



ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MONDAY, July 29, 2024

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special scheduled meeting of the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Meeting was held on July 29, 2024, 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 9:03 a.m.

1.1. ROLL CALL

Committee Board Members in attendance were: Director Jim Beall (District 4), and Committee Chair Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), constituting a quorum of the Committee. Vice Chairperson Director John Varela, (District 1) was absent.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Antonio Alfaro, Audrey Beaman, Mark Bilski, Rick Callender, Isela Chaparro, Jennifer Codianne, Andrew Diaz, Jiana Escobar, Ray Fields, Rachael Gibson, Chris Hakes, Jeff Ham, Mary Harvey, Brian Hopper, Michele King, Candice Kwok-Smith, Cecil Lawson, Dave Leon, Marta Lugo, Sadie Lum, Becky Manchester, Patrice McElroy, Janet Middleton, Don Rocha, Maged Salib, Stephanie Simunic, Cheryl Togami, Derek Woodbury, and Genevieve Yip.

Public in attendance were: Ali, Sarah Balcha, Aisha Daffeh, Derek, Felice, Deb K., Jamie Marcil, Jethroe Moore, Paul, Rick, Bill Roth, John Varela, and Olympia Williams.

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

Chairperson Santos 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

It was moved by Director Beall and seconded by Chairperson Santos, and unanimously carried, to approve the May 17, 2024 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER AND CITY OF SAN JOSÉ COLLABORATION TO REDUCE ENCAMPMENTS ALONG WATERWAYS.

Mark Bilski, Kip Harkness, Deputy City Manager, City of San Jose, Rachael Gibson, and Antonio Alfaro reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo. Mark Bilski, Kip Harkness, Rachael Gibson, Antonio Alfaro, and Jennifer Codianne were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: Mark Culcasi spoke about concerns relating to unhoused individuals living on Los Gatos Creek between Leigh and Bascom Avenues.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and requested that staff report to the Committee with information relating to various points raised by director Beall, including the creation of a joint entity with the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara to assist unhoused individuals living in the creeks, and maximizing Proposition 1 money.

4.2 RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 1469 IMPLEMENTATION.

Mark Bilski, Rachael Gibson, and Jennifer Codianne reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: Gail Osmer spoke relating to the Cherry Avenue site, and Jethroe Moore spoke relating to employee safety and opportunities for community involvement.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.3 RECEIVE UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER'S ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP OPERATIONS.

Jennifer Codianne reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 1. Jennifer Codianne and Ray Fields were available to answer questions.

Public comments: Deb Kramer spoke about trash removal.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.4 REVIEW THE ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE (ECCC) WORK PLAN.

The Committee considered this item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

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

The Committee took no action.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Chairperson Santos adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Date Approved: 08/29/24