



SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM  
INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE

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# MINUTES

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee was held on February 7, 2024 at Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Jeffrey Hare called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**1.1. ROLL CALL**

A quorum was established with 8 Members present.

**Members in attendance were:**

District 1: Marc Rauser

District 2: Chairperson Jeffrey Hare, Kathleen Sutherland

District 3: Will Ector

District 5: Bill Hoeft, George Fohner

District 6: Patrick Kwok

District 7: Vice Chairperson Cari Templeton

**Members not in attendance were:**

District 3: Jean Marlowe

District 6: Andres Quintero

District 7: Forest Peterson, Ph.D

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, District 5; and Director Richard Santos, District 3.

Valley Water staff in attendance were: Emmanuel Aryee, Lisa Bankosh, Erin Baker, Sandra Benavidez, Mark Bilski, Wade Blackard, John Bourgeois, Jennifer Codianne, Jessica Collins, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Alex Gordon, Chris Hakes, Emelia Lamas, Dave Leon, Ryan McCarter, Judy Nam, Karl Neuman, Julianne O'Brien, Sophie Padilla, Tracy

Pena, Luz Penilla, Lisa Porcella, Metra Richert, Kevin Sibley, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Kristen Yasukawa, and Tina Yoke.

Public in attendance were: Rebecca Eisenberg, Katja Irvin, Osha Meserve, Forest Peterson, Rick, and John Varela.

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

There was no one who wished to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 APPROVE THE JANUARY 24, 2024 IMC MINUTES**

It was moved by Member Kwok, seconded by Member Ector, and carried by unanimous vote, to approve the January 24, 2024 Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

Chairperson Hare announced that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss results of the various subcommittee meetings and review the final IMC report in response to the Valley Water report, including incorporating any feedback provided during the meeting and approval of staff recommendations.

Chairperson Hare moved the agenda to item 4.2.

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**4.2 REPORT DRAFTING COMMITTEE PRESENTS FINAL INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE (IMC) ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**

Discussion ensued relating to Project E8, in which the key performance indicator mentions steelhead, but does not mention Chinook salmon. Jennifer Codianne proposed language that would include all native fish instead of singling out steelhead.

Chairperson Hare moved the agenda to item 4.1.

**4.1 RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON PROJECT A1: PACHECO RESERVOIR EXPANSION**

Ryan McCarter reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1 and was available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to funding, flood protections, access for fish, and additional operating costs.

Public Comments: Osha Meserve spoke relating to disclosure of cost-sharing and the state of the current dam.

Further discussion ensued relating to the importance of the low point improvement project, pumping requirements to move water from San Luis to Pacheco, possible risks associated with stoppage of the project, and information relating to retailers, including whether they support flood protection measures, their position on funding, and their current commitment.

The Committee received the information and requested that staff include information in the report relating to a breakdown of actual benefits provided for the County and a graphic to show expenditures to date and the sources of those expenditures.

Chairperson Hare moved the agenda back to item 4.2.

**4.2 REPORT DRAFTING COMMITTEE PRESENTS FINAL INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE (IMC) ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**

Meenakshi Ganjoo and Jessica Collins reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1, 2, and 3, and were available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to various proposed edits to the report.

It was moved by Member Sutherland, seconded by Member Ector, and carried by unanimous vote, to approve all edits and feedback in the final report for submission to the Board of Directors.

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

The Committee took no formal action.

**6. ADJOURN**

Chairperson Hare adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Dave Leon  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II  
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: December 4, 2024

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