



ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP
COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

(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 2:00 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: Felice Aguilar, Audrey Beaman, Roseryn Bhudsabourg, Mark Bilski, Kendra Boutros, Bart Broome, Jennifer Codianne, Adelina Del Real, Andrew Diaz, Alexander Gordon, Christopher Hakes, Jeff Ham, Heather Hamp, Mary Harvey, Nicholas Ingram, Michele King, Loyd Kinsworthy, Dave Leon, Deyanira Martinez, Kathy Nguyen, Carlos Orellana, James Randol, Shanika Richards, Cecilia Rocha, Donald Rocha, Michelle San Miguel, Ron Snyder, Ryan Tregoning, Zuberi White, Sunny Williams, Genevieve Yip, and Beckie Zisser.

Guests in attendance were: Jamie Marcil, Liz Sewell, and Yitong Zhang (City of San Jose).

Public in attendance were: XXX-XXX-6191, Bill, Lynn Burke, Emily C., Guillaume Choupeaux, Mike Culcasi, Cynthia, D. Devlin, Anne Deschenes, Dyne, Giselle, Harrison, Katja Irvin, Deb K., Barbara Keegan, Yamini Kumar, Wendy Li, Lindsay, Mark, Michelle Meredith-Bowen, Nick, Nirmal, Rick, Sam, and Yitong Zhang.

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

Samuel Lum, Anne Deschenes, Lindsay, Wendy Li, and D. Devlin stated concerns relating to homeless encampments on the Los Gatos Creek Trail.

Vice Chair Eisenberg arrived at 2:07 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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It was moved by Director Beall, seconded by Vice Chair Eisenberg, and unanimously carried, to approve the August 14, 2023, Environmental Creek Cleanup Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

4. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 UPDATE ON VALLEY WATER'S ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP OPERATIONS

Jennifer Codianne reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions.

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

- The Committee requested that staff follow up with the Committee relating to an evaluation of County land for housing.
- The Committee requested that staff develop a relationship with the County of Santa Clara and the City of San Jose relating to the Housing Element roadmap.
- The Committee requested that staff develop and provide an action plan for implementation of AB 1469.

Public Comments: Gail Osmer inquired relating to training of Valley Water employees in the event of an incident during an encampment cleanup, and noted that she has not heard anything negative about Valley Water staff in her interactions with unhoused individuals. Lindsay shared concerns relating to porta potties in the encampments. Yamini Kumar spoke relating to safety and maintenance activities along the Los Gatos creek trail. Anne Deschenes expressed concern that the organization is not addressing the needs of citizens. Nick expressed concern that direct threats to safety are not being addressed. Wendy Li inquired as to what steps can be taken to facilitate clearing encampments.

4.2 UPDATE ON SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT'S NALOXONE AVAILABILITY AND BYSTANDER USE PROGRAM

Alexander Gordon reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions.

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

- The Committee requested that staff follow up with the Committee relating to confidentiality regarding the administering of Naloxone to Valley Water staff members under the NABU program.
- The Committee requested that staff provide an update relating to Valley Water staff who may be required to take NABU program training.
- The Committee request that staff notify and include the Committee members when the training is available.

Public Comments: Gail Osmer inquired as to the projected start date for the program and whether staff can leave Narcan at homeless encampments for emergency use.

4.3 REVIEW THE ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE (ECCC) WORK PLAN, THE OUTCOMES OF BOARD ACTION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS; AND THE COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Jennifer Sewell reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item and was available to answer questions.

The Committee received the information and took no action.

4.4 REVIEW 2023 ENVIRONMENTAL CREEK CLEANUP COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The Committee took no 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 4:03 p.m. to a special meeting and tour on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.

Submitted by:

Dave Leon
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

Date Approved: May 17, 2024