



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

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### **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025  
12:00 PM**

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Director District 2  
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Director District 6  
John Varela, Member  
Director District 1

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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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

3.1. Approval of June 11, 2025 Stream Planning Operations Committee (SPOC) Minutes.

25-0957

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.  
Manager: Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193  
Attachments: [Attachment 1: 06112025 SPOC Minutes](#)  
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

#### 4. REGULAR AGENDA:

4.1. Receive a Summary of the June 11, 2025, Tour of the Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvement and Geomorphic Restoration Site. [25-0973](#)

Recommendation: Receive a Summary of the June 11, 2025, Tour of the Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvement and Geomorphic Restoration Site.

Manager: John Bourgeois, 408-630-2990  
Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)  
Est. Staff Time: 30 Minutes

4.2. Receive Updates on Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Implementation. [25-0965](#)

Recommendation: Receive updates on FAHCE implementation.

Manager: John Bourgeois, (408) 630-2990  
Attachments: [Attachment 1: A Story of Resilience](#)  
Est. Staff Time: 20 Minutes

4.3. Receive Update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and Incorporation of Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Conservation Measures for Coyote Creek. [25-0964](#)

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

Manager: Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983  
Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)  
Est. Staff Time: 45 Minutes

4.4. Review Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda. [25-0958](#)

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

**5. 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.*

**6. ADJOURN:**

6.1. Adjourn.



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0957

Agenda Date: 11/18/2025

Item No.: 3.1.

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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 June 11, 2025 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 IMPACT:**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 06112025 SPOC Minutes

### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

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STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

# DRAFT MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING AND SITE VISIT (IN-PERSON ONLY) AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

11:00 A.M.

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

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 11:00 a.m.

#### 1.1 Roll Call.

Committee members in attendance were District 1 Director John Varela, Vice Chairperson presiding, District 2 Director Shiloh Ballard, and Director 6 Director Tony Estremera, constituting a quorum of the Committee.

Staff members in attendance were: Jason Araujo, Aaron Baker, John Bourgeois, Joe Chavez, Samantha Green, Andrew Gschwind, Mohammad Hussaini, Susana Inda, Leslie Layng, Dave Leon, Nicole Merritt, Carlos Orellana, Lisa Porcella, Don Rocha, Breanne Roderick, Dipankar Sen, Stephanie Simunic, and Sarah Young.

Public in attendance were: None.

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

Vice Chairperson Varela declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one who wished to speak.

Vice Chairperson Varela moved the agenda to Item No. 4.

### 4. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

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

**Recommendation: Nominate and elect the SPOC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**

On a motion from Vice Chairperson Varela, seconded by Director Estremera, Director Ballard was nominated a Committee Chairperson and Director Estremera as Vice Chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Ballard moved the agenda to Item No. 3.

**3. CLOSED SESSION:**

Chairperson Ballard confirmed that the Committee would adjourn to Closed Session to consider Items 3.1 and 3.2.

**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.**

Upon return to Open Session, Board Committee members Ballard, Estremera, Varela and staff were present.

Susana Inda, District Council, reported that regarding Items 3.1 and 3.2, the Committee met in Closed Session with all members participating and took no reportable action.

Chairperson Ballard moved the agenda to Item No. 5.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

**Recommendation: Approve the minutes.**

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the August 20, 2024 Committee meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Varela, and seconded by Vice Chairperson Estremera, and unanimously carried that the August 20, 2024 minutes be approved.

**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.**

**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.**

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and without discussion noted the SPOC Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's next meeting agenda.

**6.2. 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.**

Lisa Porcella 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.

Public Comments: None.

Chairperson Ballard recessed the meeting at Valley Water Headquarters at 11:56 a.m. The Committee departed Valley Water for a tour of Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvements Project Site in Gilroy, California.

The Committee reconvened 12:50 p.m. at the Project Site in Gilroy. Two of the Committee members were in attendance, Chairperson Ballard and Director Varela. Valley Water Senior Project Manager Dipankar Sen and Senior Biologist Lesley Layng provided information relating to the fish barrier remediation and geomorphic restoration, improved fish passage channel length, riffles and pools, and flora and fauna on the project site. Utility Maintenance Manager Jason Araujo provided update on associated reservoir

release operations and flow conditions of the creek and highlighted the importance of instream recharge function of this creek.

Staff further noted the American Public Works Association Silicon Valley Chapter recognized the Project as a public works project that demonstrated excellence in its planning, design, construction and efforts between various stakeholders, and 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.

The Committee received the information about the project, thanked staff for their efforts, and took no formal action.

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

None.

## **8. ADJOURN:**

### **8.1 Adjourn.**

Chairperson Ballard adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Date Approved:

Stephanie Simunic  
Assistant Deputy Clerk II



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0973

Agenda Date: 11/18/2025

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:**

Receive a Summary of the June 11, 2025, Tour of the Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvement and Geomorphic Restoration Site.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive a Summary of the June 11, 2025, Tour of the Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvement and Geomorphic Restoration Site.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Committee toured the Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvement Site on Uvas Creek in Gilroy on June 11, 2025. This stewardship project, funded by the Safe Clean Water Program, enhanced fish passage in Uvas Creek by remediating an in-stream barrier at the old railroad trestle along Bolsa Road. It also included a geomorphic design that raised the creek bed over 1,800 linear feet through a series of eleven riffles and pools. The newly restored reach will help steelhead, Pacific lamprey, and other native species migrate upstream. In addition, the project also stabilized 1/3 of a mile of Uvas Creek that had been eroding and improved access to the railroad trestle.

Photos of the site visit are included in Attachment 1.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:**

There are no environmental justice impacts associated with this item.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

