, Committee Vice Chair
District 2 Director Barbara Keegan

Staff Support of the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee:

Rick Callender, Chief Executive Officer
Juan Carlos Orellana, District Counsel
Michele King, Clerk of the Board
Melanie Richardson, Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Anthony Fulcher, Sr. Assistant District Counsel
Brian Hopper, Sr. Assistant District Counsel
Andrew Gschwind, Assistant District Counsel
Rachael Gibson, Chief of External Affairs
Donald Rocha, Deputy Administrative Officer
Marta Lugo, Assistant Officer
Sue Tippets, Interim Chief Operating Officer - Watersheds
Jennifer Codianne, Deputy Operating Officer – Watersheds Ops & Maintenance
Jay Lee, Watersheds Field Operations Unit Manager
Lisa Bankosh, Assistant Officer – Watershed Stewardship & Planning
Mark Bilski, Senior Management Analyst
Vincent Gin, Deputy Operating Officer – Water Supply
Kirsten Struve, Assistant Officer
Eli Serrano, Real Estate Services Manager
John Chapman, Integrated Vegetation Manager
Sherilyn Tran, Civic Engagement Manager
Meenakshi Ganjoo, Supervising Program Administrator
Raymond Fields, Project Manager
Natalie Dominguez, Assistant Deputy Clerk

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee has been scheduled to occur at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Join meeting via Zoom Teleconference at: <https://valleywater.zoom.us/j/83937945203>

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Santa Clara Valley Water District Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Meeting

Teleconference Zoom Meeting

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022
12:30 PM**

District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Committee Chair:
Director Richard P. Santos, District 3

Committee Vice Chair:
Director Tony Estremera, District 6

Director John L. Varela, District 1

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COMMITTEE LIAISON:
Sue Tippetts

COMMITTEE CLERK:
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Santa Clara Valley Water District
Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

12:30 PM

Teleconference Zoom Meeting

BY VIRTUAL TELECONFERENCE ONLY

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Meeting ID: 839 3794 5203

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1. Roll Call.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

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3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of December 21, 2021 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Meeting Minutes.

[22-0122](#)

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 122121 ECCC Meeting Minutes](#)

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4.1. Receive Update on Valley Water's Encampment Cleanup Operations. [22-0126](#)
Recommendation: Receive an update on issues and current challenges related to Valley Water encampment cleanups.
Manager: Sue Tippetts, 408-630-2253
Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)
Est. Staff Time: 15 min
- 4.2. Receive Update on Discussions with the County of Santa Clara Related to the Creation of a Memorandum of Understanding to Coordinate Responses to County Waterways Challenges. [22-0127](#)
Recommendation: Receive an update on Valley Water's ongoing discussions with the County of Santa Clara (County) related to the potential creation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of coordinated responses to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County.
Manager: Sue Tippetts, 408-630-2253
Est. Staff Time: 5 min
- 4.3. Receive Update on Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Project: Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful's FY 2021 D3 Empire Gardens Elementary School Mural Project (Agreement No. A4517R). [22-0118](#)
Recommendation: Receive information from Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful regarding their completed mini-grant project.
Manager: Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237
Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)
Est. Staff Time: 10 Minutes
- 4.4. Receive Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee 2021 Accomplishments Report. [22-0135](#)
Recommendation: Receive and accept the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee 2021 Accomplishments Report.
Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711
Attachments: [Attachment 1: ECCC 2021 Accomplishments Report](#)

4.5. Review 2022 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Work Plan.

[22-0123](#)

- Recommendation:
- A. Review the 2022 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Work Plan, and make adjustments as necessary; and
 - B. Confirm date and time of next Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee meeting.

Manager: Michele King, 408-630-2711

Attachments: [Attachment 1: ECCC 2022 Work Plan](#)

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.

6. ADJOURN:

- 6.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 2:00 p.m., on April 6, 2022.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 22-0122

Agenda Date: 1/18/2022
Item No.: 3.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee

SUBJECT:

Approval of December 21, 2021 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Meeting Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes.

SUMMARY:

A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee's meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 122121 ECCC Meeting Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Michele King, 408-630-2711

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ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**December 21, 2021
12:30 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER.

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (Committee) was called to order via Zoom teleconference at 12:30 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call.

Committee members attending by Zoom teleconference were District 1 Director John L. Varela, District 2 Director Barbara F. Keegan, and District 3 Director Richard P. Santos, Chairperson presiding, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members attending by Zoom teleconference were District Counsel C. Orellana, R. Barajas, M. Bilski, J. Codianne, N. Dominguez, R. Gibson, M. Haggerty, B. Hopper, C. Kwok-Smith, J. Lee, M. Lugo, E. Serrano, R. Snyder, S. Tippets, S. Tran, R. Tregoning, and K. Yasukawa.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA.

