



Santa Clara Valley Water District Stream Planning & Operations Committee

HQ. Bldg. Boardroom, 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California
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SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026
1:00 PM**

District Mission: Provide Silicon Valley safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment and economy.

BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Shiloh Ballard, Chairperson
Director District 2
John Varela, Vice Chairperson
Director District 1
Tony Estremera, Member
Director District 6

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COMMITTEE LIAISONS:

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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 March 12, 2026 Stream Planning Operations Committee (SPOC) Minutes. [26-0442](#)
Recommendation: Approve the minutes.
Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874
Attachments: [Attachment 1: 11182025 SPOC Minutes](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes

4. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4.1. Review and Discuss the 2026 Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Work Plan, and Make Adjustments as Necessary; and Confirm the Next Meeting Date. [26-0443](#)
Recommendation: Review and discuss the 2026 SPOC Work Plan, and make adjustments as necessary; and confirm the next meeting date.
Manager: Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874
Attachments: [Attachment 1: 2026 SPOC Work Plan](#)
Est. Staff Time: 5 Minutes
- 4.2. Tour of Completed Restoration Projects on Stevens Creek. [26-0455](#)
Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation associated with this item. The tour of completed restoration sites along Stevens Creek is for informational purposes only and no action is requested at this time.
Manager: John Bourgeois, 408-630-2990
Attachments: [Attachment 1: PowerPoint](#)
Est. Staff Time: 20 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. The Next Regular/Special Meeting is TBD.

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0442

Agenda Date: 5/13/2026

Item No.: 3.1.

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 March 12, 2026 Stream Planning Operations Committee (SPOC) Minutes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes.

SUMMARY:

A summary of Committee discussions, and details of all actions taken by the Committee, during all open and public Committee meetings, is transcribed and submitted for review and approval.

Upon Committee approval, minutes transcripts are finalized and entered into the District's historical records archives and serve as historical records of the Committee's meetings.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

Approval of minutes is not subject to environmental justice analysis.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 03122026 SPOC Minutes

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

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STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

————— **DRAFT MINUTES** —————

**SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026
1:00 P.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 by Chairperson Ballard in the Valley Water Headquarters Building Boardroom at 5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, California, and by Zoom teleconference, at 1:02 p.m.

1.1 Roll Call.

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

Staff members in attendance were: John Bourgeois, Andrew Garcia, Andrew Gishwind, Wendy Ho, Susana Inda, Bassam Kassab, Nicole Merritt, Wendy Murphy, Sarah Piramoon, Mark Poole, Lisa Porcella, and Stephanie Simunic.

Public in attendance were: Doug Muirhead.

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

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

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3.1. Election of 2026 Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Recommendation: Nominate and elect the 2026 SPOC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

It was moved by Vice Chairperson Estremera, seconded by Director Varela, and unanimously carried to re-elect Chairperson Ballard and elect Director Varela as Vice Chairperson.

Public Comments: None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

4.1. Approval of November 18, 2025 Stream Planning Operations Committee (SPOC) Minutes.

Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

The Committee considered the attached minutes of the November 18, 2025 Committee meeting.

Public Comments: None.

It was moved by Director Estremera, seconded by Vice Chairperson Varela, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as submitted.

5. REGULAR AGENDA:

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

Recommendation: Receive an update on the implementation of FAHCE.

John Bourgeois reviewed the information on this item, per the attached Committee Agenda Memo, and reviewed the information contained in Attachments 1 and 2.

John Bourgeois, Lisa Porcella, and Sarah Piramoon were available to answer questions.

Public Comment: Copies of Handout 5.1-A, Public Comment from Libby Lucas was distributed to the Committee and made available to the public.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and with staff input, noted the following:

- FAHCE collaboration focuses on three watersheds, collaboration does occur in south county (including with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife South County Forums), and currently there is no coordination that includes Soap Lake.
- Fisheries have reported increased numbers since the last drought.
- Valley Water has created recent videos and other media materials relating to the FAHCE program and Anderson Dam.

- Valley Water staff and Directors are open to attending community groups such as the San Jose Rotary to present and discuss the FAHCE program.
- A Senior Water Resource Specialist will be hired.
- A California State Water Resources Control Board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2026.
- Efforts continue relating to the structure of governance for the FAHCE agreement, including writing a new charter.

5.2. Receive and Accept the 2026 Proposed Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Work Plan, Provide Feedback on Upcoming Discussion Items, and Discuss a 2026 SPOC Meeting Schedule.

Recommendation: Receive and accept the 2026 proposed SPOC Work Plan, provide feedback on upcoming discussion items, and discuss a 2026 SPOC meeting schedule.

