



## ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special scheduled meeting of the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Meeting was held on June 23, 2023, at Santa Clara Valley Water District, Headquarters Building, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Director Richard P. Santos called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

#### **1.1. ROLL CALL**

Committee Board Members in attendance were: Director Jim Beall (District 4), Committee Chair Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), establishing a quorum, and Committee Vice Chair, Eisenberg (District 7-arrived at 10:04 a.m.).

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Feliciano Aguilar, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Mark Bilski, Rechelle Blank, Glenna Brambill, Sarah Bridges, Bart Broome, Kendra Boutros, Jennifer Codianne, Rachael Gibson, Christopher Hakes, Linh Hoang, Brian Hopper, Nicholas Ingram, Candice Kwok-Smith, Emelia Lamas, Jay Lee, Bill Magleby, Caitlin McAlpine, Carlos Orellana, Melanie Richardson, and Tracy Peña.

Guests in attendance were: Chad Bojorquez (Destination: Home), Rick Flovin (Sunnyvale Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association), Katja Irvin (Sierra Club-Loma Prieta Chapter), Charles Julien (General Manager-Maple Tree Inn), Brian Malicdem (City of Morgan Hill), and Joanne Price (Dignity Moves).

Public in attendance were: Eric Ha, Jeffrey Hare, Deb K., Jack McGovern, Doug Muirhead, and Colleen Murphy.

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

Rick Lovin of the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association (LVNA) shared his concerns about the unhoused issues at Calabazas Creek.

Director Rebecca Eisenberg arrived at 10:04 a.m.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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It was moved by Committee Vice Chair Director Eisenberg, seconded by Director Jim Beall and unanimously carried, to approve the April 21, 2023, Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee meeting minutes as presented.

**4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**4.1 RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM DESTINATION: HOME REGARDING THE 2020-2025 COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS**

Chad Bojorquez of Destination: Home reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee discussed the following: public funding, potential vacant land sites, supportive housing, and interim housing sites.

Public Comments:

Charles Julien (General Manager at Maple Tree Inn) there are concerns of the encampment at the Sunnyvale East Channel as there have been several incidents with the unhoused and he is concerned for his hotel staff and guests and would like to know how Valley Water can assist with these serious issues (vandalism, trespassing, verbal assault, harassment of our guests, suspected criminal activity, and other issues).

Joanne Price (Co-founder strategy and innovation with Dignity Moves) willing to assist with placement of the unhoused. She explained how her organization works with vacant properties/landowners to install tiny homes along with the other services they offer.

Committee Chair Director Richard P. Santos stated that Jim Davis (helps Veterans) and Barry Swenson are also available to assist.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee took no action.

**4.2 UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER'S ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP OPERATIONS**

Jennifer Codianne reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee discussed the following: porta potties, debris bins, recruitment to help with cleanups, grant money for approval going to Board on June 27<sup>th</sup>, law enforcement updates (city/county/state) and safety issues.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee took no action.

**4.3 RECEIVE THE PROPOSED VALLEY WATER PROPERTY EVALUATION CHECKLIST FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING TO SUPPORT UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS, WHICH PROVIDES POLICY PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE DECISIONS TO UTILIZE VALLEY WATER PROPERTY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING**

Jennifer Codianne reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and answered questions as needed.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee discussed the following: the potential site location at Guadalupe/Cherry (parcel is 2.4 acres) which was approved by the San José City Council. A joint agreement will be needed to proceed; however, Valley Water needs more information before making any decisions.

The Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee took no action, however, would like to discuss this topic further at another meeting.

#### **4.4 REVIEW 2023 ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The Committee would like to meet in August with the following potential agenda items confirm with staff on availability of guest speakers:

- ❖ Safety Update (SJPd, County, Parole, etc.)
- ❖ Legal Review (Gilroy Ordinance) on The Proposed Valley Water Property Evaluation Checklist
- ❖ Overview of the San Jose Project

The Environmental and Water Resources Committee took no action.

#### **5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE'S REQUESTS TO THE BOARD**

Glenna Brambill reported there was no formal action item for Board consideration.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

##### **6.1 ADJOURN**

Committee Chair Director Richard P. Santos adjourned at 12:13 p.m. to the next special meeting on Friday, August 2023, at 10:00 a.m. date to be determined.

Submitted by:

Glenna Brambill  
Board Committee Liaison  
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 8-14-2023