Chairperson Santos declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3.1. Approval of October 19, 2021 Homeless Encampment Committee Meeting Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the October 19, 2021 Homeless Encampment Committee meeting. It was moved by Director Varela, seconded Director Keegan, and carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as presented.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

4.1. Update on Valley Water's Encampment Cleanup Operations.

Recommendation: Receive updates on issues and current challenges related to Valley Water encampment cleanups.

Ms. Sue Tippets, Chief Operating Officer, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 were reviewed by staff as follows: Ms. Jennifer Codianne, Deputy Operating Officer, reviewed slides 1 through 14, 17 and 19, and Mr. Michael Haggerty, Program Administrator, reviewed slides 15 and 16.

The Committee received updates on and discussed issues and challenges related to Valley Water encampment cleanups. Staff reviewed scheduled cleanups, regulatory permitting, safety and security protocol during encampment cleanups, notification to the unhoused regarding scheduled cleanups, protocol and responsibilities for custody/storage of personal property encountered during cleanups, cleanup costs including use of Valley Water Measure S funds, potential grant opportunities to aid the unhoused, and received an update on the development of a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of San Jose for encampment management.

The Committee request the following of staff:

- Report on potential partnerships with service clubs regarding volunteers and funding to support creek cleanups, coordinated safety/security efforts with San Jose Police Department during cleanup events, possibilities of recruiting the unhoused to assist with scheduled cleanups and providing an appreciation meal to volunteers post event, winter water hazards, and mechanisms for police presence.
- Investigate grant funding possibilities via the new Infrastructure Bill.
- Report on water quality monitoring and whether it makes sense to utilize pre and post cleanup results to show improvements in water quality.
- Report on the possibilities of assisting private landowners to secure permits for cleanup work on creeks that flow within their legal property boundaries.
- Review and discuss Valley Water policies and permitting requirements for providing meals to the unhoused on Valley Water property, and managing waste reduction.

4.3. Regular Update on Discussions with the County of Santa Clara Related to the Creation of a Memorandum of Understanding to Coordinate Responses to County Waterways Challenges.

Recommendation: Receive an update on Valley Water's ongoing discussions with the County of Santa Clara (County) related to the potential creation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of coordinated responses to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County.

Ms. Tippets and Ms. Roseryn Bhudsabourgh, Program Administrator, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

The Committee received information on the progress of the development of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a coordinated response to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County. Staff reported discussion occurred regarding agreements with the cities regarding encampment abatements, how weather conditions could impact encampments, notification to the unhoused of planned creek clean up events, coordination with city and county Emergency Operation Centers in regard to encampments established along waterways, and Valley Water's role and responsibilities. Staff will continue to provide updates at future meetings on relevant developments and details that are appropriate to disclose from the ongoing negotiations.

4.4. Review 2021 and 2022 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Work Plans and 2022 Meeting Schedule.

Recommendation: A. Review the 2021 and 2022 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Work Plans and make adjustments as necessary; and
B. Review and confirm the 2022 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee meeting schedule.

Ms. Natalie Dominguez, Assistant Deputy Clerk II, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2.

The Committee requested the following items be added to the ECCC Work Plan:

- Report on potential partnerships with service clubs regarding volunteers and funding to support for creek cleanups, coordinated safety/security efforts with San Jose Police Department during cleanup events, possibilities of recruiting the unhoused to assist with scheduled cleanups and providing an appreciation meal to volunteers post event, winter water hazards, and mechanisms for police presence.
- Report on water quality monitoring and whether it makes sense to utilize pre and post cleanup results to show improvements in water quality.
- Report on the possibilities of assisting private landowners to secure permits for cleanup work on creeks that flow within their legal property boundaries.

- Review and discuss Valley Water policies and permitting requirements for providing meals to the unhoused on Valley Water property, and managing waste reduction.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS.

None.

6. CLERK'S REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Ms. Dominguez reviewed the following Committee requests and recommendations:

Regarding Item 4.1:

The Committee request the follow of staff:

- Report on potential partnerships with service clubs regarding volunteers and funding to support for creek cleanups, coordinated safety/security efforts with San Jose Police Department during cleanup events, possibilities of recruiting the unhoused to assist with scheduled cleanups and providing an appreciation meal to volunteers post event, winter water hazards, and mechanisms for police presence.
- Investigate grant funding possibilities via the new Infrastructure Bill.
- Report on water quality monitoring and whether it makes sense to utilize pre and post cleanup results to show improvements in water quality.
- Report on the possibilities of assisting private landowners to secure permits for cleanup work on creeks that flow within their legal property boundaries.
- Review and discuss Valley Water policies and permitting requirements for providing meals to the unhoused on Valley Water property, and managing waste reduction.

Regarding Item 4.4:

The Committee requested the following items be added to the ECCC Work Plan:

- Report on potential partnerships with service clubs regarding volunteers and funding to support for creek cleanups, coordinated safety/security efforts with San Jose Police Department during cleanup events, possibilities of recruiting the unhoused to assist with scheduled cleanups and providing an appreciation meal to volunteers post event, winter water hazards, and mechanisms for police presence.
- Report on water quality monitoring and whether it makes sense to utilize pre and post cleanup results to show improvements in water quality.
- Report on the possibilities of assisting private landowners to secure permits for cleanup work on creeks that flow within their legal property boundaries.