John Bourgeois, 408-630-2990

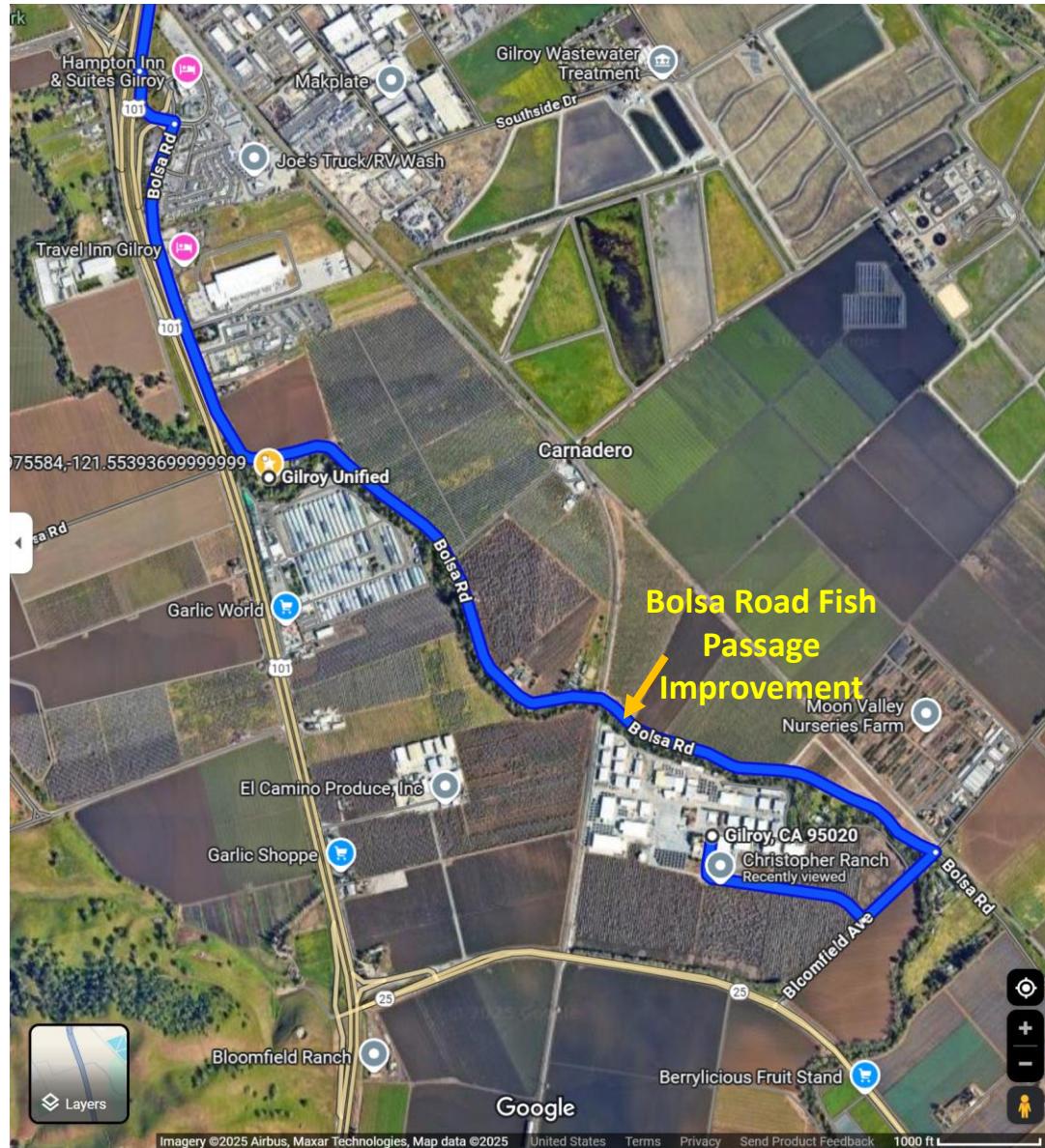
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# June 11, 2025, Tour of Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvement Project

Prepared for Stream Planning and Operations Committee  
November 18, 2025

# Location Map



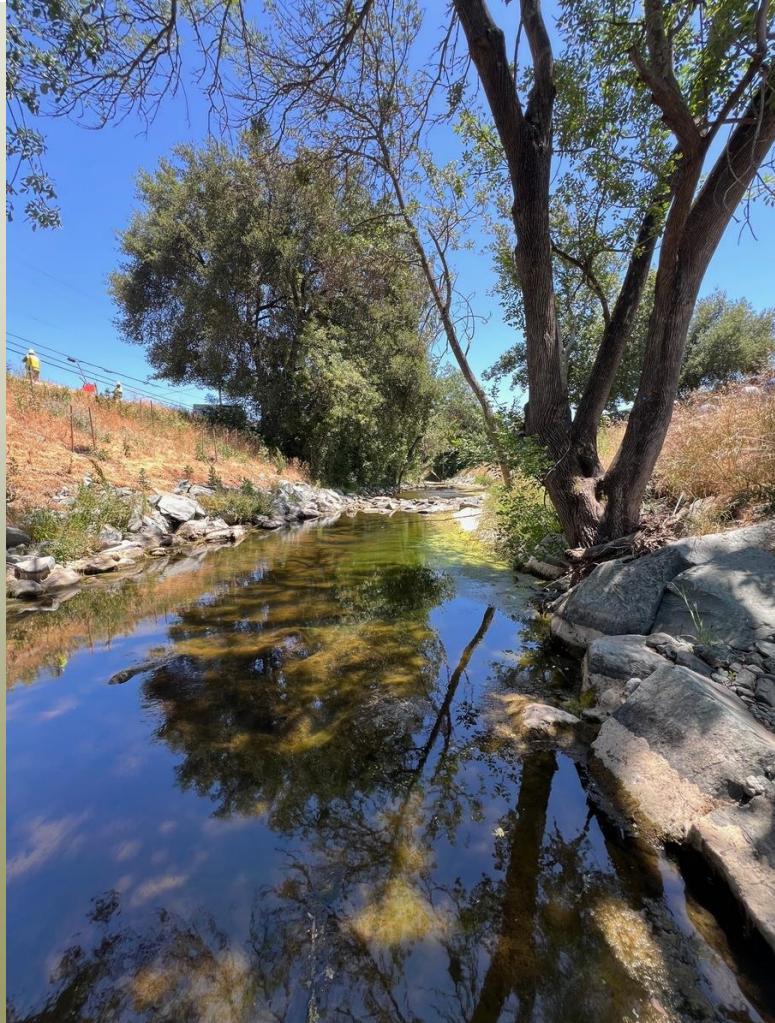
# Uvas Creek- Bolsa Road

## Before Fish Barrier Remediation and Geomorphic Restoration

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



# June 11, 2025 Tour of Uvas Creek- Bolsa Road



# June 11, 2025 Tour of Uvas Creek- Bolsa Road



# June 11, 2025 Tour of Uvas Creek- Bolsa Road



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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0965

Agenda Date: 11/18/2025

Item No.: 4.2.

## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Stream Planning and Operations Committee

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

### SUBJECT:

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

### RECOMMENDATION:

Receive updates on FAHCE implementation.

### SUMMARY:

This item will provide an overview of FAHCE implementation activities that have occurred since the last regular Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) meeting on August 20, 2024. These include stakeholder and adaptive management meetings, the completion of the first Annual Monitoring Report, and the release of a public outreach video.

### A. Key Activities

Since the August 20th, 2024 SPOC meeting, Valley Water and California Trout, Inc., the Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and San Francisco Baykeeper have been principally focused on mediation concerning Valley Water's FAHCE-related water rights' change petitions and the protests submitted by these entities. The Adaptive Management Team (AMT) has concentrated on real-time coordination of flow implementation through the FAHCE Operations Workgroup (OWG). The AMT has also led the preparation, review, and discussion of the First Annual Report.

### Adaptive Management Team (AMT)

On September 26, 2024, members of the AMT from CDFW and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) met with Valley Water to review and clarify the 50% ramping rates implemented under the FAHCE Settlement Agreement. Following those discussions, all parties agreed that Valley Water would continue applying the 50% ramping rates during the 2024-2025 wet season, while monitoring their effectiveness and reporting findings to the AMT.

To support this effort, Valley Water developed a Ramping Rate Monitoring Proposal, which received agency approval during the January 9, 2025, AMT meeting. The first phase involved a desktop analysis using LiDAR technology to create high-resolution topographic models of creek channels, identifying potential fish stranding zones. These findings guided targeted field assessments, and on September 29, 2025, Valley Water submitted a comprehensive summary of both LiDAR and field-based results to the AMT.

### **FAHCE Operations Workgroup**

On December 19, 2024, the FAHCE Operations Workgroup met to discuss operational challenges and considered adaptive strategies to maintain compliance with FAHCE flow objectives under varying hydrologic conditions. This meeting followed Valley Water's earlier November 8, 2024, notification to the OWG that recommended a deviation from FAHCE Plus flow rates at Almaden Reservoir to provide more ecological benefits to Alamitos Creek. The proposal recommended reducing flows 8 cubic feet per second (cfs) to a release of 3 cfs to maintain creek connectivity to the confluence. As a part of the modification, Valley Water committed to monitoring creek conditions throughout the operational period, focusing on reaches vulnerable to dry-back, to ensure ecological objectives continued to be met. The OWG agreed with the proposal and Valley Water implemented the change.

