

December 8, 2015

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Subject: Response to the November 10, 2015 letter regarding the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Project Agreement: Agenda Item 4.2 (November 10, 2015 Board Meeting)

Dear Mr. Roos-Collins, Ms. Gantenbein and Mr. Clifford:

The Board of the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) appreciates the letter from the Guadalupe Coyote Resource Conservation District, California Trout and Trout Unlimited, regarding the Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort Agreement (FAHCE) and acknowledge their support for the Modeling Study Plan and associated schedule approved at the November 10, 2015 Board Meeting.

The letter also requested that the Board direct staff to meet with the Initialing Parties to discuss additional actions that could be taken to address the consequences of the delay in implementation of FAHCE measures. At the same November 10, 2015 Board Meeting, the Board agreed with the staff recommendation to move forward with key elements that support the FAHCE Agreement and Fish Habitat Restoration Plan implementation including development of the Adaptive Management Program and interim flow agreements for 2016 reservoir operations. These efforts are consistent with existing Board direction as staff have been directed to meet FAHCE with the Initialing Parties to resolve the water rights complaint.

District staff will continue to provide quarterly updates to the Board on the progress of these measures as well as other matters pertaining to FAHCE at the Board's regularly scheduled meetings. The next quarterly update is scheduled for February 9, 2016.

Sincerely,



Gary Kremen
Chair/Board of Directors

cc: Board of Directors (7)
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