



STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MONDAY, May 13, 2024
11:30 AM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

A special meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) was called to order in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 11:42 a.m.

Committee members in attendance were District 2 Director Barbara Keegan, Chairperson Presiding, and Director 1 Director John L. Varela, constituting a quorum of the Committee. District 6 Director Tony Estremera arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, John Bourgeois, Mark De Martini, Ryan Heacock, Bassam Kassab, Clayton Leal, Dave Leon, James Manitakos, Julio Maravilla, Carlos Orellana, Lisa Porcella, Kevin Sibley, Stephanie Simunic, Sarah Young, and Gregory Williams.

Public in attendance: Wendy Bragg and Corina Hong (National Marine Fisheries Service, NMFS), Myra Molina and Emily McKim (California Department of Fish and Wildlife), and William Ware (CalTrout).

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 who wished to speak.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of January 30, 2024 Stream Planning Operations Committee minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the January 30, 2024 Committee meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Varela and seconded by Chairperson Keegan, and unanimously carried that the minutes be approved.

Director Estremera arrived at 11:47 a.m.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. Tour of Singleton Road Site and Percolation Pond Fish Ladder Installation Site.

The Committee departed Valley Water at 11:49 a.m. for a tour of the Singleton Road Site, near Brandybuck Way and Tuers Road, San Jose, and then to Percolation Pond Fish Ladder Installation Site, near Metcalf Park and Forsum Road, San Jose.

The first site visited was near Singleton Road at 12:15 p.m. All three committee members were in attendance: Director Keegan, Director Estremera and Director Varela. Valley Water Senior Engineer Kevin Sibley and Senior Water Resources Specialist Clayton Leal showed a poster board with before and after pictures and talked the group about the details of the fish passage issues at the site and discussed the design and the solutions.

The second site visited was the Coyote Percolation Pond and Fish Ladder Installation Site, near Metcalf Park and Forsum Road, San Jose. The site tour began at 1:10 p.m. with all three committee members in attendance. Valley Water Senior Water Resources Specialist Ryan Heacock and Clayton Leal showed a poster board with before and after pictures and talked about the 1930's history of the facility, as well as improvements and changes to the facility over the years including the fish ladder addition in 1999 and recent fish ladder modifications, the 2023 fish lane addition and the new rubber dam. Staff also discussed a second phase of the project expected in 2027 which will include further facility improvements to enable the fish lane and fishway to meet the latest 2023 NMFS fish passage criteria.

Director Varela requested site tours occur more often to track progress.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS

The Committee took no action.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn.

Upon the end of the tour at the Percolation Pond Fish Ladder Installation Site, Chairperson Keegan adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Approved: August 20, 2024