



## **Santa Clara Valley Water District Stream Planning & Operations Committee Meeting**

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California  
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### **SPECIAL MEETING AND SITE VISIT (IN-PERSON ONLY) AGENDA**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025  
11:00 AM**

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**District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.**

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**BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

John Varela, Vice Chairperson  
Director District 1  
Tony Estremera, Member  
Director District 6  
Shiloh Ballard, Member  
Director District 2

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

1.1. Roll Call.

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

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### **3. CLOSED SESSION:**

3.1. CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL [25-0545](#)  
Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
San Francisco Baykeeper v. Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Santa Clara County Superior Court Case Number 22CV403523

3.2. CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL [25-0546](#)  
Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
In re: Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Rights Change Petitions  
For Licenses 6943, 11791, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 6944, 2837, and  
5729, State Water Board, Administrative Hearings Office  
Protestants: San Francisco Baykeeper; California Trout; Northern California  
Council, Fly Fishers International; California Department of Fish & Wildlife

3.3. District Counsel Report on Closed Session.

### **4. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:**

4.1. Election of 2025 Stream Operations and Planning Committee (SPOC) [25-0502](#)  
Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.  
Recommendation: Nominate and elect the SPOC Chairperson and Vice  
Chairperson.  
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193  
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

5.1. Approval of August 20, 2024 Stream Planning Operations Committee  
(SPOC) Minutes. [25-0500](#)  
Recommendation: Approve the minutes.  
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193  
Attachments: [Attachment 1: 08202024 SPOC Minutes](#)  
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

### **6. REGULAR AGENDA:**

6.1. Review Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Work  
Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the  
Commission's Next Meeting Agenda. [25-0501](#)  
Recommendation: A. Review the Stream Planning and Operations  
Committee's Board-assigned Purpose, and;  
B. Review the draft 2025 Stream Planning and Operations  
Committee's Work Plan and incorporate any new  
tasks.  
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2025 SPOC Work Plan](#)

Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

6.2. Tour of Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvements Site. [25-0530](#)

Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation associated with this item. The tour of the Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvements Project Site is for informational purposes only and no action is requested to be taken by the Committee at this time.

Manager: John Bourgeois, 408-630-2990

Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)

Est. Staff Time: 90 Minutes

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

*This is an opportunity for the Clerk to review and obtain clarification on any formally moved, seconded, and approved requests and recommendations made by the Committee during the meeting.*

**8. ADJOURN:**

8.1 Adjourn.



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

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File No.: 25-0545

Agenda Date: 6/11/2025  
Item No.: 3.1.

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## NON-EXHIBIT/CLOSED SESSION ITEM

**SUBJECT:**

CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
San Francisco Baykeeper v. Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Santa Clara County Superior Court Case Number 22CV403523

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0546

Agenda Date: 6/11/2025

Item No.: 3.2.

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## NON-EXHIBIT/CLOSED SESSION ITEM

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### **SUBJECT:**

CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

In re: Santa Clara Valley Water District Water Rights Change Petitions

For Licenses 6943, 11791, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 6944, 2837, and 5729,

State Water Board, Administrative Hearings Office

Protestants: San Francisco Baykeeper; California Trout; Northern California Council,

Fly Fishers International; California Department of Fish & Wildlife

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0502

Agenda Date: 6/11/2025

Item No.: 4.1.

## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Stream Planning and Operations Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes  No   
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

### **SUBJECT:**

Election of 2025 Stream Operations and Planning Committee (SPOC) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Nominate and elect the SPOC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

### **SUMMARY:**

Per the Board Resolution, the duties of the Chair and Vice-Chair are as follows:

The officers of each Committee shall be a Chair and Vice Chair, both of whom shall be members of that Committee. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by the Committee, each for a term of one year commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31 and for no more than two consecutive terms. The Committee shall elect its officers at the first meeting of the calendar year. All officers shall hold over in their respective offices after their term of office has expired until their successors have been elected and have assumed office.

The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, and he or she shall perform other such duties as the Committee may prescribe consistent with the purpose of the Committee.

The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence or incapacity of the Chair. In case of the unexpected vacancy of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform such duties as are imposed upon the Chair until such time as a new Chair is elected by the Committee.

Should the office of Chair or Vice-Chair become vacant during the term of such office, the Committee shall elect a successor from its membership at the earliest meeting at which such election would be practicable, and such election shall be for the unexpired term of such office.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY IMPACT:**

There are no environmental justice or equity impacts associated with this item.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0500

Agenda Date: 6/11/2025

Item No.: 5.1.

