



STREAM PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

**THURSDAY, September 9, 2021  
12:00 PM**

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 ROLL CALL**

A meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) was called to order by Director Barbara Keegan at 12:00 p.m. on September 9, 2021.

Board members in attendance: Director Barbara Keegan-District 2, Director and Director Tony Estremera-District 6, constituting a quorum of the SPOC. Linda J. LeZotte-District 4 arrived as noted below.

Staff members in attendance: Aaron Baker, John Bourgeois, Rechelle Blank, Glenna Brambill, Anthony Fulcher, Chris Hakes, Ryan Heacock, Bassam Kassab, Michele King, Judy Nam, Eric Olson, Lisa Porcella, Afshin Rouhani, Tina Yoke and Sarah Young.

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

Director Keegan declared time open for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no one present who requested to speak.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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The SPOC considered the draft minutes from the July 8, 2021 meeting. It was moved by Director Estremera, seconded by Director Keegan, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve the minutes as presented. Director LeZotte was absent.

**4. INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1 Receive Updates on Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Progress and Deliverables.**

Staff provided updates on the following FAHCE progress and deliverables as listed below.

Mr. John Bourgeois, Deputy Operating Officer, provided updates on the following:

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Virtual public meeting was held on July 21, 2021, and a recording of the meeting and presentation has been posted on the District's web page. In response to requests, the public review and comment period has been extended to October 15, 2021. Staff has provided notification as necessary.

The FAHCE Plus Pilot Flows Implementation at Guadalupe Creek and Stevens Creek. Staff continues to coordinate and implement, but due to the extreme drought conditions, pulse releases are not scheduled due to lack of water.

Informed that the FAHCE Initialing Parties hadn't met since July 2021.

The FAHCE Adaptive Management Team met on July 15, 2021 and discussed refinements to the charter and changes made to the adaptive management and monitoring program. The meeting presentation (Attachment 1 to the agenda memo) was based on the draft Fish Habitat Restoration Plan, which is part of the Draft EIR.

The FAHCE Contract with HDR Engineering (HDR) which includes processing an administrative no-cost one-year extension, and an amendment to enable HDR to assist with responses to public comments on the draft EIR, make revisions, and finalize. The new amendment will add up to \$1 million for consulting services. Staff's recommendation for contract amendment is scheduled to go to the full Board in fall of 2021.

Ms. Lisa Porcella reviewed the information on the Prioritization of Phase I Nonflow Measures, per the attached agenda memo and the corresponding PowerPoint presentation. Director LeZotte arrived during the presentation. The SPOC commented that the information on the completed measures should be included in public presentations.

#### **4.2 Discuss District and Non-District Programs, Projects and Other Activities that May Affect the FAHCE Settlement Agreement and Implementation.**

Mr. Bourgeois and Ms. Judy Nam, Senior Water Resource Specialist reviewed the information on this item, per the attached agenda memo and the corresponding PowerPoint presentation on the Large Woody Debris and gravel Augmentation Study and Implementation.

**4.3 Review Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Work Plan, Outcomes of Board Action of Committee Requests, and the Next Meeting Agenda.**

Ms. Michele King, Clerk of the Board, reviewed the work plan and draft agenda for the November meeting. Mr. Bourgeois suggested, and the SPOC agreed, that the item on the District and Non-District Projects and Other Activities that May Affect the FAHCE Settlement Agreement and Implementation be removed from the November agenda to allow more time for presentation and discussion of the FAHCE Draft EIR themes submitted during public comment.

**5. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITTEE REQUESTS.**

There were no SPOC requests.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Keegan adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:00 pm. to the November 4, 2021 meeting.



Michele L. King  
Clerk of the Board

Approved: 11/4/21