- Review and discuss Valley Water policies and permitting requirements for providing meals to the unhoused on Valley Water property, and managing waste reduction.

8. ADJOURN.

8.1. Adjourn to Regular Meeting at 2:00 p.m., on January 18, 2022.

Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m., to the next meeting to be called to order by the Committee Chair in compliance with the Brown Act as currently in effect.

Natalie F. Dominguez, CMC
Assistant Deputy Clerk

Approved:

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 22-0126

Agenda Date: 1/18/2022

Item No.: 4.1.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee

SUBJECT:

Receive Update on Valley Water's Encampment Cleanup Operations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on issues and current challenges related to Valley Water encampment cleanups.

SUMMARY:

Staff will brief the Committee and provide up-to-date information on issues related to encampment cleanups:

- A. December Trash Total: Valley Water staff removed 90.75 tons of trash in December 2021.
- B. Environmental Cleanup Service Day: Staff is planning an environmental cleanup service day in May to engage volunteers from local service clubs as well as unhoused residents. Meals will be provided to the unhoused participants.
- C. Winter Weather Hazards: Discussion of warning and outreach protocols for expected periods of inclement weather.
- D. Scheduled Cleanups: Listing of currently scheduled encampment cleanups.
- E. Permit Application Assistance for Private Landowners: Planned outreach to assist landowners in understanding permitting requirements for routine stream maintenance activities.
- F. Encampment Cleanups and Water Quality: Discussion of creek water quality issues related to encampment activities.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

File No.: 22-0126

Agenda Date: 1/18/2022
Item No.: 4.1.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Sue Tippetts, 408-630-2253



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Encampment Cleanup Update

90.75 Tons Removed in December

Presented by: Jennifer Codianne, Deputy Watersheds O&M

Environmental Cleanup Service Day

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- Planning for an environmental cleanup service day in early May
- Staff will approach working service clubs to bring out volunteers
- Staff will approach CSJ on use of Cash for Trash and outreach
- Staff will work with David Hernandez from Open Doors to provide meals to unhoused volunteer participants

Winter Weather Hazards

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- SCC sends out warnings of upcoming rains.
- Outreach teams remind unhoused of quickly rising water.
- SCC is advised by National Weather Service on declaring inclement weather.
- If SCC declares official inclement weather, outreach is sent to specific locations to encourage unhoused to move encampments.

Encampment Cleanup Schedule

- 1/3 – 1/5: West Branch Llagas Creek adjacent to Highway 101
- 1/6: Good Neighbor Trash Hot Spots West Valley Watershed
- 1/10 – 1/11: West Branch Llagas Creek adjacent to Highway 101
- 1/13 – 1/14: Coyote Creek downstream Highway 101
- 1/18 – 1/21: Guadalupe Creek: Almaden Expwy to Camden Ave
- 1/24: Lower Silver Creek @ Sunset Ave
- 1/25 – 1/27: Coyote Creek downstream Brokaw Road
- 1/28: Coyote Creek: Charcot Ave to O'toole Road

Coyote Creek @ LSC Confluence

35.92 Tons Removed

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Calabazas Creek US Tasman Drive

22.84 Tons Removed

7



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Encampment Cleanups and Water Quality: 8

Bacteria Monitoring

- Must be done in dry season
- Difficult to identify source
- Not an accurate indicator

Current bacteria monitoring

- Monitoring during summer months where people wade or swim
- Other agencies sample storm drain discharge
- No monitoring of runoff from creekside areas

Has urban water quality improved?

- Bacteria in creeks has not changed
- Trash from stormdrains much improved
- Trash from dumping and encampments worse
- Some pesticides have improved
- New challenges of microplastics and “forever chemicals”

QUESTIONS



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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 22-0127

Agenda Date: 1/18/2022

Item No.: 4.2.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee

SUBJECT:

Receive Update on Discussions with the County of Santa Clara Related to the Creation of a Memorandum of Understanding to Coordinate Responses to County Waterways Challenges.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on Valley Water's ongoing discussions with the County of Santa Clara (County) related to the potential creation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of coordinated responses to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County.

SUMMARY:

Per direction given at the May 11, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, Valley Water staff continues to engage in discussions with the County regarding development of an MOU to address challenges around waterways across Santa Clara County, including but not limited to the public health and environmental impact of homeless encampments. The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (Committee) has requested to receive regular updates on these discussions.

Valley Water and County staff have met and discussed possible roles, responsibilities, costs, and desired outcomes of the proposed MOU. Staff will provide the Committee with a verbal update regarding any relevant developments and details that are appropriate to disclose from the ongoing negotiations.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Sue Tippetts, 408-630-2253

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 22-0118

Agenda Date: 1/18/2022

Item No.: 4.3.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee

SUBJECT:

Receive Update on Safe, Clean Water Mini-Grant Project: Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful's FY 2021 D3 Empire Gardens Elementary School Mural Project (Agreement No. A4517R).