More recently, Valley Water recommended a similar deviation on October 21, 2025, which was promptly approved by CDFW.

### **FAHCE First Annual Report (October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024)**

Since October 1, 2023, Valley Water has fully implemented the FAHCE-Plus flow measures at Lexington, Calero, Guadalupe, Almaden, and Stevens Creek reservoirs. Following one year of implementation, Valley Water prepared a Draft Annual Report in accordance with the adaptive management framework outlined in the Fish Habitat Restoration Plan (Final Environmental Impact Report-Appendix A, August 8, 2023).

An AMT meeting was held on June 3, 2025, to review the report's structure and next steps. The complete draft was distributed to AMT members on June 5, 2025, with comments requested by August 8, 2025. Valley Water received, reviewed, and addressed a total of 38 comments, after which the report was revised and redistributed to the AMT on September 11, 2025.

### **Video on FAHCE Program Released**

On February 4, 2025, Valley Water released a video, "A Story of Resilience," showcasing the FAHCE program (Attachment 1). The video highlights Valley Water's biologists as they monitor the Central California Coast steelhead. The video shows the team collecting critical data on fish populations, using electrofishing and tagging to track juvenile steelhead as they migrate from local creeks through San Francisco Bay to the Pacific Ocean.

On October 2, 2025, Valley Water received a first-place STAR Award for this video, which reached over 75,000 views on Valley Water's social media platforms.

## B. Next Steps

The next steps are for the Valley Water team to continue both flow and non-flow FAHCE implementation efforts, respond to the water rights protests, and prepare for the upcoming IP and AMT meetings. Additionally, the Second Annual Report will be released in March 2026.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:**

There are no environmental justice impacts from this item.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: A Story of Resilience

### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

John Bourgeois, 408-630-2990

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# Attachment 1. A Story of Resilience (Extended)

Stream Planning and Operations Committee

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Video: A Story of Resilience (Extended)

Also accessible from <https://www.valleywater.org/FAHCE>

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# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0964

Agenda Date: 11/18/2025

Item No.: 4.3.

## COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMORANDUM Stream Planning and Operations Committee

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

### **SUBJECT:**

Receive Update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and Incorporation of Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Conservation Measures for Coyote Creek.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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

### **SUMMARY:**

The Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (ADSRP) progress continues with the development of incorporated Conservation Measures for Coyote Creek since the last update to this Committee in August 2024.

There are several Conservation Measures for Coyote Creek associated with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Order Compliance Project (FOCP) and ADSRP to maintain suitable flows in Coyote Creek and enhance natural resources. An update on the ongoing design and construction of the Conservation Measures that are currently moving forward is included below.

- The Coyote Creek Stream Augmentation Fish Protection Measure Project (Chillers) construction contract was awarded and Notice to Proceed was issued on October 4, 2023. During construction of ADSRP, the Chillers will lower the temperature of imported water discharged into Coyote Creek just downstream of the existing dam outlet. The Chillers are expected to be complete in March 2026.
- Just below the Diversion Outlet Structure at the mouth of the Anderson Dam Tunnel (ADT), the south weir in Coyote Creek will be completed in November 2026. The north weir was completed in the summer of 2025. The completion of the south weir will allow flows released from Anderson Reservoir through the ADT to be split between the north and south channels of Coyote Creek. The north channel will convey large flow events through the creek, while the south channel will be managed with smaller flows to protect steelhead habitat.

- The Live Oak Restoration Reach is located within the south channel of Coyote Creek and extends downstream past the Boys Ranch, located along the bank of the creek. Designs for this project have included extensive coordination with internal teams and regulatory agencies to continue technical consistency and environmental compliance. Final design is scheduled for early spring 2026, followed by permitting and bid preparation activities. The project will be fully constructed in the summer of 2026. The Live Oak Restoration Reach provides enhanced steelhead habitat that is mitigation for the ADT Project.
- The Draft Feasible Alternative Report for the Ogier Ponds Conservation Measure is complete, and the staff recommended alternative is Alternative 6, which will result in the separation of Coyote Creek from Ogier Ponds for approximately 1.2 miles. The Planning Study for the Conservation Measure is in progress and will be complete in June 2026. As part of this study, geotechnical and hazardous materials investigations were conducted in October 2025 to support the further planning and design of the Conservation Measure. The Conservation Measure is planned for construction in Year 6 of the ADSRP when the reservoir is refilling to minimize the chances of excessive flows moving through the construction area while the Conservation Measure is partially constructed. The Ogier Ponds Conservation Measure offsets environmental impacts from ADSRP.
- The Coyote Percolation Pond Phase II Conservation Measure remains in the design phase, with current efforts focused on finalizing the revised crest gate design and incorporating additional scope for the Pond 10B channel repair and tie-in. The 60% design submittal has been completed and reviewed by both internal and external parties, with comments currently being addressed in preparation for the next design milestone. Coordination with internal teams and regulatory agencies continues to ensure technical consistency and environmental compliance. Final design is scheduled for completion by July 2026, followed by permitting and bid preparation activities. Construction is planned to begin in November 2026, with project completion anticipated by November 2027. The Coyote Percolation Pond Phase II Conservation Measure offsets environmental impacts from the ADSRP.

The Board of Directors certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for ADSRP on February 25, 2025, and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released by FERC for public review on September 12, 2025. Valley Water has obtained the following necessary environmental regulatory permits for the construction of ADSRP to date:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Final Biological Opinion
- National Marine Fisheries Service Final Biological Opinion
- State Water Resources Control Board 401 Water Quality Certification/Waste Discharge Requirements
- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) Consistency Certification
- Draft California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA)

Valley Water is currently in the process of obtaining the remaining regulatory permits, as listed below,

prior to the start of ADSRP construction.

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit
- Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act Compliance
- Valley Habitat Plan Certificate of Compliance

Staff continue to hold and participate in regular technical and permitting discussions with resource agencies for the FOCP and ADSRP. These meetings include bimonthly interagency meetings, technical sub-group meetings for in-stream design work, and several single-agency meetings to discuss permit conditions and requirements, and answer ongoing questions from the agencies.

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:**

There are no Environmental Justice impacts associated with this item.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

**UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Ryan McCarter, 408-630-2983

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# ADSRP Conservation Measures Update Stream Planning and Operations Committee

