



STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022
12:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) was called to order at 12:00 p.m. on January 13, 2022.

Board members in attendance via Zoom Teleconference: Director Barbara Keegan-District 2, Director Linda J. LeZotte-District 4, and Director Tony Estremera-District 6, constituting a quorum of the SPOC.

Staff members in attendance: Emmanuel Aryee, John Bourgeois, Rita Chan, Bal Ganjoo, Chris Hakes, Ryan Heacock, Michele King, Tony Mercado, Eric Olson, Carlos Orellana, Lisa Porcella, Melanie Richardson, Afshin Rouhani, Kevin Sibley, Sue Tippets, Jose Villarreal, Tina Yoke and Sarah Young.

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

Director Keegan declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who requested to speak.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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The SPOC considered the draft minutes from the November 4, 2021 meeting. It was moved by Director Estremera, seconded by Director LeZotte, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as presented.

4. **INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS**

4.1 Election of 2022 Stream Planning and Operations Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director Estremera, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to elect Director Linda LeZotte as 2022

SPOC Chairperson and Director Tony Estremera and 2022 SPOC Vice Chairperson.

The remainder of the meeting was facilitated by newly elected SPOC Chairperson LeZotte.

4.2 Discuss District and Non-District Projects and Other Activities that May Affect FAHCE Settlement Agreement and Implementation.

Mr. Kevin Sibley, Senior Engineer, presented information on the Singleton Road Interim Bridge Project, as noted in Handout 4.2-A. The Handout was distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

Director Estremera requested that staff schedule this presentation for the full board.

Mr. Joseph Terry, US Fish and Wildlife, commented that the project had Western Pond Turtle enhancements.

Mr. John Bourgeois, Deputy Operating Officer, acknowledged the work of outside groups like Fly Casters San Jose which helped get this project completed.

4.3 Receive Updates FAHCE Progress and Deliverables (including initialing Parties and Adaptive Management Team meetings).

Staff provided updates on the FAHCE progress and deliverables as follows:

Mr. Eric Olson, Senior Engineer, provided January 2021 pulse flow release updates on the FAHCE Plus Pilot Flow Implementation at Guadalupe Creek and Stevens Creek, as outlined in Handout 4.3-A. Copies of the Handout were distributed to the SPOC and made available to the public.

Nick Van Vleet, NOAH Fisheries, requested information on the current fish passage conditions on Stevens Creek. Staff provided information on where Mr. Van Vleet could find real time information.

Mr. Mark Rockwell asked if there was any significant work done to understand how the pulse flows impact the fish. Staff responded to Mr. Rockwell's question with information on the current and future monitoring programs.

Mr. Bourgeois provided an update on the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) status. He stated that staff continues to categorize and analyze various comment letters and is proceeding with preparing responses and identifying next steps for finalizing.

Mr. Bourgeois provided an update on the FAHCE Initialing Parties and Adaptive Management meetings, stating that the plan was to schedule a meeting later this winter, following further review of the draft EIR comments.

Mr. Bourgeois also provided a brief update on the HDR no-cost contract extension and the work on an amendment that will enable HDR to assist with responses to public comments on the draft EIR, make corresponding revisions, and finalized the draft EIR.

4.4 Receive Update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and Incorporation of FAHCE Conservation Measures for Coyote Creek.

Mr. Emmanuel Aryee, Assistant Officer, provided an update on the monthly coordination and collaboration with resource agencies and partners; status of Flatiron West Incorporated's work on the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project; Phase 3 construction authorization received from DSOD on December 15, 2021 and a Notice to Proceed issued to the contractor for Phase 3 work on the same day; Submittal of a draft Implementation Plan for 2022 Seasonal Variation of the Reservoir on December 3, 2021; and continued coordination with regulatory agencies regarding changes to the Implementation Plan for a 2022 Seasonal Variation of the Reservoir.

4.5 Review Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Work Plan, Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests, and the Next Meeting Agenda.

Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board, briefly reviewed the 2022 Work Plan and draft agenda for the next meeting on March 10, 2022.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

There were no SPOC requests. Ms. King noted Director Estremera's request for the Singleton Road Bridge project to be presented to the full Board.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair LeZotte adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:00 pm. to the March 10, 2022 meeting.



Michele L. King
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 3/10/22