



ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, September 10, 2025

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A special scheduled meeting of the Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee Meeting was held on September 10, 2025, 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 1:00 p.m.

1.1. ROLL CALL

Committee Board Members in attendance were: Director Jim Beall (District 4), Director Nai Hsueh (District 5), and Committee Chair Director Richard P. Santos (District 3), constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Valley Water Staff in attendance were: Audrey Beaman, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Mark Bilski, Kendra Boutros, Theresa Chinte, Jen Codianne, Rachael Gibson, Christopher Hakes, Colin Kortman, Dave Leon, Sadie Lum, Becky Manchester, Nicole Merritt, Carlos Orellana, Mark Poole, Shanika Richards, Don Rocha, Breanne Roderick, Stephanie Simunic, and Kristen Yasukawa.

Public in attendance were: Ashley Dargert, Rebecca Eisenberg, Darlyn Escalante, Cheryl Ho, MD, Tiffany Ho, MD, Soo Jung, LindNguy, Jamie Marcil, Kevin Richardson, and Rick.

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

3.1. APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve the June 27, 2025 meeting minutes.

It was moved by Director Beall and seconded by Vice Chairperson Hsueh, and unanimously carried, to approve the June 27, 2025 Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM SANTA CLARA COUNTY AGENCIES ON UNHOUSED SUPPORT SERVICES

Recommendation: Receive information from the following County agencies:

- A. Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department.
- B. Santa Clara County Office of Veterans Services.

Tiffany Ho, MD, Cheryl Ho, MD, and Soo Jung, Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department, and Darlyn Escalante, Santa Clara County Office of Veterans Services, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 and 2, and were available to answer questions.

Public Comments: Gail Osmer spoke relating to the 988 call system and meeting staff at encampments.

Discussion ensued relating to the impacts of Federal budget cuts on the mental health system within the County, mobile crisis services for unhoused individuals living in the creeks or walking along the creeks, the new County medical facility at Valley Medical Center, and the location of the San Jose VA clinic.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.2 RECEIVE UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER'S ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP OPERATIONS

Recommendation: Receive updates and provide feedback on the following topics:

- A. SJPD and creek safety issues update.
- B. Encampment cleanup program operations and costs update.
- C. Update on Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures (CCFMMP) encampment relocation agreement with City of San Jose.
- D. Update on Water Resources Protection Zones (WRPZ) Ordinance implementation.

Mark Bilski 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.

Public Comments: Gail Osmer spoke relating to outreach teams offering animal services.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and requested that staff provide information at the next Committee meeting relating to needle exchanges and animal services.

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

Recommendation: Review the Committee work plan to guide the committee's discussions regarding policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation and make recommendations as necessary.

The Committee considered this item without a staff presentation.

Public Comments: None.

Discussion ensued relating to agendaizing an item regarding first year of implementation of the Water Resources Protection Zones Ordinance in January 2026.

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 2:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

Dave Leon
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Date Approved: January 20, 2026

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