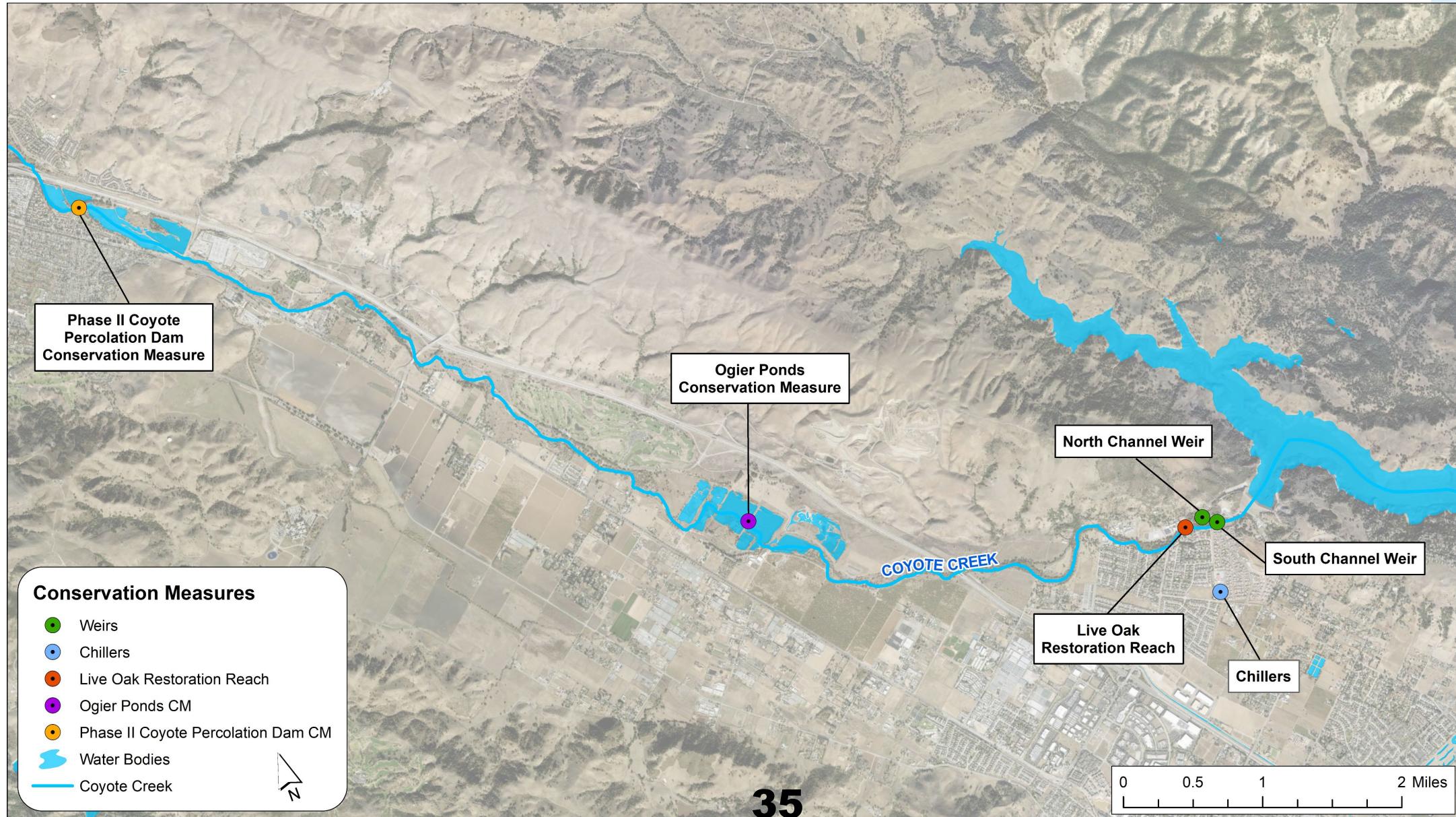
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Presented by: Wendy Murphy and Samantha Greene

# Conservation Measures

- Chillers (FOCP)
- North and South Channel Weirs (FOCP)
- Live Oak Restoration Reach (FOCP)
- Ogier Ponds Conservation Measure (ADSRP)
- Phase II Coyote Percolation Dam Conservation Measure (ADSRP)

# Conservation Measures



# CHILLERS (FOCP)

- Completion Date: March 2026
- Active: Summer 2026



# North and South Channel Weirs (FOCP)

- North Channel Weir  
Complete Summer 2025
- South Channel Weir  
Complete November  
2026



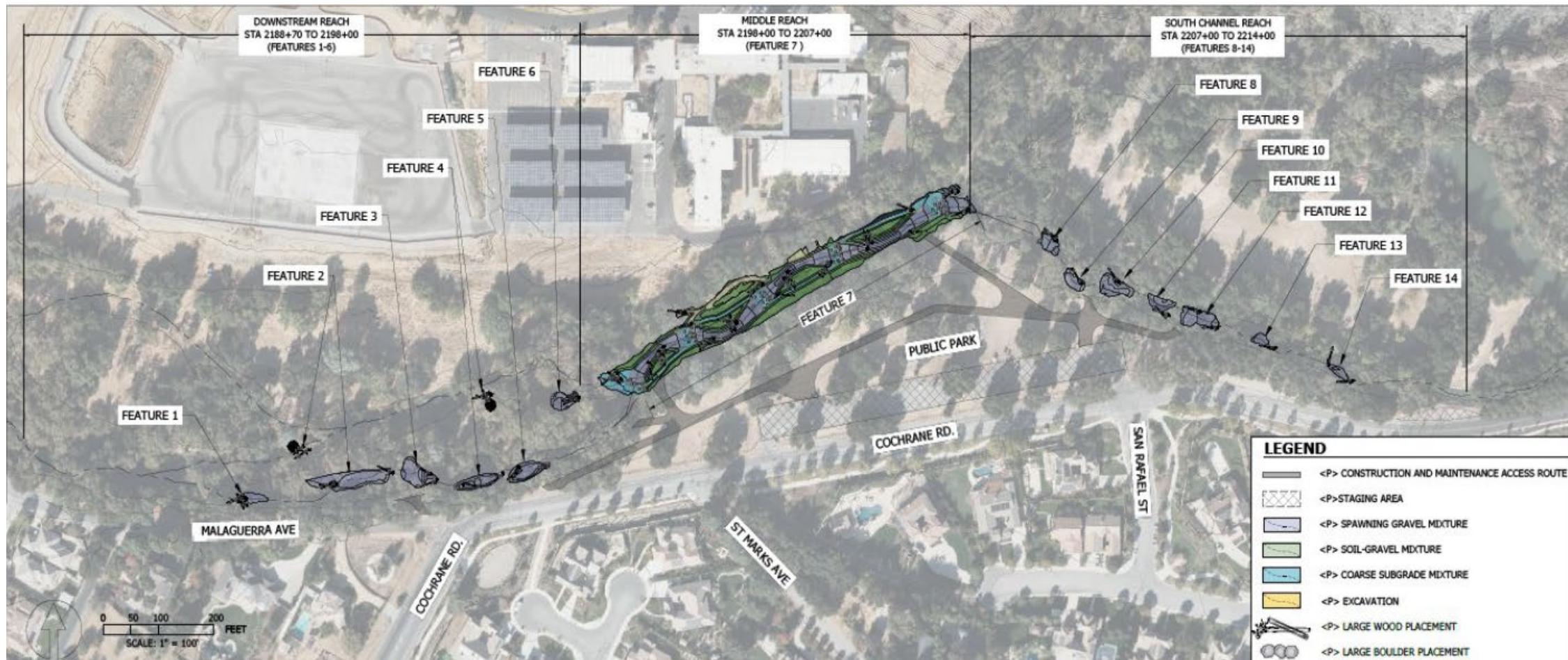
# North Channel Weir (FOCP)