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information from Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful regarding their completed mini-grant project.

SUMMARY:

In FY 2021, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) awarded Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful (KCCB) a \$5,000 Safe, Clean Water Program D3 Mini-Grant for their Empire Gardens Elementary School Mural Project (Project). KCCB completed the Project on October 8, 2021. On December 21, 2021, following the submittal of their final project report items, KCCB Executive Director Deb Kramer requested to make a presentation to the Board members on the success of the Project.

KCCB is a non-profit organization that works with community groups, public agencies, and students to reclaim, restore, and beautify Coyote Creek. This mini-grant provided funding to support the installation of a mural depicting the Coyote Creek watershed on the campus of Empire Gardens Elementary School in San Jose, California. The mural was designed by muralist Paul J. Gonzalez in collaboration with KCCB. The mural features elements of the creek ecosystem and educates students, teachers, and visitors about the natural wonders of Coyote Creek that runs alongside the school. As part of the project, KCCB hosted a nature walk and creek cleanup event at Watson Park on September 4, 2021, which was attended by Director Barbara Keegan. The event allowed the community to directly observe the nature elements and concepts included in the mural (watershed, wildlife, ecosystem). The newly painted mural serves as a reminder to the students about their direct impact on keeping the wildlife healthy by reducing litter, deterring graffiti, and participating in creek cleanups.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

File No.: 22-0118

Agenda Date: 1/18/2022
Item No.: 4.3.

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
Marta Lugo, 408-630-2237



Empire Gardens Coyote Creek Watershed Mural

Deb Kramer, Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful
Paul J. Gonzalez, Paul J. Gonzalez Art Studios



Coyote Creek Watershed Mural

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful received a mini grant from Valley Water to assist with education and completing this mural at Empire Gardens Elementary School adjacent to Watson Park