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## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Stream Planning and Operations Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes  No   
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

### **SUBJECT:**

Approval of August 20, 2024 Stream Planning Operations Committee (SPOC) Minutes.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes.

### **SUMMARY:**

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, a summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the SPOC, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted to the Committee for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the Committee's historical record archives and serve as the official historical record of the Committee's meeting.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY IMPACT:**

There are no environmental justice and equity impacts associated with this action. This action is unlikely to or will not result in adverse impacts.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 08202024 SPOC Minutes

### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

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STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

# DRAFT MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, August 20, 2024**  
**12:00 P.M.**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

A regular 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 12:03 p.m.

Committee members in attendance were District 2 Director Barbara Keegan, Chairperson presiding, and Director 6 Director Tony Estremera, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance were: Aaron Baker, John Bourgeois, Rita Chan, Andrew Gschwind, Chris Hakes, Ryan Heacock, Bassam Kassab, Candice Kwok-Smith, Emelia Lamas, Becky Manchester, Julio Maravilla, Ryan McCarter, Carlos Orellana, Lisa Porcella, Stephanie Simunic, Sarah Young, Wendy Young, and Gregory Williams.

Public in attendance were: District 7 Director Rebecca Eisenberg, Katja Irvin, Becky Manchester, Jessie Maxfield, Nathan Metcalf, and Jim Piazza.

District 1 Director John Varela attended remotely as a member of the public.

**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 May 13, 2024 Stream Planning Operations Committee minutes.**

**Recommendation:** *Approve the minutes.*

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the May 13, 2024 Committee meeting.

Attachment 1  
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Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Estremera and seconded by Chairperson Keegan, and unanimously carried that the May 13, 2024 minutes be approved.

**4. REGULAR AGENDA**

**4.1. Receive and Discuss Updates on Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Implementation.**

**Recommendation:** **Receive updates on FAHCE implementation (including Initialing Parties and Adaptive Management Team meetings) and discuss program and efforts.**

Lisa Porcella, John Bourgeois, Julio Maravilla and Ryan Heacock reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation contained in Attachment 1 and were available to answer questions. Videos of the May 13, 2024 Singleton Road Site and Percolation Pond Fish Ladder Installation Site Committee tour and the FAHCE program were shown.

Public Comments: None.

Chairperson Keegan and Director Estremera commended staff efforts of the tour and suggested tours occur more frequently.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

**4.2. Receive update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and incorporation of FAHCE Conservation Measures for Coyote Creek.**

**Recommendation:** **Receive update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and incorporation of FAHCE conservation measures for Coyote Creek.**

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

Director Estremera thanked staff for their efforts on the project and stated that the overall project contains multiple elements. He suggested a comprehensive site tour with elected officials.

In response to inquiries from Chairperson Keegan, Mr. McCarter stated that the size of the tunnel is 8 feet 4 inches, no unusual soil conditions were found when drilling, and the monitoring the results of the chillers will be tracked to determine the benefit level.

Public comments: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

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

**5.1 Review Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda.**

**Recommendation:** **Review the Commission work plan to guide the Commission's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation.**

Stephanie Simunic stated the next Committee meeting will be scheduled for November 2024 per the Board Scheduler. The Committee took no action.

**6. CLOSED SESSION**

Chairperson Keegan confirmed that the Committee would adjourn to Closed Session to consider Item 6.1.

**6.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION**

**Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) State Water Resources Control Board Proceeding In the matter of Santa Clara Valley Water District Stevens and Guadalupe Creeks, License Nos. 6943, 11791, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 6944, 2837, and 5729 (Application Nos. 5653, 5654, 7141, 7143, 8098, 8099, 8387, 9455, and 11751)**

**CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION**

**Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
San Francisco Baykeeper v. Santa Clara Valley Water District  
Santa Clara County Superior Court Case Number 22CV403523**

**6.2 District Counsel Report on Closed Session.**

Upon return to Open Session, Board members Keegan and Estremera and staff were present.

Andrew Gschwind, District Council, reported that regarding Item 6.1, the Committee met in Closed Session with all members participating and took no reportable action.

**7. ADJOURN:**

**7.1 Adjourn to Regular/Special Meeting at TBD per the Committee.**

Chairperson Keegan adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Stephanie Simunic  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Approved:

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0501

Agenda Date: 6/11/2025

Item No.: 6.1.

## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Stream Planning and Operations Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes  No   
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

### **SUBJECT:**

Review Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- A. Review the Stream Planning and Operations Committee's Board-assigned Purpose, and;
- B. Review the draft 2025 Stream Planning and Operations Committee's Work Plan and incorporate any new tasks.

### **SUMMARY:**

#### Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Purpose

The Stream Planning and Operations Committee's Board-assigned purpose is to support to the Board in areas of:

1. Tracking the progress of Valley Water and other parties (Initialing Parties) of the FAHCE Settlement Agreement in completing requirements enabling dismissal of the water rights complaint and commencement of the restoration program;
2. Identifying and recommending actions the Board can take to ensure expeditious completion of the requirements defined in Purpose 1, including engagement with appointed boards and senior officials of the other Initialing Parties; and
3. Identifying and tracking progress of District and non-District activities that may affect the FAHCE Settlement Agreement and implementation.

The attached Work Plan (Attachment 1) outlines the Board-approved topics for discussion to be able to prepare policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation. The work plan is agendized at each meeting as accomplishments are updated and to review additional work plan assignments by the Board.

### **BACKGROUND:**

### **Governance Process Policy-8:**

The District Act provides for the creation of advisory boards, committees, or commissions by resolution to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Accordingly, the Board has established Advisory Committees, which bring respective expertise and community interest, to advise the Board, when requested, in a capacity as defined: prepare Board policy alternatives and provide comment on activities in the implementation of the District's mission for Board consideration. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Advisory Committees will not direct the implementation of District programs and projects, other than to receive information and provide comment.

Further, in accordance with Governance Process Policy-3, when requested by the Board, the Advisory Committees may help the Board produce the link between the District and the public through information sharing to the communities they represent.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY IMPACT:**

The review of the Commission's Work Plan is not subject to environmental justice and equity analysis.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 2025 SPOC Work Plan

### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

## 2025 Stream Planning and Operations Committee Work Plan

### June 11, 2025 Meeting

The annual work plan establishes a framework for committee discussion and action during the annual meeting schedule. The committee Work Plan is a dynamic document, subject to change as external and internal issues impacting the Valley Water occur and are recommended for committee discussion. Subsequently, an annual committee accomplishments report is developed based on the work plan and presented to the District Board of Directors.

ITEM	WORK PLAN ITEM BOARD POLICY	MEETING DATE	INTENDED OUTCOME(S) (Action of Information Only)
1	<b>Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2025-26</b>	June or first annual meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committee Elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2025 (Action)</li></ul>
2	<b>Review Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests, and the Committee Next Meeting Agenda</b>	Every meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive and review the 2025 Committee work plan (Action)</li><li>• Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate (Action)</li></ul>
3	<b>FAHCE Implementation Update</b>	November or TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive updates on FAHCE Implementation (Information)</li></ul>
4	<b>Discuss District and Non-District Projects and Other Activities that May Affect SPOC</b>	June or TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive information on activities affecting SPOC, as needed (can be integrated into the field or virtual tour). (Information)</li></ul>
5	<b>Receive update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and Incorporation of FAHCE Conservation Measures for Coyote Creek</b>	August or TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive updates on the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and the incorporation of FAHCE Conservation Measures for the Coyote Creek Watershed into ADSRP. (Information)</li></ul>
6	<b>Field or Virtual Tour</b>	June or TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attend an annual field or virtual tour of an applicable site; invite public (Information)</li></ul>

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0530

Agenda Date: 6/11/2025

Item No.: 6.2.

## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Stream Planning and Operations Committee

Government Code § 84308 Applies: Yes  No   
(If "YES" Complete Attachment A - Gov. Code § 84308)

### **SUBJECT:**

Tour of Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvements Site.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

There is no staff recommendation associated with this item. The tour of the Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvements Project Site is for informational purposes only and no action is requested to be taken by the Committee at this time.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Project improved fish passage by gradually raising the bed over 1,800 feet of channel length by creating a sequence of eleven riffles and pools. As a result, steelhead have less than one-foot in height to traverse over each riffle to be able to rest in the adjacent pool. The improvements not only stabilize the channel grade but also provide steelhead, pacific lamprey and other native fish with better access to spawning grounds in the upper reaches of Uvas Creek.

The project was named the 2024 Project of the Year Award by the American Public Works Association (APWA) Silicon Valley Chapter.

