



## ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

**TUESDAY, February 20, 2024**

(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 1:02 p.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. Committee Vice Chair Rebecca Eisenberg arrived as noted below.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Andres Acevedo, Joseph Aranda, Audrey Beaman, Roselyn Bhudsabourg, Mark Bilski, Bart Broome, Rick L. Callender, Theresa Chinte, Jen Codianne, Jessica Collins, Adelina Del Real, Andrew Diaz, Jiana Escobar, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Rachael Gibson, Chris Hakes, Heather Hamp, Brian Hopper, Nicholas Ingram, Bassam Kassab, Michele King, Dave Leon, Deyanira Martinez, Kathy Nguyen, Leslie Orta, Luz Penilla, Shanika Richards, Don Rocha, Michelle San Miguel, Ron Snyder, Genevieve Yip, and Beckie Zisser.

Public in attendance were: XXX-XXX-5464, Arthur, Attendee, Lisa Brancatelli, Yelba Carrillo, Cindy, Leslye Corsiglia, Dyne, Rebecca Eisenberg, Imtiaz-Ali, K. Irvin, Jcaravalho, Sam Jones, Deb K., Lydia Kou, Sam L., Jeff Levine, Wendy Li, Adam Marcus, Elizabeth Menkin, Michsawa, Colleen Murphy, Paul Pereira, Kyle Posey, Joanne Price, Graham Pruss, Renè Ramsay, James Randol, Rick, Sam, Dom Santomieri, Kelly Snider, SWH, Lejla Velic, and Celeste Walker.

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

Samuel Lum, Wendy Li, Dom Asntomieri, and Gail Osmer stated concerns relating to homeless encampments on the Los Gatos Creek Trail.

Chairperson Santos moved the agenda to item 4.1.

**4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**4.1 RECEIVE UPDATE ON SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT'S ONGOING COUNTYWIDE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS.**

Mark Bilski, Yelba Carillo, Sam Jones, and Colleen Murphy reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: Gail Osmer inquired relating to facilitating case conferences with stakeholders and planning and execution of a PIT count. Wendy Li inquired as to blocks to finding temporary housing and working with the San Jose City Council for funding.

Vice Chairperson Eisenberg arrived at 1:19 p.m.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and noted the following:

- The Committee requested that the legislative council to provide an opinion to the Committee relating to whether Valley Water can use land and land value to apply for funding to build housing.
- The Committee requested that the CEO contact the City of San Jose relating to funding opportunities.

### **3.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Eisenberg and seconded by Director Beall, and unanimously carried, to approve the November 1, 2023, Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

Chairperson Santos moved the agenda to item 4.2.

### **4.2 RECEIVE UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER'S ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP OPERATIONS.**

Jennifer Codianne reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Jennifer Codianne and Ron Hansen were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: Gail Osmer inquired as to the cost of fencing. Jeffrey Hare commented relating to fire service calls to homeless encampments.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

### **4.3 RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 1469 IMPLEMENTATION.**

Mark Bilski reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

Mark Bilski and Jennifer Codianne were available to answer questions.

Public comments: Scott Giddens encouraged the Committee to focus on permanent supportive housing. Jeffrey Hare spoke relating to potential funding streams.

The Committee received the information and took no action.

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

The Committee took no action.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**6.1 ADJOURN**

Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Submitted by:

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