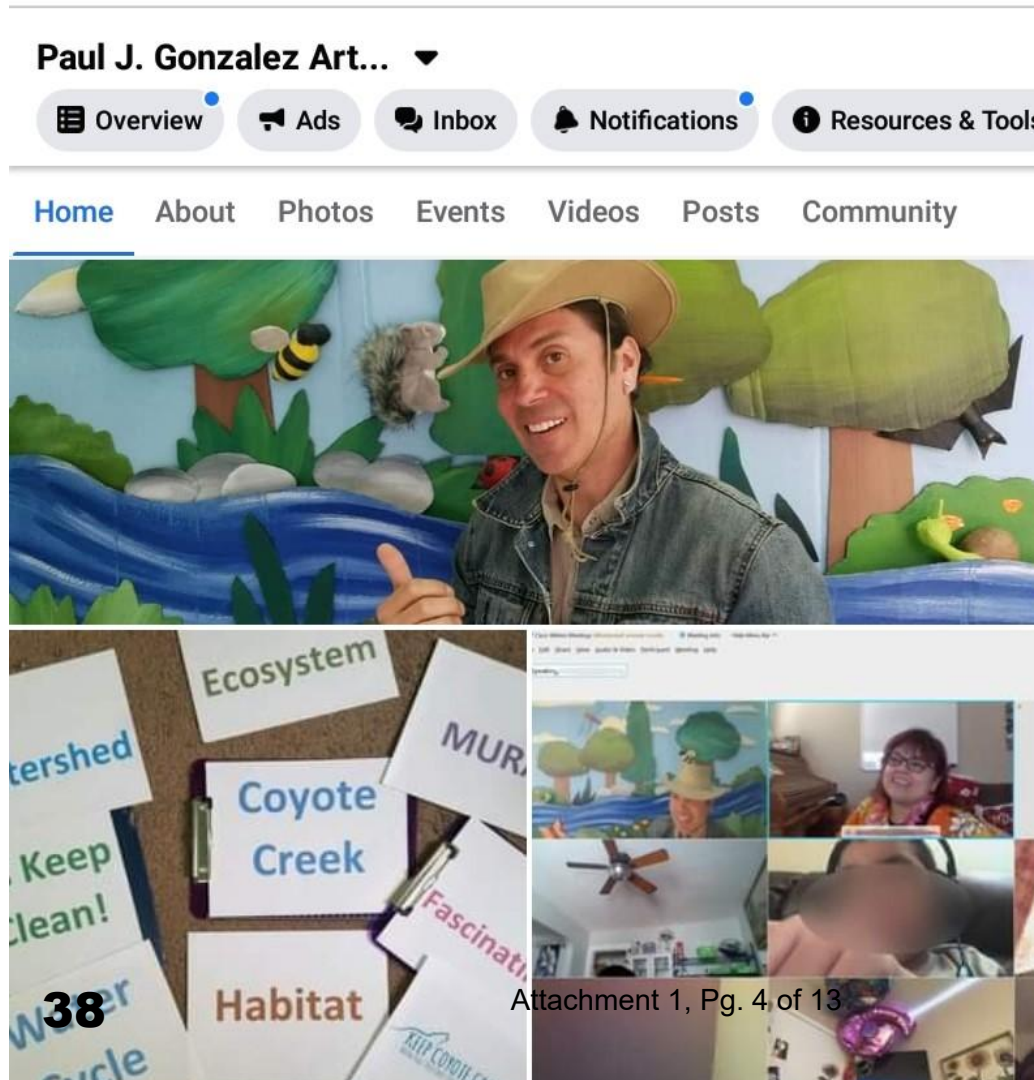
About the Project

- Empire Gardens Elementary School
 - Adjacent to Coyote Creek
 - 80% underserved community
 - Bare beige walls
 - 290 students
- Enthusiastic principal helped shepherd project
- COVID-19 issues



Watershed Education and Mural Input

- Mr. Adventure via virtual classroom visits
- Watershed topics
- Wildlife input



Nature Walk and Litter Cleanup

- Hosted nature walk and litter cleanup with 12 people
- 5 bags of trash and 75 pounds in 1 hour



About the Participants

- School Principal
- Students
- Muralist
- Volunteers





Muralist Paul J Gonzalez

Paul's design and attention to detail made this mural a success. It is KCCB's first mural and Paul's 200th mural.



The Mural

Transformed plain wall
into watershed education
art (120' x 10')

Demonstrate flow from
hills to lower creek area

Over 20 wildlife are
featured



The Mural

8 main panels featuring coyote,
monarch, woodpecker, gopher,
robin, steelhead, mallard family,
raccoon panels





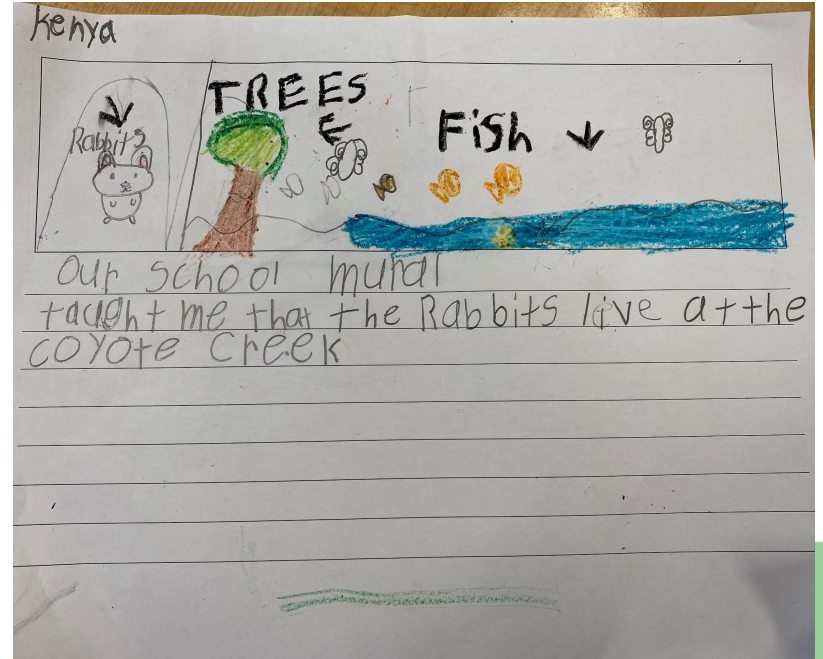
Mural Video



https://youtu.be/-9Nok_OUmd0

The Impact

- Students are aware of Coyote Creek behind their school
- Students can identify the types of wildlife that live along the creek
- Mural adds color to school
- Teachers are using it in curriculum





Thanks for your support!

Follow KCCB on Social Media @coyotecreeksj

Deb Kramer, Executive Director



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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 22-0135

Agenda Date: 1/18/2022

Item No.: 4.4.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee

SUBJECT:

Receive Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee 2021 Accomplishments Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and accept the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee 2021 Accomplishments Report.

SUMMARY:

Under direction of the Clerk, Work Plans are used by Board Committees to increase Committee efficiency, provide advanced public notice of intended Committee discussions, and enable staff to follow up on Committee direction, requests and recommendations. Work Plans are dynamic documents managed by the Committee Chairs annually and are subject to change as needed throughout the year.

As Committee work is completed, the Accomplishments Report captures outcomes and results achieved, and provides a report of the Committee's accomplishments upon completion of the calendar year. The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (ECCC) 2021 Accomplishment Report (Attachment 1), is presented for the Committee's review and acceptance.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: ECCC 2021 Accomplishments Report

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Michele King, 408-630-2711

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Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee – 2021 Accomplishments Report – DRAFT

Committee Work Plans establish a framework for Committee discussion and action during the calendar year. The Committee's work plan is a dynamic document and subject to change as external and internal issues impacting Valley Water occur and are recommended for Committee discussion. Subsequently, an Annual Committee Accomplishments report is developed based on the Work Plan and Committee discussions, and presented to Valley Water's Board of Directors.