The APWA Silicon Valley Chapter recognized the Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvements Project as a public works project that demonstrated excellence in its planning, design, construction and efforts between various stakeholders to complete the project. The Bolsa Project, located in Gilroy, stood out for its excellence in restoring passage for federally threatened steelhead trout and for restoring the creek's natural functions and its bed and bank stability. A video of the project (titled Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvement Project) can be accessed from the 'SCVWD Valley Water' YouTube channel.

Please be aware of the following regarding site access:

The project site will be accessed through Christopher Ranch at the address: 305 Bloomfield Ave, Gilroy, CA 95020

**This Site Tour is in-person only.** Public attendees must provide their own transportation to and

from the tour site.

All visitors, including public attendees, must sign in and out at the Christopher Ranch Personnel Office before 12:50 PM and must wear the provided badge while on site.

The Site Tour will begin promptly at 12:50 - 1:30 pm

**Safety & Parking Reminders:**

1. Christopher Ranch is an active business with lots of traffic.
2. All visitors must enter through the Bloomfield Road entrance (this is the personnel & visitor entrance).
3. All visitors must park in the main lot and walk to the entrance of the access gate.
4. Please exercise caution when parking and walking toward the access gate.
5. All visitors, including public attendees, must sign in and out at the Christopher Ranch Personnel Office.

**Other Reminders:**

Wear comfortable shoes, long sleeves, and sun protection for short walks along the site. Bring water, umbrella or heat protection as needed to stay cool.

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY IMPACT:**

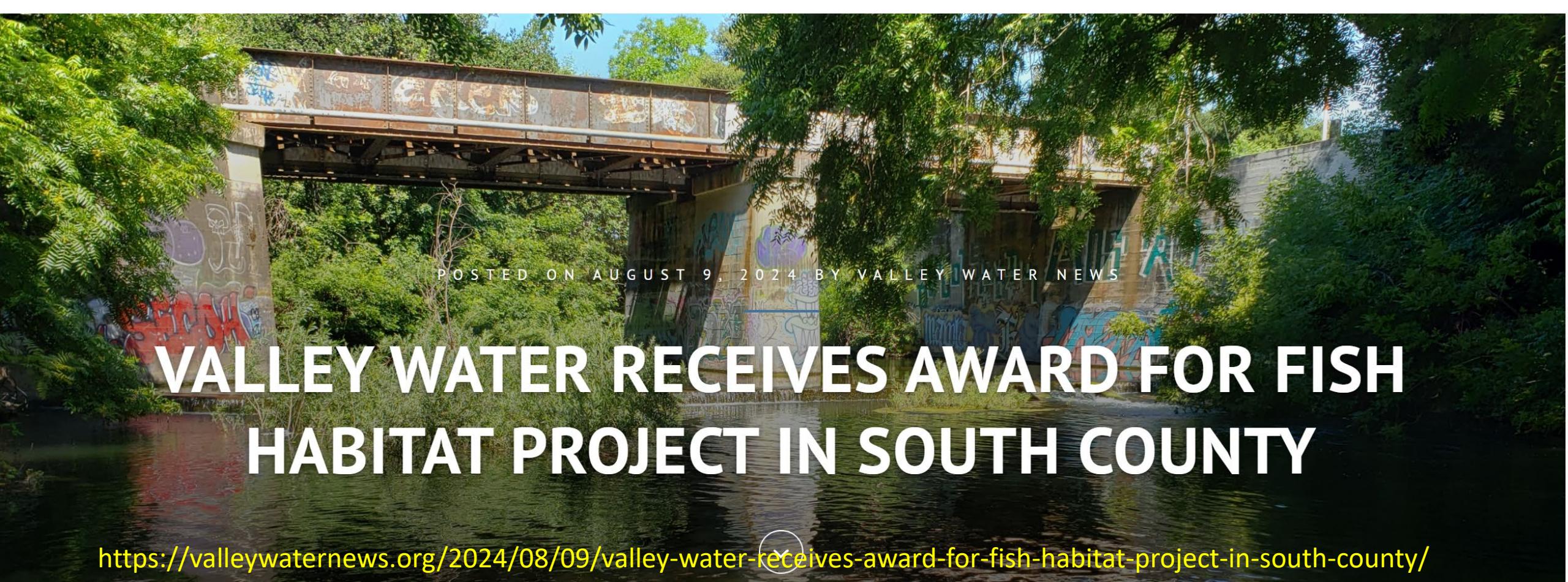
There are no environmental justice and equity impacts associated with this item. This item is unlikely to or will not result in adverse impacts.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