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and accepted the 2026 proposed Stream Planning and Operations Committee Work Plan.

Public Comment: Doug Muirhead.

In consultation with staff, the Committee confirmed that a SPOC meeting will be held in May and another meeting in the fall, with specific dates to be determined.

6. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS

None.

7. ADJOURN:

7.1 Adjourn.

Chairperson Ballard adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Date Approved:

Stephanie Simunic
Assistant Deputy Clerk II

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0443

Agenda Date: 5/13/2026

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:

Review and Discuss the 2026 Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Work Plan, and Make Adjustments as Necessary; and Confirm the Next Meeting Date.

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and discuss the 2026 SPOC Work Plan, and make adjustments as necessary; and confirm the next meeting date.

SUMMARY:

Under direction of the Clerk, Work Plans are used by all Board Committees to increase Committee efficiency, provide increased public notice of intended Committee discussions, and enable improved follow-up by staff. Work Plans are dynamic documents managed by Committee Chairs and are subject to change.

Discussion of topics as stated in the Plan have been described based on information from the following sources:

- Items referred to the Committee by the Board;
- Items requested by the Committee to be brought back by staff;
- Items scheduled for presentation to the full Board of Directors and
- Items identified by staff.

The SPOC Work Plan contained in Attachment 1 is presented for the Committee's review to determine and confirm topics for discussion in 2026.

Establishing a Work Plan is necessary to provide staff with a basis for meeting planning, logistics coordination, and agenda item preparation.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

The review of the SPOC Work Plan and meeting schedule are not subject to environmental justice

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 2026 SPOC Work Plan

UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:

Wendy Ho, 408-630-3874

2026 Stream Planning and Operations Committee Work Plan May 13, 2026 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	Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026	First annual meeting/March 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Elects Chair and Vice Chair for 2026 (Action)
2	Review Committee Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests, and the Committee Next Meeting Agenda	Every meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive and review the 2025 Committee work plan (Action) Discuss general meeting schedule for 2026 (Information) Submit requests to the Board, as appropriate (Action)
3	FAHCE Implementation Update	March 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates on FAHCE Implementation (Information)
4	Discuss District and Non-District Projects and Other Activities that May Affect SPOC	May 13 or TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive information on activities affecting SPOC, as needed (can be integrated into the field or virtual tour). (Information)
5	Field or Virtual Tour	May 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend an annual field or virtual tour of an applicable site; invite public (Information)
6	Receive update on Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and Incorporation of FAHCE Conservation Measures for Coyote Creek	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates on the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project and the incorporation of FAHCE Conservation Measures for the Coyote Creek Watershed into ADSRP. (Information)

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Santa Clara Valley Water District

File No.: 26-0455

Agenda Date: 5/13/2026

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:

Tour of Completed Restoration Projects on Stevens Creek.

RECOMMENDATION:

There is no staff recommendation associated with this item. The tour of completed restoration sites along Stevens Creek is for informational purposes only and no action is requested at this time.

SUMMARY:

The tour will stop at two sites on Stevens Creek that have undergone restoration to improve fish and wildlife habitat. The first stop is at McClellan Ranch Preserve, a City of Cupertino park, where restoration was implemented by Valley Water's Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) in 2018. This SMP effort enhanced salmonid habitat by installing three large woody debris structures, one gravel injection pile, and gravel in three riffles over 400 feet.

The second stop is at the City of Cupertino's Blackberry Farm Park. This site includes geomorphic restoration spanning 2,100 feet of Stevens Creek and was completed in partnership with the City of Cupertino in 2013. The project involved the removal of fish barriers, installing a new clear span bridge, removal of concrete, channel realignment, channel widening, and the installation of habitat features (wood, boulders, gravels).

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACT:

There are no environmental justice impacts from this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: PowerPoint

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UNCLASSIFIED MANAGER:
John Bourgeois, 408-630-2990



Stream Planning and Operations Committee Site Visits on Stevens Creek

May 13, 2026

Site Visits to Stevens Creek

Stop 1: **McClellan Ranch Preserve**

22221 McClellan Road
Cupertino, CA 95014

Stop 2: **Blackberry Farm Park**

21979 San Fernando Avenue
Cupertino, CA 95014

McClellan Ranch Preserve

- 400 ft long restoration site along Stevens Creek
- Completed by the Stream Maintenance Program in 2018
- Installed large woody debris and spawning gravels



Blackberry Farm Park

- 2,100 ft of restoration site along Stevens Creek
- Completed with City of Cupertino in 2013
- Removal of fish barriers, new clear span bridge, removal of concrete, channel realignment & widening, installation of habitat features (wood, boulders, gravels)



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