WORK PLAN ITEM	INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action or Information Only)	ACCOMPLISHMENT DATE AND OUTCOME
Update from Destination Home Regarding the 2020-2025 Community Plan to End Homelessness	3/30/21: A) Receive an update from Destination: Home regarding the 2020-2025 Community Plan to End Homelessness, the newest roadmap for addressing homelessness in Santa Clara County, and B) Recommend the 2020-2025 Community Plan to End Homelessness to the Valley Water Board of Directors for consideration and endorsement.	3/30/21: It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director Varela, and carried by roll call vote to approve Recommendation B and forward the 2020-2025 Community Plan to End Homelessness to the Valley Water Board of Directors for consideration and endorsement.
Update on Rescheduled Coyote Creek Cleanup Event. (3/30/21) Update on May 1, 2021 Coyote Creek Cleanup Event. (4/20/21)	3/30/21: Receive an update from staff regarding the rescheduled Coyote Creek Cleanup event planned for May 1, 2021. 4/20/21: A) Receive an update from staff regarding the planning for Valley Water's Coyote Creek Cleanup event scheduled for May 1, 2021; and B) Provide input and feedback to staff as necessary.	3/20/21: Staff reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo. Mr. Steve Preminger, County of Santa Clara, reported on the County's efforts to work with the unhoused and interest to provide outreach and other resources for the upcoming cleanup event. Ms. Olympia Williams, City of San Jose, explained the Cash for Trash Program, which offers a \$4 redemption value for each full bag of trash submitted during specific cleanup events. Chairperson Santos encouraged all cities within the county to participate in countywide cleanup events. The Committee noted the information without formal action.

Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee – 2021 Accomplishments Report – DRAFT

		<p>4/20/21: Staff reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo and Mr. Jason Imamura, Trash Punx, presented information on his organization's efforts to address trash in encampments. Ms. Olympia Williams, City of San Jose, briefed the Committee on additional strategies being considered to protect resources, including the deployment of additional park ranges. The Committee requested staff agendize a discussion regarding strategies to secure Valley Water properties following cleanup events be added to its Work Plan.</p>
<p>Receive an Update Regarding the March 23, 2021 Meeting of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. (3/20/21)</p> <p>Regular Update on Discussions with the County of Santa Clara Related to the Creation of a Memorandum of Understanding to Coordinate Responses to County Waterways Challenges. (10/19/21, 12/21/21)</p>	<p>3/30/21: A) Receive a verbal update from staff regarding the March 23, 2021 County Board of Supervisors meeting which included an agenda item on the topic of a potential Memorandum of Understanding with Valley Water for the purpose of coordinated responses to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County, and B) Recommend to the Board of Directors that it direct staff to work with the County of Santa Clara to accomplish a Memorandum of Understanding, Joint Powers Authority, or similar legal entity with the County of Santa Clara, for the purpose of coordinated responses to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County.</p> <p>10/21/21, 12/21/21: Receive an update on Valley Water's ongoing discussions</p>	<p>3/30/21: It was moved by Director Varela, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to accept the verbal update and approve Recommendation B to recommend to the Board of Directors that they direct staff to work with the County of Santa Clara to accomplish a Memorandum of Understanding, Joint Powers Authority, or similar legal entity with the County of Santa Clara for the purpose of coordinated responses to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County.</p> <p>10/21/21: The Committee received updates on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding a coordinated response to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County. Verbal updates regarding any relevant developments and details</p>