John Bourgeois, 408-630-2990



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# VALLEY WATER RECEIVES AWARD FOR FISH HABITAT PROJECT IN SOUTH COUNTY

<https://valleywaternews.org/2024/08/09/valley-water-receives-award-for-fish-habitat-project-in-south-county/>

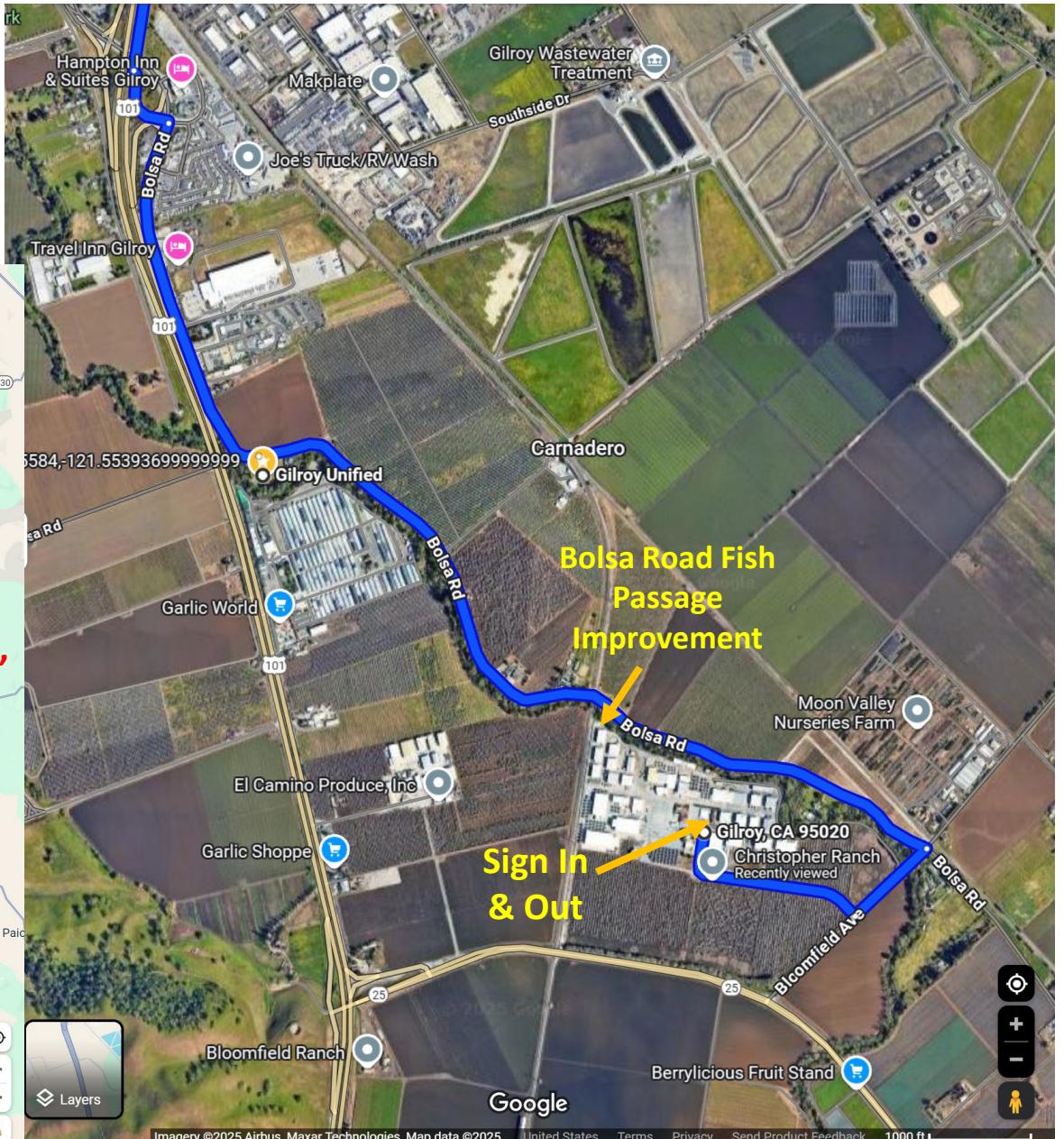
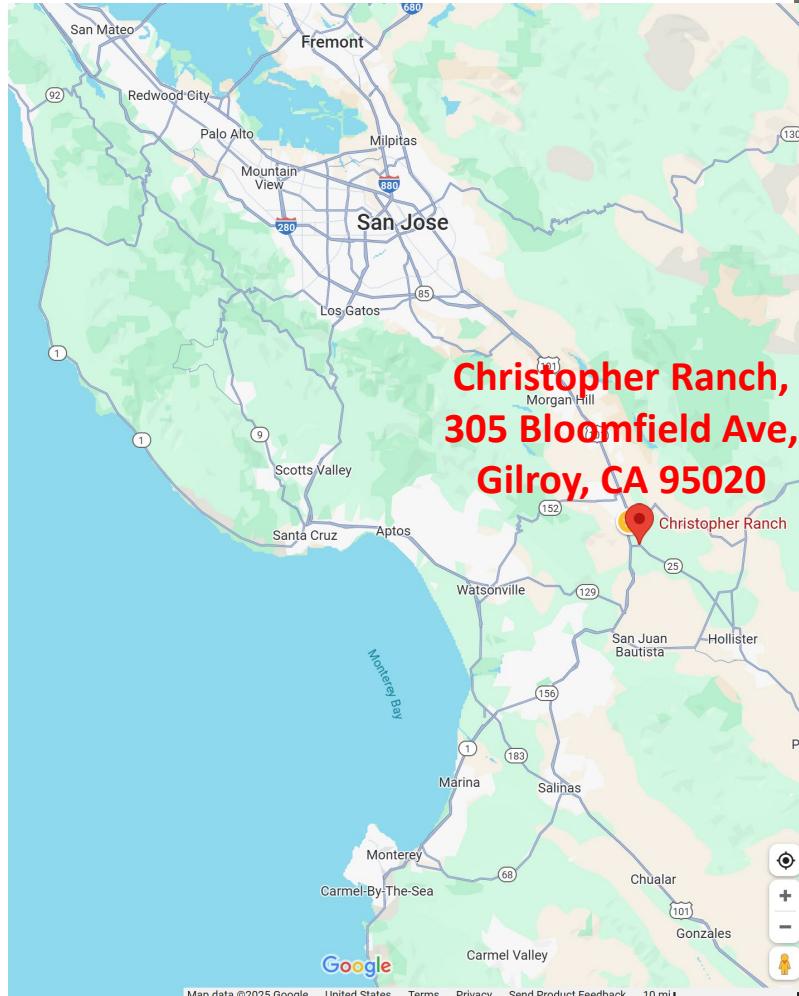
## Tour of Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvement Project