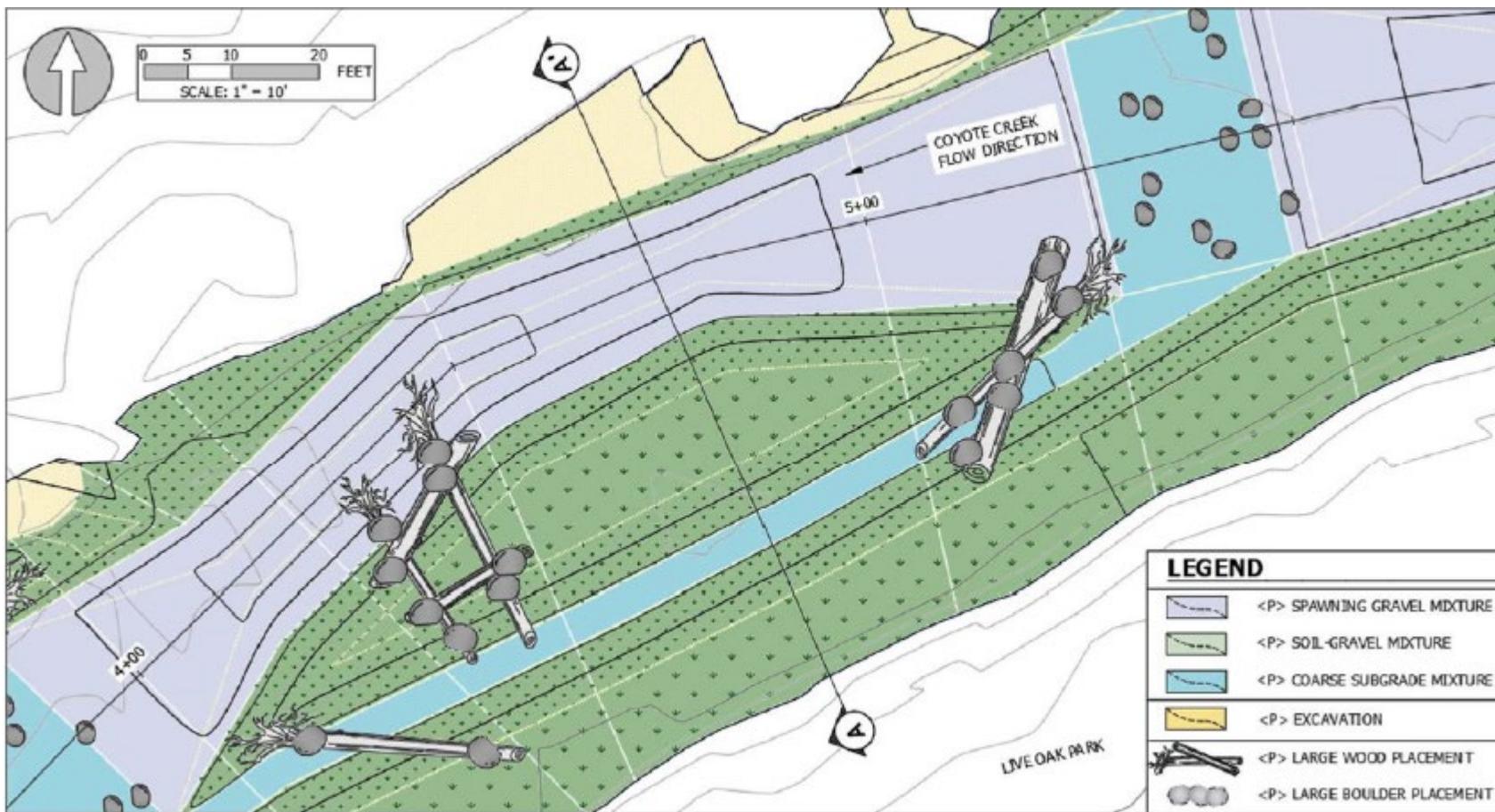
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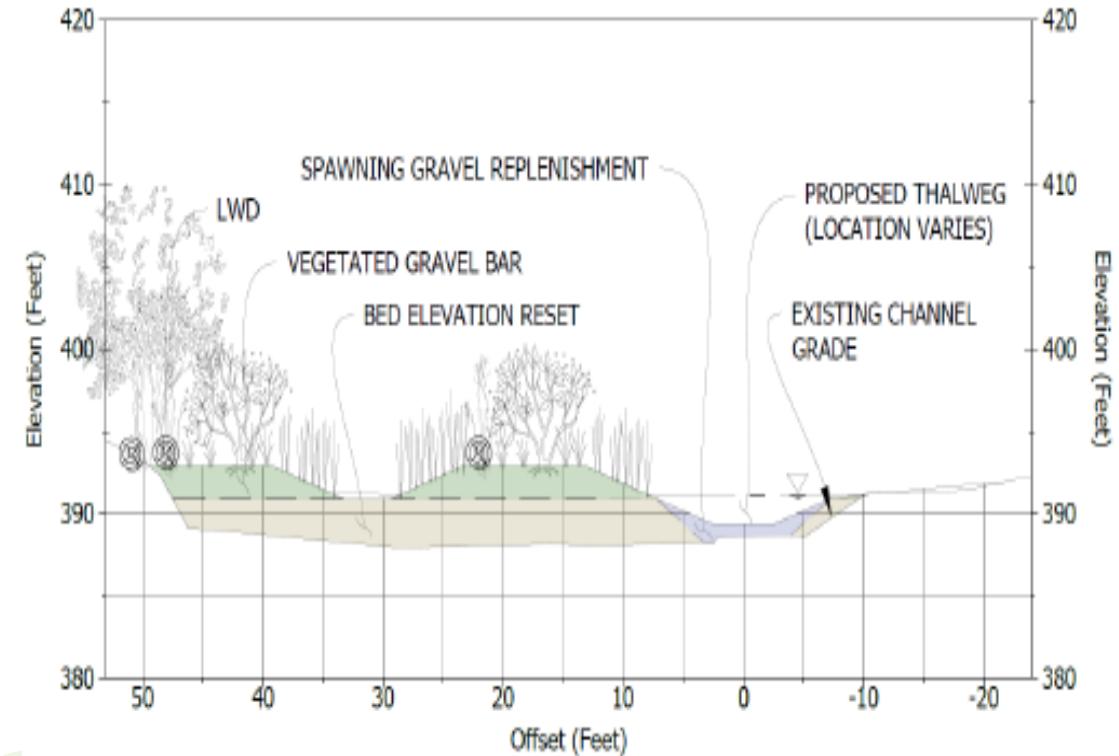