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	<p>with the County of Santa Clara (County) related to the potential creation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of coordinated response to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County.</p>	<p>that are appropriate to disclose from the ongoing negotiations will be reported at future meetings. Discussion ensued regarding agreements with the cities regarding encampment abatements, how weather conditions could impact encampments, notification to the unhoused of planned creek clean up events, coordination with city and county Emergency Operation Centers in regard to encampments established along waterways, and Valley Water's role and responsibilities. Chair Santos requested to receive a briefing on staff's meeting with Santa Clara County regarding the development of the MOU, scheduled to occur on October 20, 2021, and to discuss additional assistance, if necessary.</p> <p>12/21/21: Staff reviewed the information on this item, per the Committee Agenda Memo. The Committee received information on the progress of the development of a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a coordinated response to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County. Staff reported discussion occurred on agreements with the cities regarding encampment abatements, how weather conditions could impact encampments, notification to the unhoused of planned creek clean up events, coordination with city and county Emergency Operation Centers in regard to encampments established along waterways, and Valley Water's role and responsibilities. Staff will continue to provide updates at future meetings on relevant developments and details that are appropriate to disclose from the ongoing negotiations.</p>
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<p>Receive CEO Input Box Suggestion to Rename the Homeless Encampment Committee to “Houseless Encampment Committee”.</p>	<p>3/30/21: A) Receive the CEO Input Box suggestion to rename the Homeless Encampment Committee to “Houseless Encampment Committee”, B) Receive staff’s recommendation to change the committee’s name to Encampment Committee; and C) Provide input to staff.</p>	<p>3/30/21: The Committee received information and discussed changing the Committee’s name to replace the term Homeless with Unhoused. Staff was directed to research naming alternatives and bring the item back to the Committee to discuss its purpose and priority focus.</p>
<p>Review Homeless Encampment Committee Name and Purpose</p>	<p>4/20/21: A) Review and discuss the Homeless Encampment Committee’s name and purpose, and B) Provide recommendations to staff as necessary.</p> <p>10/19/21: A) Review and discuss the Homeless Encampment Committee name and purpose, B) Update the Committee purpose to remove obsolete language and align with current approaches; and C) Choose one of three staff-recommended options to address whether to update Committee name.</p>	<p>4/20/21: Item was continued to a future meeting to enable all Committee members to participate in a more comprehensive discussion and study of the Committee’s purpose, to consider the root cause of the problem and identify responsibilities to engage other local agencies to collaborate on addressing the problem; and to provide Committee members an opportunity to discuss with Valley Water’s Chief Executive Officer how to best orchestrate external agency participation.</p> <p>10/19/21: Staff reviewed the information on this item, per the Committee Agenda Memo. The Committee received information regarding the Committee’s purpose and noted that two of the original five chartered purposes, Nos. 2 and 5, responding to requests from the Santa Clara County Housing Task Force have been completed. The Committee expressed support for proposed changes to update the Committee’s purpose as outlined in Recommendation 1. The Committee received information regarding proposed options for renaming the Committee and suggested the options outlined in Recommendation 2 be presented to Valley Water’s Board of Directors for review and input. It was moved by Director Varela, seconded by Director Keegan, and carried by roll call vote to forward the Committee’s recommendations 1)</p>

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		<p>supporting proposed changes to the Committees purpose as outlined in Recommendation 1, and 2) seeking the Board's input on options for renaming the Committee as outlined in Recommendation 2, to the Valley Water Board of Directors for consideration.</p> <p>11/13/21: The Valley Water Board considered staff's proposed changes to the Committee's purpose and name, and approved the proposed changes to the Committee's purpose and revised the Committee's name to Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee.</p>
<p>Proposed Adjustments and Modifications to the Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup Project, Project F5 Under the Renewed Save, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.</p>	<p>4/20/21: Review Proposed Text Adjustments and Key Performance Indicator Modifications for the Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup Project, Project F5 under the Renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, and provide feedback, as necessary; and Consider Whether to Recommend that the Board of Directors Approve the Text Adjustments and Set a Time and Place for a Public Hearing to Modify project F5</p>	<p>4/20/21: Staff reviewed the information contained in the agenda memo and proposed adjustments and modifications to the Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup project. Staff was directed to research terminology options to replace "homeless" and report back to the Committee. The Committee took action to recommend that the Valley Water Board of Directors approve the amended text adjustments to the Good Neighbor Program: Encampment Cleanup Project, Project F5 Under the Renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program and set a time and place for a public hearing to modify Project F5.</p>
<p>Update on Fencing Repair Contractor Response Times</p>	<p>10/19/21: Receive information regarding the expected response time of Valley Water's recently retained fencing repair contractor.</p>	<p>10/19/21: Staff reviewed the information on this item, per the Committee Agenda Memo. The Committee received an update on expected response time of the recently retained fencing repair contractor. There being no actual data available to report, it was noted that relevant language had previously been inserted into the agreement regarding expected response time and follow up on fence repair. The Committee</p>

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		requested staff continue to monitor fencing issues and repairs and provide updates at future meetings.
Update on Valley Water’s Encampment Cleanup Operations.	12/21/21: Receive updates on issues and current challenges related to Valley Water encampment cleanups.	<p>12/21/21: Staff reviewed the information on this item, per the Committee Agenda Memo and presentation materials. The Committee received updates on and discussed issues and challenges related to Valley Water encampment cleanups. Staff reviewed scheduled cleanups, regulatory permitting, safety and security protocol during encampment cleanups, notification to the unhoused regarding scheduled cleanups, protocol and responsibilities for custody/storage of personal property encountered during cleanups, cleanup costs including use of Valley Water Measure S funds, potential grant opportunities to aid the unhoused, and received an update on the development of a Memorandum of Agreement with the City of San Jose for encampment management. The Committee requested the follow of staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on potential partnerships with service clubs regarding volunteers and funding to support creek cleanups, coordinated safety/security efforts with San Jose Police Department during cleanup events, possibilities of recruiting the unhoused to assist with scheduled cleanups and providing an appreciation meal to volunteers post event, winter water hazards, and mechanisms for police presence. • Investigate grant funding possibilities via the new Infrastructure Bill. • Report on water quality monitoring and whether it makes sense to utilize pre and