Prepared for Stream Planning and Operations Committee  
June 11, 2025

# Location Map

Sign In and Out required at the Personnel Office

Access Bloomfield via Bolsa Road to avoid left turn on HWY 25 to Bloomfield Avenue.

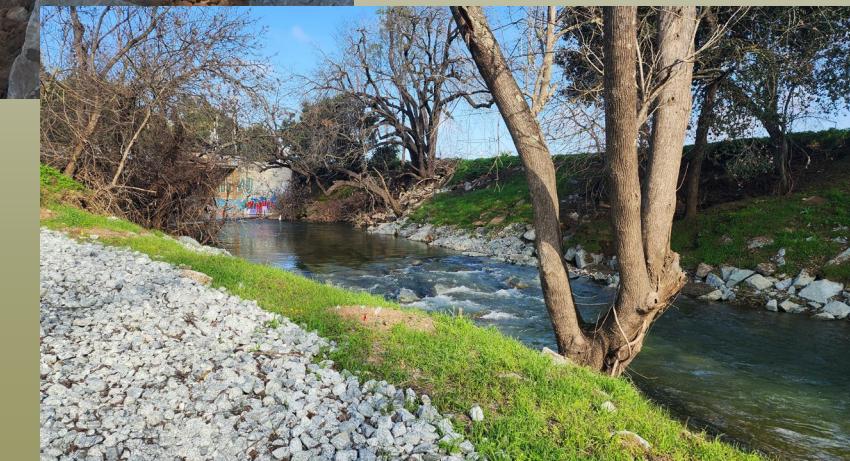


# Uvas Creek- Bolsa Road Fish Barrier Remediation and Geomorphic Restoration

**Before** –Old Denil style fishway gets easily clogged and can create a velocity barrier, in addition there were bank failures downstream



**After** – Bank and grade stabilization using native materials to create a graduated riffles.



# Uvas Creek- Bolsa Road Fish Barrier Remediation and Geomorphic Restoration

Before



After

