

STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, July 8, 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 July 8, 2021.

Board members in attendance: 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: Emmanuel Aryee, Aaron Baker, John Bourgeois, Anthony Fulcher, Vincent Gin, Chris Hakes, Ryan Heacock, Bassam Kassab, Michele King, David Montenegro, Eric Olson, Lisa Porcella, Kelly White, Ken Wong, Tina Yoke and Sarah Young.

Guests in attendance: John Varela, District 1 Director; Stan Williams, Cordoba Corporation; Leslie Tice, HDR.

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

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The SPOC considered the draft minutes from the May 13, 2021 meeting. It was moved by Director Estremera, seconded by Director LeZotte, 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, Senior Water Resource Specialist, announced that the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was released on June 30, 2021 and stated that a virtual public meeting would be held on July 21, 2021.

Mr. Eric Olson, Senior Engineer, provided an update on the FAHCE Plus Pilot Flows Implementation at Guadalupe Creek and Stevens Creek as outlined the attached SPOC agenda memorandum.

Ms. John Bourgeois, Deputy Operating Office, provided an update on the Adaptive Management Team and the FAHCE Initialing Parties activity as outlined in the attached SPOC agenda memorandum.

Mr. Lisa Porcella, Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Manager, gave an update on the FAHCE contracts as outlined in the attached SPOC agenda memorandum.

Mr. Heacock and Ms. Leslie Tice, HDR, provided an update on the FAHCE draft EIR as presented in Item 4.1, Handout 1, PowerPoint presentation.

SPOC Chair Keegan expressed concern for access to the public libraries where the draft EIR could be viewed and reiterated that the document could be viewed at the Valley Water offices. Staff provided a list of the six libraries where copies of the draft EIR are located.

Director LeZotte requested that an item be added to the SPOC work plan in September to receive an update on the draft EIR public comment themes after the public comment period is over.

SPOC Chair Keegan requested that when presentations are made to the full Board and the public, that examples of programmatic and project draft EIR be included.

4.2 Receive Update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project.

Mr. Chris Hakes, Deputy Operating Officer, provided an update on this item as outlined in the attached SPOC agenda 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 work plan and draft agenda for the September meeting, updating that an item would be added in September to review the draft EIR comment themes.

Due to the number of items currently scheduled for the September meeting, SPOC Chair Keegan will work with the Board scheduler and committee members on identifying a date for a field tour originally listed to occur in September.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS. There were no committee requests.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Keegan adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:20 pm. to the September 9, 2021 meeting.

Michele L. King

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Approved: September 9, 2021