



STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 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 November 10, 2022.

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

Staff members in attendance: Rechelle Blank, John Bourgeois, Rita Chan, Anthony Fulcher, Chris Hakes, Ryan Heacock, Ryan McCarter, Judy Nam, Carlos, Orellana, Lisa Porcello, 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. SPOC Chair LeZotte acknowledged a November 9, 2022, email from Libby Lucas expressing concerns about accommodating global warming efforts in the Coyote Creek and Pajaro River Watersheds, identified as Handout 2-A. Copies of the handout were distributed to the committee and made available to the public

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The SPOC considered the draft minutes from the September 22, 2022, meeting. It was moved by Director Keegan, seconded by Director Estremera, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented.

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.**

John Bourgeois, Deputy Operating Office, review the information presented in the attached Committee memorandum regarding the unique engineering approach designed to enhance in-stream habitat complexity and more natural flow patterns for fisheries in Uvas Creek. Judy Nam, Senior Water Resource Specialist, presented in the information on the Uvas Creek Fish Habitat Improvement Project, as outlined in Attachment 1.

Director Estremera requested that the presentation be shared with the public through a presentation to the full Board of Directors.

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

John Bourgeois, Deputy Operating Officer, provided an update the following:

FAHCE Initialing Parties – There was a meeting on October 28, 2022, wherein Valley Water reiterated its commitment to the FAHCE Program. There was an agreement to hold more frequent meetings and solicit topics to developed into a workplan.

Adaptive Management team - The fourth meeting occurred in September to provide an update on the draft Environment Impact Report responses and report out on the 2-year Pilot Flow Implementation Program.

FAHCE Plus Pilot Flows Implementation at Guadalupe Creek and Stevens Creek – agreed to extend the pilot projects for another year and a draft of the two-year pilot report has been presented to the Adaptive Management Team for review and should be available to the public by the end of the year.

Environment Impact Report (EIR) Update – Ryan Heacock, Senior Water Resource Specialist, provided an update on the EIR, stating that they are working through responses to comments and are on schedule to bring the final EIR to the Board in the Summer of 2023, targeting the end of June.

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

Ryan McCarter, Assistant Officer, provided an update on the Anderson Dam Tunnel Project, as outlined in the Committee agenda memo and Attachment 1.

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

Michele King, Clerk of the Board, reviewed the current 2022 work plan and informed the Committee that she will work with staff on a proposed 2023 work plan for approval at the first 2023 committee meeting.

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

There were no committee requests.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair LeZotte adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:35 p.m.

Michele L. King  
Clerk of the Board

Approved: November 9, 2023