



STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 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 March 10, 2022.

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

Staff members in attendance: Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Rita Chan, Chris Hakes, Bassam Kassab, Michele King, Les Layng, Clayton Leal, Tony Mercado, Jason Nishijima, Eric Olson, Carlos Orellana, Lisa Porcella, Mike Potter, Melanie Richardson, Jose Villarreal, Tina Yoke and Sarah Young.

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

Chair LeZotte 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**

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

4. **INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS**

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

Mr. Les Layng, Associate Biologist, reviewed the information on this item as outlined in Attachment 1.

Director LeZotte requested that the FAHCE Fish Monitoring Program report be placed on the FAHCE web page, so the public is aware of the monitoring being performed.

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

Mr. John Bourgeois, Deputy Operating Officer, provided updates on the FAHCE progress and deliverables as follows:

FAHCE Plus Pilot Flows Implementation at Guadalupe Creek and Stevens Creek-releases are currently based on the FAHCE winter-based rule curve, with no additional pulses since January, due to the lack of rain in January and February.

FAHCE Contracts Update – on February 22, 2022, the Board approved to amendment to EIR consulting services agreement with HDR Engineering, which will fund the work to respond to comments and finalize the draft EIR.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Status – There have been five or six comment themes identified through the comment letter review process. These themes include - project area and overall affects analysis; project definitions and associated biological analysis; habitat criteria mapping field work; fish passage barrier action scheduling; adaptive management process; and technical analysis, including asking that the draft EIR be recirculated.

Directors Keegan and LeZotte concurred that the during review of comments that the CEQA process must be followed.

Director LeZotte agreed with staff that the adaptive management is an ongoing process and should continue to adapt as review continues.

FAHCE Initialing Parties and Adaptive Management Meetings – staff plans to schedule a meeting this spring, as appropriate, following further review of the draft EIR comments.

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

Emmanuel Aryee, Assistant Officer, provided an update as outlined in the committee agenda memorandum.

Director LeZotte requested that staff report back on the outcome of meetings with regulators on drilling and environmental issue alternatives.

4.4 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, reviewed the 2022 Work Plan and draft agenda for the next meeting on May 12, 2022.

Director LeZotte noted that the September 8th meeting will need to be rescheduled, due to scheduling conflict.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

Ms. King reviewed, the following requests:

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair LeZotte adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:55 p.m. to the March 10, 2022 meeting.



Michele L. King
Clerk of the Board

Approved: May 12, 2022