



SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM
INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Independent Monitoring Committee was held on December 4, 2024 at Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Jeffrey Hare called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

1.1. ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 11 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

District 1: Marc Rauser

District 2: Chairperson Jeffrey Hare, Kathleen Sutherland

District 3: Will Ector

District 4: Susan M. Landry

District 5: Bill Hoeft

District 6: Patrick Kwok, Rebecca Gallardo

District 7: Forest Peterson

Members attending virtually were:

District 3: Bill Chuan

District 5: George Fohner

Board members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh, District 5; and Director Richard Santos, District 3.

Valley Water staff in attendance were: Emmanuel Aryee, Erin Baker, Lisa Bankosh, Sandra Benavidez, Wade Blackard, Joshua Blank, John Bourgeois, Jen Codianne, Jessica Collins, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Christopher Hakes, Emelia Lamas, Dave Leon, Ryan McCarter, Julianne O'Brien, Sophie Padilla, Tracy Pena, Luz Penilla, Lisa Porcella,

Metra Richert, Kevin Sibley, Kirsten Struve, Darin Taylor, Kristen Yasukawa, Bhavani Yerrapotu, and Tina Yoke.

Public in attendance were: Rebecca Eisenberg, Katja Irvin, Judynam, Kirsten, Osha Meserve, Rick, and John Varela.

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

There was no one who wished to speak.

2.1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Recommendation: Elect 2024-2025 Chair and Vice Chair.

It was moved by Member Kwok, seconded by Member Rauser, and unanimously carried, to elect Jeffrey Hare as Chairperson.

It was moved by Member Sutherland, seconded by Member Chuan, and unanimously carried, to elect Susan M. Landry as Vice Chairperson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 7, 2024 IMC MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve the February 7, 2024 IMC minutes

It was moved by Member Sutherland, seconded by Member Kwok, and carried by a vote of 8-0, to approve the February 7, 2024 Committee meeting minutes as submitted. Members Chuan, Gallardo, and Landry abstained.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM'S FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

Meenakshi Ganjoo reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1 through 6 and was available to answer questions.

Member Peterson left at 4:25 p.m.

Discussion ensued relating to whether other agencies utilize the annual report, when the next planning cycle begins, the status of active projects, and IMC subcommittees.

Public comments: None.

It was moved by Chairperson Hare, seconded by Member Ector, and approved unanimously to continue using the current model of review and reporting.

It was moved by Chairperson Hare, seconded by Member Ector, and approved unanimously to adopt the reporting timeline proposed by staff.

4.2 OVERVIEW OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT'S FISH PASSAGE AND HABITAT IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS

Recommendation: Receive Information on Santa Clara Valley Water District's Fish Habitat and Passage Improvement Efforts

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

Discussion ensued relating to barriers and infrastructure at Los Gatos Creek, chillers, measuring the effectiveness of the program, data collection and analysis, the adaptive management program for the next 30 years, and Chinook on the project site.

Public Comments: None.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

4.3 RECEIVE THE 2012 SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION (2012 PROGRAM) PERFORMANCE CLOSEOUT AUDIT REPORT WITH MANAGEMENT RESPONSE AND AN UPDATE ON THE RENEWED SAFE, CLEAN WATER AND NATURAL FLOOD PROTECTION PROGRAM AUDIT.

Recommendation:

- A. Receive the 2012 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Performance Closeout Audit Report with Management Response; and
- B. Receive an Update on the renewed Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program (Renewed Safe, Clean Water Program) Audit.

Colleen Rozillis, Moss Adams Wealth Advisors LLC, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 4.

John Mahoney, Tanner Pacific, reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachment 2.

Colleen Rozillis, John Mahoney, and Luz Penilla were available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to succession planning, IMC onboarding and turnover, the IMC handbook, best practices for collaboration with other agencies, possible methods to adjust KPIs, and the feasibility of having fellow stakeholders make presentations to the Committee.

The Committee received the information and took no formal action.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

The Committee took no formal action.

Chairperson Hare moved the agenda back to Item 4.1.

**4.1 INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE SAFE,
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The Committee members discussed and volunteered for the IMC subcommittees.

**6. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 30,
2024**

Chairperson Hare adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Dave Leon
Assistant Deputy Clerk II
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: January 31, 2025