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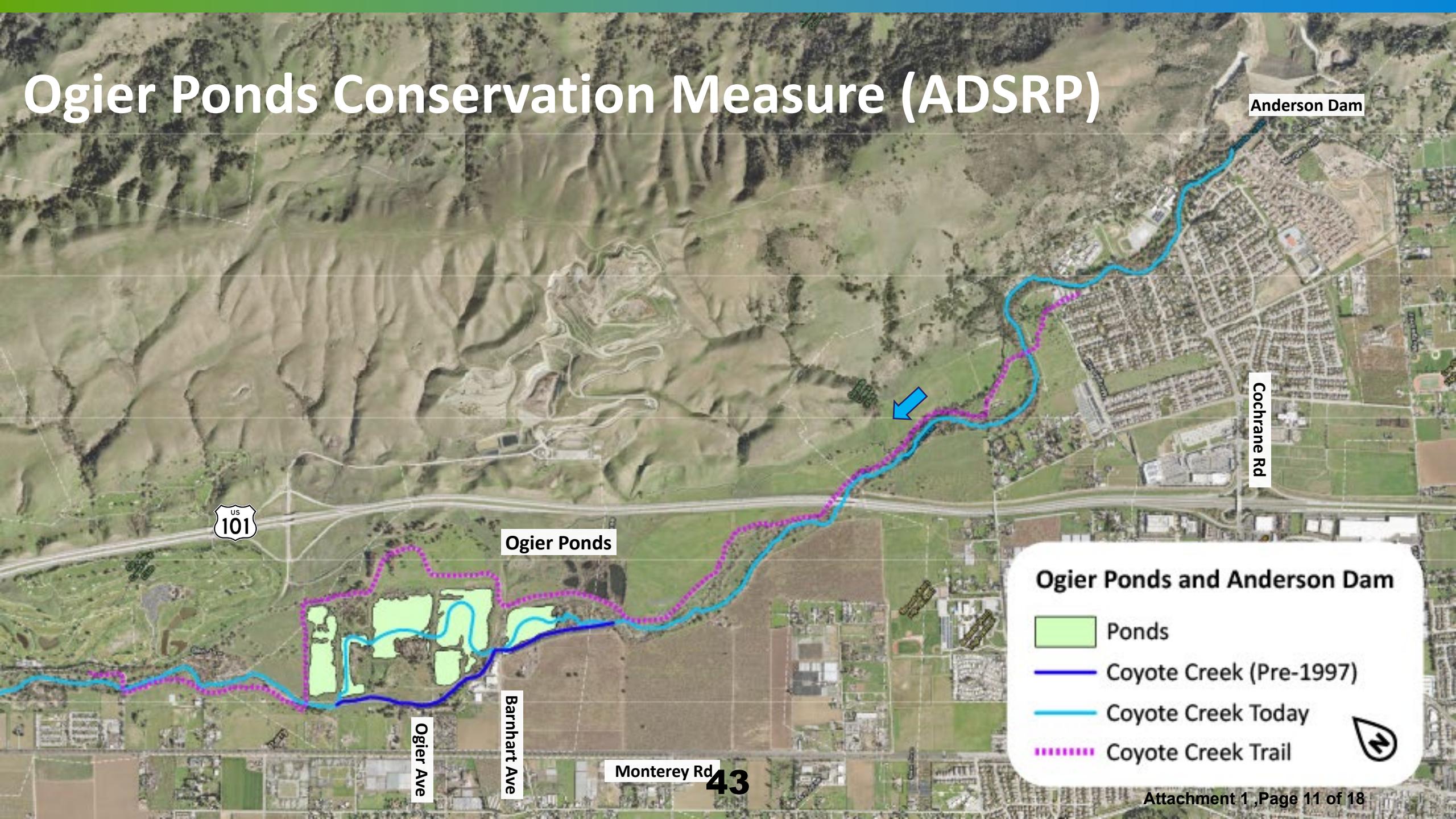


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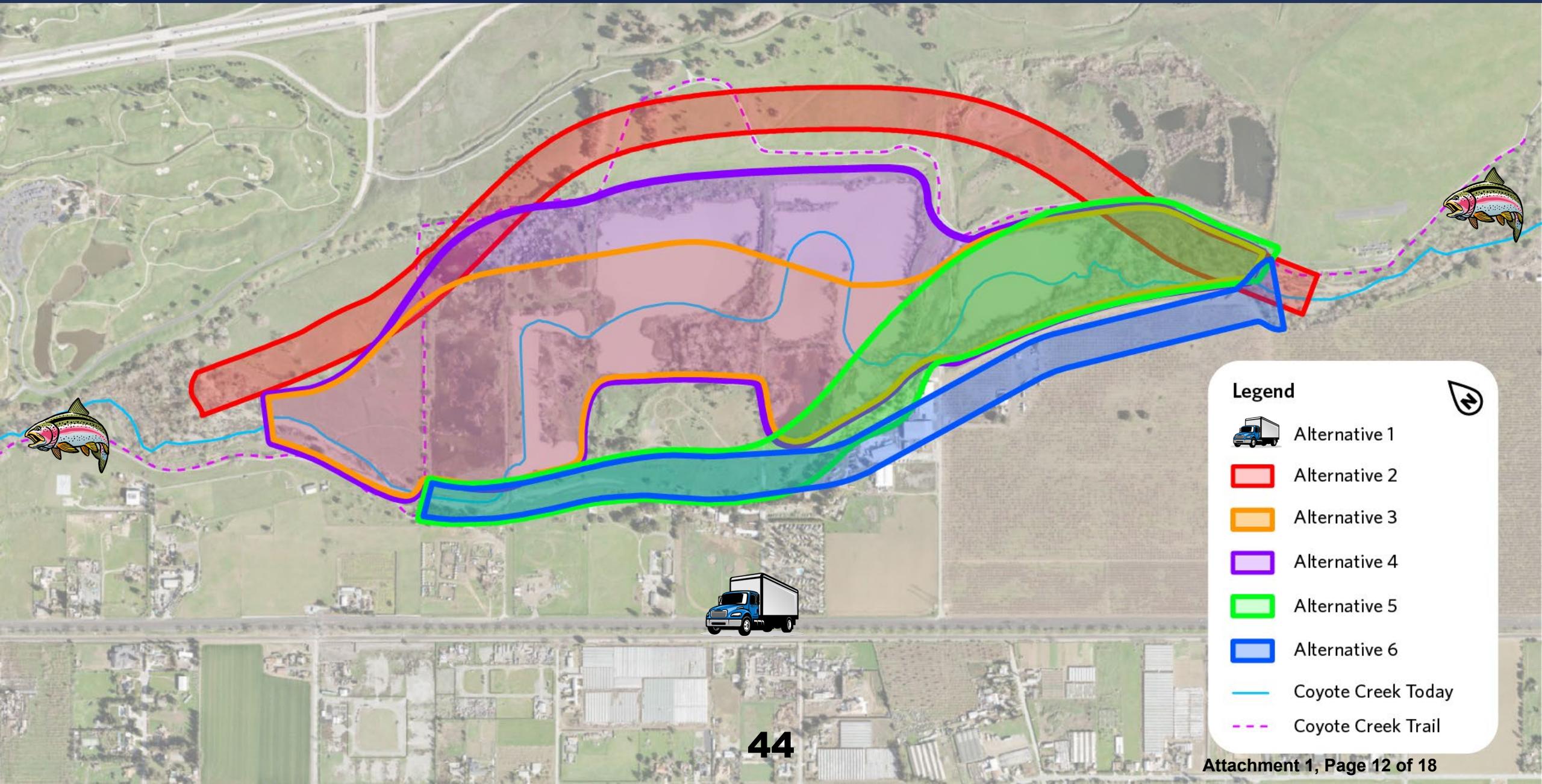
- Final Design: Early Spring 2026
- Construction Begins: June 2026
- Construction Complete: October 2026



