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

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

(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 February 18, 2026 at the Headquarters Building Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Clerk Dave Leon called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1.1. ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with nine Members present.

Members in attendance were:

District 2: Erika Laguna, Greg Pollock

District 3: Will Ector, Bill Chuan

District 5: Bill Hoeft, George Fohner

District 6: Patrick Kwok, Rebecca Gallardo

District 7: Forest Peterson

Members absent were:

District 1: Vice Chairperson Marc Rauser

District 4: Chairperson Susan Landry

Board Appointees in attendance were: Director Richard Santos, District 3.

Members of the public in attendance were: Director John Varela, District 1.

Valley Water staff in attendance were: Wade Blackard, Jessica Collins, Meenakshi Ganjoo, Dave Leon, Sophie Padilla, and Luz Penilla.

It was moved by Member Hoeft, seconded by Member Kwok, and unanimously carried to elect Member Fohner as Chairperson Pro Tempore in the absence of Chairperson Landry and Vice Chairperson Rauser. Chairperson Pro Tempore Fohner then took over the meeting.

2. 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 APPROVE THE JANUARY 29, 2026 IMC MINUTES

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

It was moved by Member Chuan, seconded by Member Gallardo, and unanimously carried to approve the January 29, 2026 Committee meeting minutes as submitted.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1 REPORT DRAFTING COMMITTEE PRESENTS FINAL INDEPENDENT MONITORING COMMITTEE (IMC) ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Recommendation: Review, edit, and approve the Final Independent Monitoring Committee (IMC) Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (FY25).

Meenakshi Ganjoo and Jessica Collins reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and the corresponding presentation materials contained in Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4, and were available to answer questions.

Discussion ensued relating to various minor edits to the cover letter, report, and notes for future meetings, a May IMC meeting to discuss the five-year Safe, Clean Water Implementation Plan, and recruitment of individuals to fill vacancies on the Committee.

It was moved by Member Gallardo, seconded by Member Kwok, and unanimously carried to approve all edits and feedback in the cover letter, final report, and notes for future meetings, submit the cover letter and final report to the Board of Directors, and delegate authority to Vice Chairperson Rauser to sign the cover letter on behalf of the Committee.

5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

The Committee took no formal action.

6. ADJOURN.

Chairperson Pro Tempore Fohner adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

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

Approved: May 7, 2026