



STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021
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 by Director Barbara Keegan at 12:00 p.m. on March 11, 2021, in the District Headquarters Building, Conference Room A-124, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California.

Board members attending by videoconference: 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 in Conference Room A-124: Michele King, Clerk of the Board. Staff in attendance by videoconference: John Bourgeois, Glenna Brambill, Anthony Fulcher, Vincent Gin, Chris Hakes, Ryan Heacock, Bassam Kassab, Clayton Leal, Eric Olson, Steve Peters, Lisa Porcella, Melanie Richardson, Afshin Rouhani, Kevin Sibley, Sue Tippets, and Sarah Young.

Guests in attendance by videoconference: Mark Saturnio, City of San Jose; Yves Zsutty, City of San Jose; Stan Williams, former Valley Water Chief Executive Officer; and Chuck Hammerstad, Northern California Council Fly Fishers International.

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**

3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The SPOC considered the draft minutes from the January 14, 2021 meeting. It was moved by Director LeZotte, seconded by Director Estremera, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as presented.

4. INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Receive Updates on Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Progress and Deliverables.

Staff provided updates on the following FAHCE subjects:

Mr. Ryan Heacock reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Mr. Clayton Leal reviewed the FAHCE Monitoring Plan as shown on Attachment 2. Director Estremera requested that information and graphics presented in the FAHCE Monitoring Plan presentation be shown at future FAHCE public meetings and a future Board meeting to document how Valley Water is investing in the care of fish.

Mr. Bassam Kassab reviewed the FAHCE Plus Pilot Flows Implementation of Guadalupe Creek and Stevens Creek as shown on Attachment 1. Mr. Vincent Gin provided an explanation on the reasons the pilot is FAHCE Plus versus FAHCE, in response to a question from Mr. Stan Williams.

Ms. Lisa Porcella provided an update on the recent Initialing Parties meeting.

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

Mr. John Bourgeois introduced Mr. Yves Zsutty and Mr. Mark Saturnio from the City of San Jose. Mr. Zsutty provided an update on the removal of the fish passage barrier at Singleton Road at Coyote Creek.

4.3 Receive Update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project.

Mr. Chris Hakes provided an update on this item as outlined in the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

4.4 Receive Update on Discussions with the FAHCE Adaptive Management Team.

Mr. Vincent Gin and Ms. Porcella provided an update on the FAHCE Adaptive Management Team (AMT) as outlined in the attached Committee Agenda Memo.

Mr. Williams commended staff for creating and engaging the AMT and asked staff to explain the rules and procedures being followed. Ms. Porcella and Mr. John Bourgeois provided a high-level explanation of the process being used that is structured in the settlement agreement, with the understanding that it is a live document, and that there will be some turns and changes in the coming years.

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 reviewed the work plan, board action of committee request, and information on the next agenda.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

There were no committee requests.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Keegan adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:10 p.m. to the May 13, 2021 meeting.



Michele L. King
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 5/13/21