



STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 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 May 12, 2022.

Board members in attendance: Director Barbara Keegan-District 2, Director Linda J. LeZotte-District 4, constituting a quorum of the SPOC. Director Tony Estremera, District 6 arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance: Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Rita Chan, Anthony Fulcher, Chris Hakes, Ryan Heacock, Bassam Kassab, Michele King, Ryan McCarter, Eric Olson, Lisa Porcella, 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 March 10, 2022, meeting. It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director LeZotte, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented. Director Estremera was absent.

4. **INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS**

Director Estremera arrived during the presentation of Item 4.1.

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

Ms. Sarah Young, Senior Project Manager, provided an update and virtual tour of the Fish Restoration Measures in the Coyote Creek, Guadalupe River and Steven Creek Watershed areas, as presented in Attachment 1.

SPOC members requested that this information be shared with the full board, the Water Commission, and the Environmental and Water Resources Committee, to educate on the successes Valley Water has had on the watershed side of the business.

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

Ms. Lisa Pocella, Environmental Mitigation and Monitor Manager, informed the SPOC that staff has scheduled a June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with the Initialing Parties to provide an update on FAHCE program, the associated Environmental Impact Reports, and check in on Memorandum of Agreement and the Settlement Agreement. A meeting of the Adaptive Management Team will be scheduled after the Initialing Parties meeting, as needed.

Mr. Ryan Heacock, Senior Water Resource Specialist, provided an update on the status of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), stating that after categorizing and analyzing the various comment letters from the resource agencies, Initialing Parties, California Department of Transportation, environmental groups, and interested members of the public, staff has convened a series of meetings to further analyze the comments, coordinate responses and identify next steps for finalizing the EIR.

SPOC members stated the importance that the public know that the Board is committed to adaptive management.

Ms. Porcella gave an update on the approval of an amendment to a contract in the amount of \$70,000 with Stillwater Science Inc. for additional technical expertise in support of the change petition.

Mr. Eric Olson, Senior Engineer, Raw Water Operations, provided a FAHCE Plus Pilot Program Update on Stevens and Guadalupe Creeks, as outlined in Handout 4.2-A. Copies of the handout were distributed to the committee and made available to the public.

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

Mr. Chris Hakes, Deputy Operating Officer, introduced Mr. Ryan McCarter, Acting Assistant Officer, and informed the SPOC that Mr. McCarter would be providing future updates on this project, after today's meeting. Mr. Hakes proceeded with an update, as outline in the attached Committee Memorandum.

**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 July 14, 2022.

**5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**

Committee requests were not read into the record.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LeZotte adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:00 p.m. to the July 14, 2022, meeting.



Michele L. King  
Clerk of the Board

Approved: *September 22, 2022*