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		<p>post cleanup results to show improvements in water quality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the possibilities of assisting private landowners to secure permits for cleanup work on creeks that flow within their legal property boundaries. • Review and discuss Valley Water policies and permitting requirements for providing meals to the unhoused on Valley Water property, and managing waste reduction.
Review 2021 Homeless Encampment Committee Work Plan.	3/30/21, 4/20/21, 7/20/21, 10/19/21, 12/21/21: A) Review the 2021 Homeless Encampment Committee Workplan and make adjustments as necessary, and B) Discuss and determine the 2021 Homeless Encampment Committee Meeting Schedule	<p>3/30/21: The Committee made the following adjustments to the Work Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive regular updates on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding, Joint Powers Authority, or similar legal entity with the County of Santa Clara, for the purpose of coordinated responses to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County • Agendize a Study Session prior to May 1 to discuss the Homeless Encampment Committee's purpose and priority focus. <p>4/20/21: The Committee made the following additions to the Work Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss Strategies for Securing Valley Water Property • Review Homeless Encampment Committee Name and Purpose (Continued from 4/20/21) <p>7/20/21: No Work Plan adjustments.</p>

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		<p>10/21/21: The Committee requested the following adjustments to the Work Plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include a standing item regarding activities related to encampments and common themes. (B. Keegan)• Include an item to discuss a plan to move forward with Valley Water cleanup events upon return to a normal business schedule. (B. Keegan)• Schedule a special meeting in December 2021 to receive updates regarding activities related to encampments and common themes, and the development of an MOU regarding a coordinated response to challenges around waterways throughout Santa Clara County. (Chair Santos) <p>12/21/21: The Committee requested the following items be added to the ECCC Work Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on potential partnerships with service clubs regarding volunteers and funding to support for creek cleanups, coordinated safety/security efforts with San Jose Police Department during cleanup events, possibilities of recruiting the unhoused to assist with scheduled cleanups and providing an appreciation meal to volunteers post event, winter water hazards, and mechanisms for police presence.• Report on water quality monitoring and whether it makes sense to utilize pre and post cleanup results to show improvements in water quality.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the possibilities of assisting private landowners to secure permits for cleanup work on creeks that flow within their legal property boundaries. • Review and discuss Valley Water policies and permitting requirements for providing meals to the unhoused on Valley Water property, and managing waste reduction.
Approval of Minutes	4/20/21, 7/20/21, 10/19/21, 12/21/21: Approve the minutes	4/20/21: Approved minutes of 3/30/21. 7/20/21: Approved minutes of 4/20/21. 10/19/21: Approved minutes of 7/20/21. 12/21/21: Approved the minutes of 10/19/21.
Election of Committee Officers	3/30/21: Elect 2021 Committee Officers.	3/30/21: The Committee elected Director Richard Santos as 2021 Committee Chairperson and Director John Varela as 2021 Committee Vice Chairperson.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 22-0123

Agenda Date: 1/18/2022

Item No.: 4.5.

COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee

SUBJECT:

Review 2022 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Work Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Review the 2022 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Work Plan, and make adjustments as necessary; and
- B. Confirm date and time of next Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee meeting.

SUMMARY:

Work Plans are created and implemented by all Board Committees to increase Committee efficiency, provide advanced public notice of intended Committee discussions, and enable staff to prepare for meetings and respond to Committee direction. Work Plans are dynamic documents managed by Committee Chairs and are subject to change. Committee Work Plans also serve to assist in the preparation of Annual Committee Accomplishments Reports.

The 2022 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee (ECCC) Work Plan contains topics for discussion based on information from the following sources:

- Items referred to the Committee by the Board;
- Items requested by the Committee to be brought back by staff;
- Items scheduled for presentation to the full Board of Directors; and
- Items identified by staff.

The 2022 ECCC Work Plan contained in Attachment 1 is presented for the Committee's review and to discuss and determine additional topics for discussion in 2022.

The next meeting of the ECCC is schedule to occur on Tuesday, April 6 at 2:00 p.m., or at the call of the Committee Chair. Confirming the meeting schedule or any change to the meeting schedule is necessary to provide staff a basis for meeting planning, coordination of logistics and preparation of agenda items.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: ECCC 2022 Work Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

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2022 ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
<i>Category</i>												
Updates on Valley Water's Encampment Cleanup Operations	X			X			X			X		
Update on HEC Name and Purpose												
Update on Discussions with SCCO RE Development of an MOU to Coordinate Responses to County Waterways Challenges	X			X			X			X		
Update on Fencing Issues and Repairs				X						X		
Partnership Opportunities with Service Clubs, Safety & Security During Cleanup Events, Volunteer Recruitment/Appreciation Meal, and waste reduction management	X											
Grant Funding Possibilities – New Infrastructure Bill				X								
Water Quality Monitoring – Pre/Post Cleanup	X											
Permit Application Assistance for Private Landowners	X											
Valley Water Policies/Permitting Regarding Providing Meals on Valley Water Property	X											
Update on Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful mini-grant with grantee presentation	X											
<i>Standing Items:</i>												
Election of Officers												
Approval of Minutes	X			X			X			X		
Review of Committee Work Plan	X			X			X			X		

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