# Ogier Ponds Conservation Measure (ADSRP)



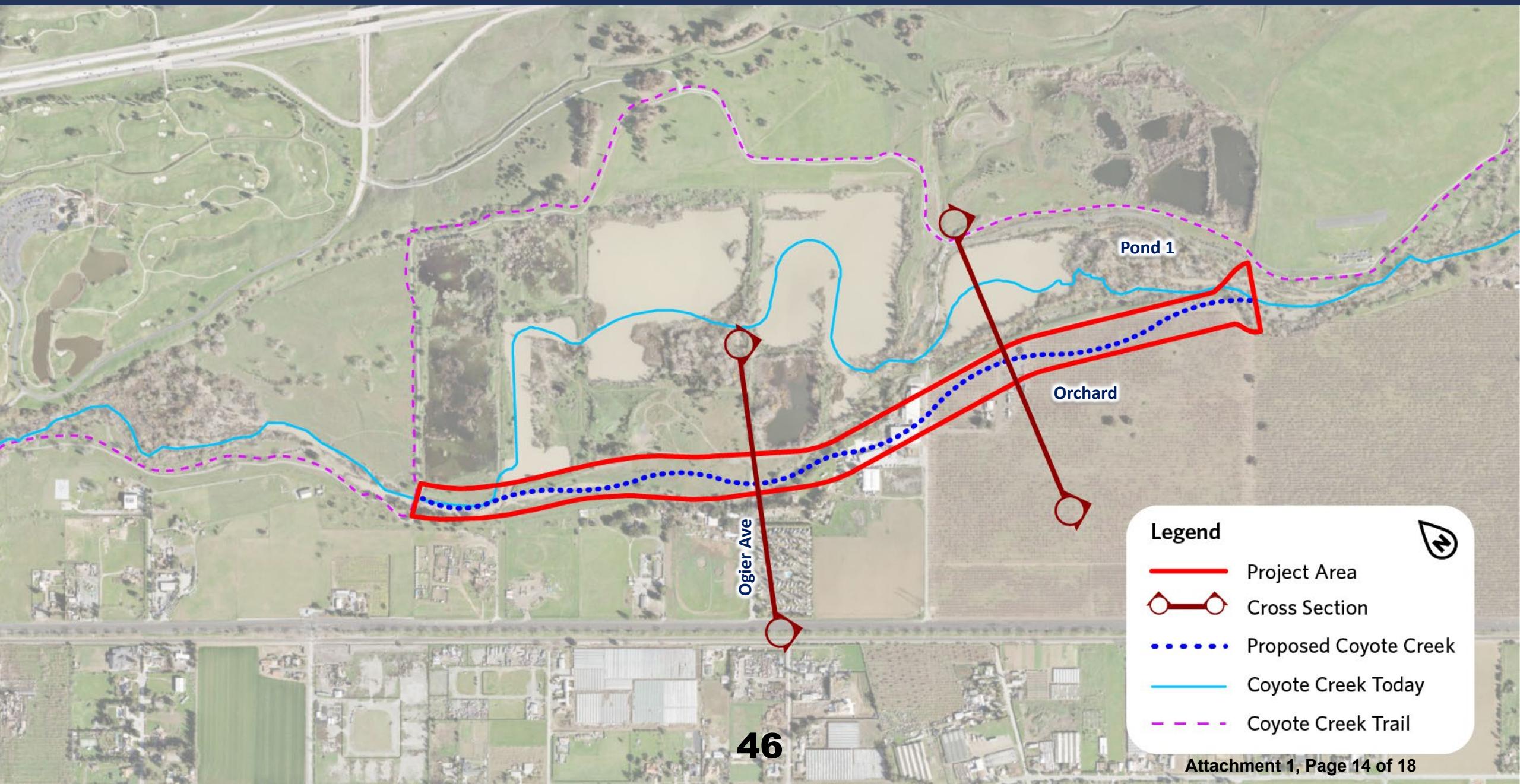
# RANGE OF CONCEPTUAL ALTERNATIVES



# Ogier Ponds Alternatives Evaluation

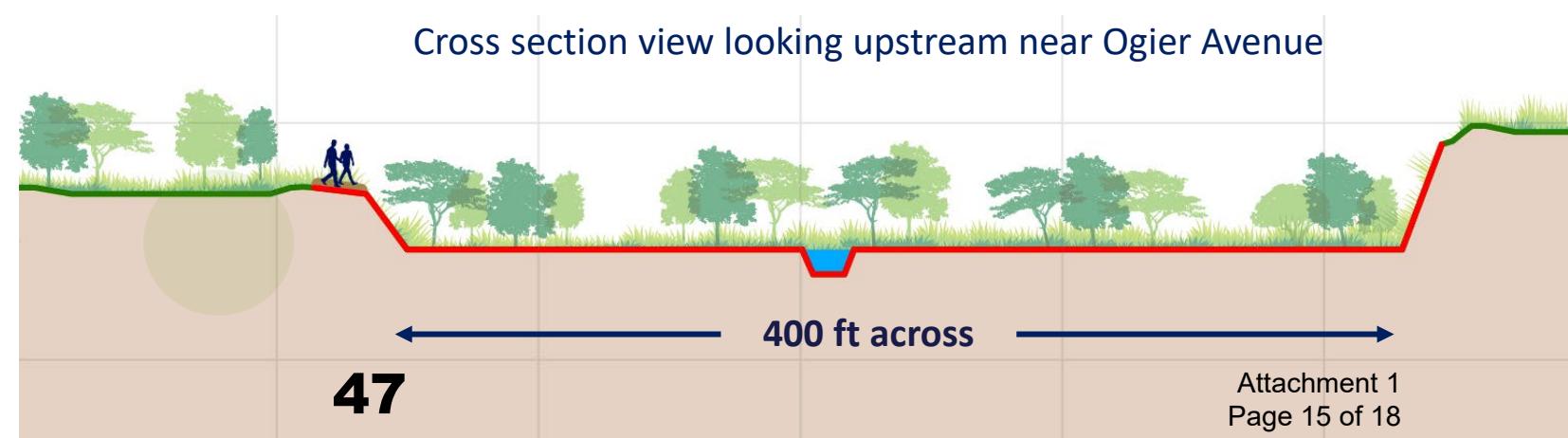
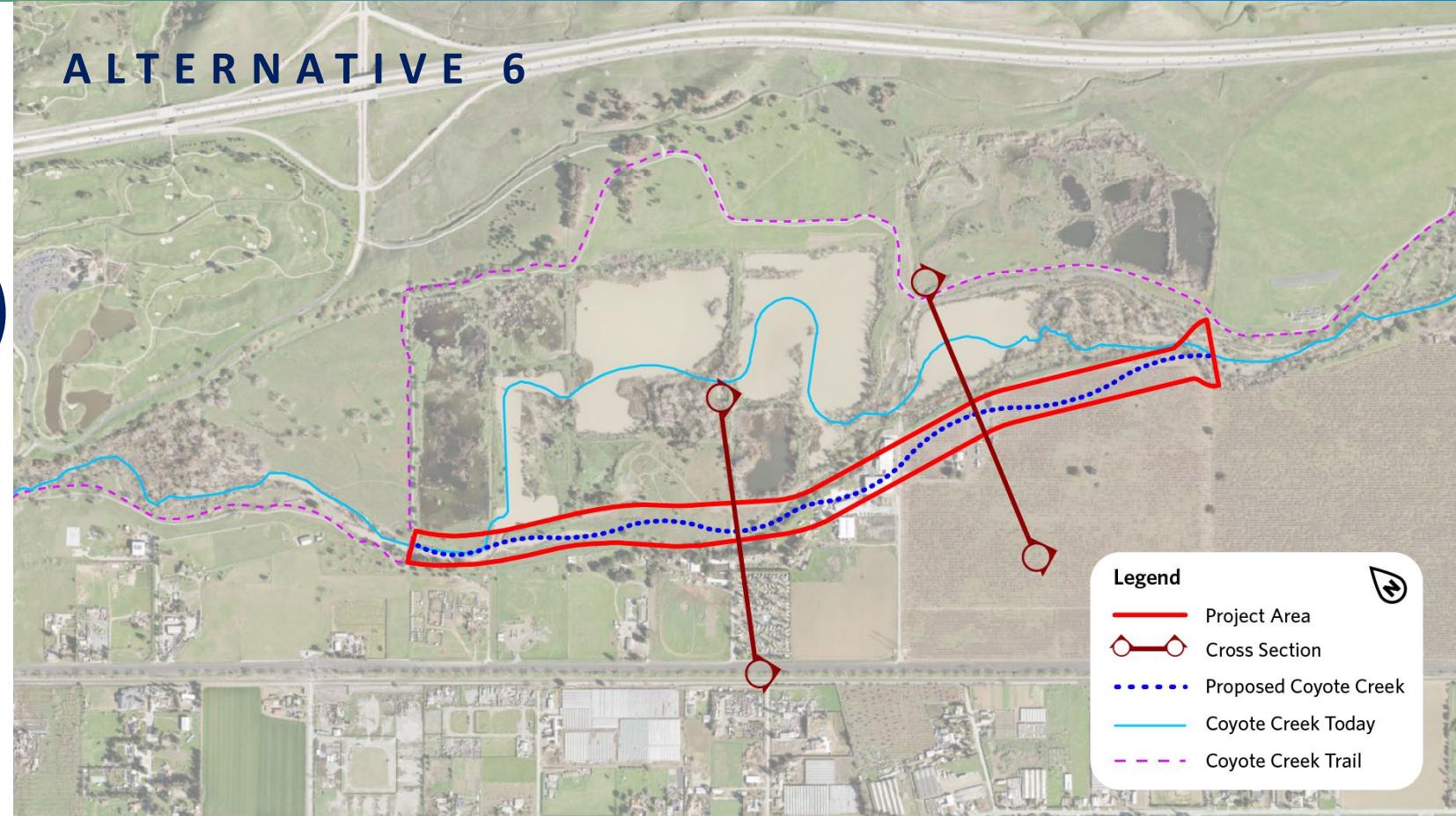
Feasible Alternatives	Main Assessment Criteria					
	Fish Passage?	Enhance aquatic Habitat?	Minimize impacts to recreational facilities?	Earthwork = 100,000 cy imported fill	Land acquisition?	Construction Cost
1. Transport Fish	✓	✗	✓	0	NO	\$
2. New bypass channel east of ponds. No pond impacts.	✓	✓	✗✗✗	Net surplus, on-site re-use	NO	\$\$\$
3. New wide channel through Ponds. Retain some of Pond 2 and 3.	✓	✓	✗✗	トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック	NO	\$\$\$\$
4. New wide channel through Ponds. Remove Ponds 1 through 6.	✓	✓	✗✗	トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック トラック  トラック	NO	\$\$\$\$\$
5. Restore flow to Pre-1997 Channel. Remove Pond 1.	✓	✓	✓	トラック  トラック  トラック  トラック	YES / 4 acres	\$\$\$
6. New bypass channel through cherry orchard connecting to pre-1997 channel.	✓	✓	✓	Net surplus, on-site re-use	YES / 18 acres	\$\$

# STAFF-RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE 6



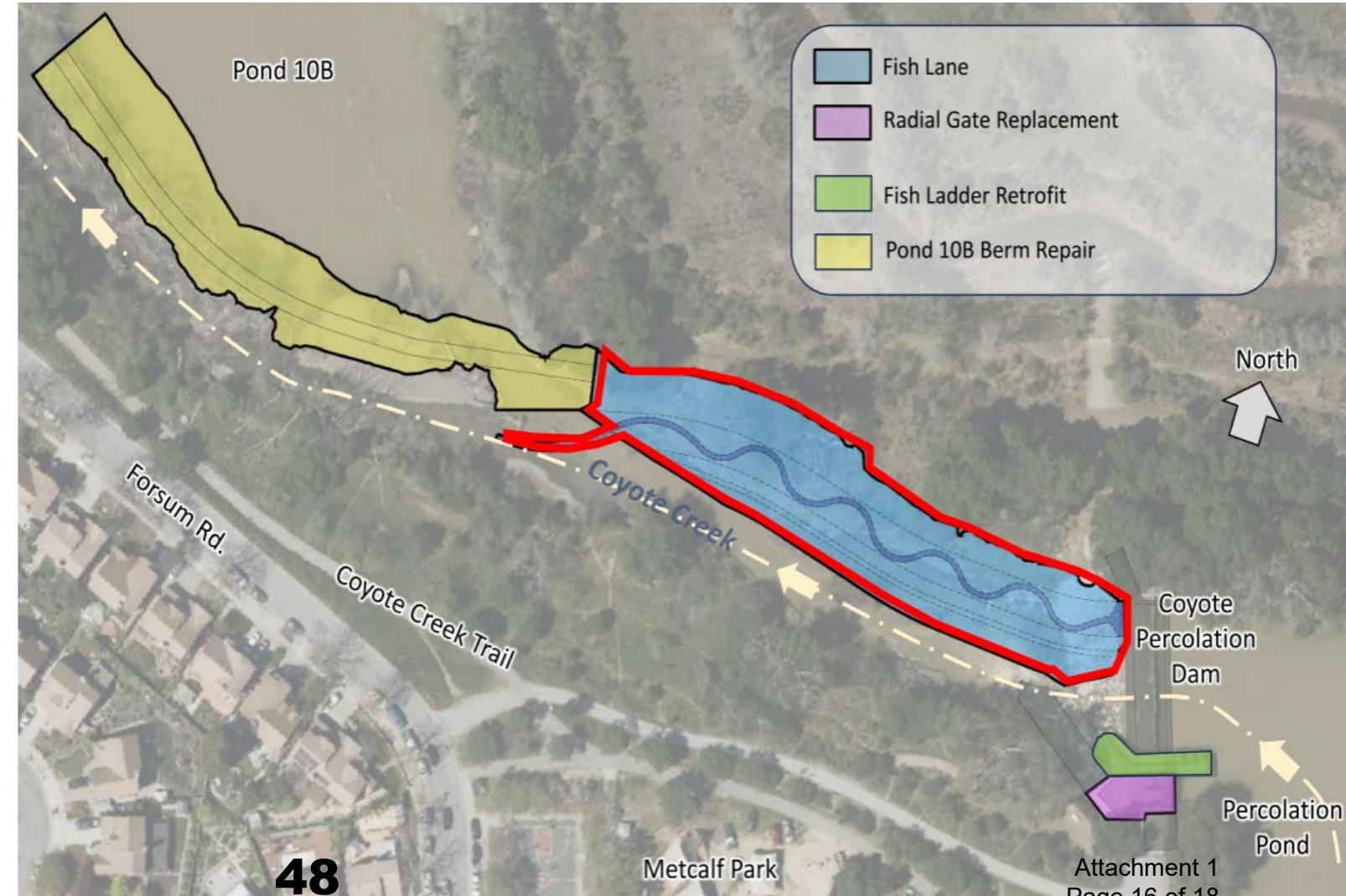
# Ogier Ponds Conservation Measure (ADSRP)

- Planning Study Report Complete Spring 2026
- Design Begins Spring 2026
- Construction Phase 1 Begins 2029
- Construction Phase 2 Begins 2032



# Phase II Coyote Percolation Dam Conservation Measure (ADSRP)

- Final Design: July 2026
- Construction Start: November 2026
- Active: November 2027



# QUESTIONS





# Valley Water

Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection



# Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 25-0958

Agenda Date: 11/18/2025

Item No.: 4.4.

## 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 IMPACT:**

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

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment 1: 2025 SPOC Work Plan

### **UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:**

Candice Kwok-Smith, 408-630-3193

## 2025 Stream Planning and Operations Committee Work Plan

### November 18, 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 November	<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	<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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