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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** SPOC

**SUBJECT:** Stream Planning and Operations  
Committee (SPOC)  
June 11, 2025 Special Meeting and  
Site Visit Summary

**DATE:** August 12, 2025

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This memorandum summarizes discussion and action from the meeting of the Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) held on June 11, 2025.

## **Election of 2025 Stream Operations and Planning Committee (SPOC) Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.**

On a motion from Vice Chairperson Varela, seconded by Director Estremera, Director Ballard was nominated a Committee Chairperson and Director Estremera as Vice Chairperson, and unanimously carried.

## **Review Stream Planning and Operations Committee (SPOC) Work Plan, the Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's Next Meeting Agenda.**

The Committee received the information, took no formal action, and without discussion noted the SPOC Outcomes of Board Action of Commission Requests; and the Commission's next meeting agenda.

## **Tour of Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvements Site.**

Chairperson Ballard recessed the meeting at Valley Water Headquarters at 11:56 a.m. The Committee departed Valley Water for a tour of Uvas Creek, Bolsa Road Fish Passage Improvements Project Site in Gilroy, California.

The Committee reconvened 12:50 p.m. at the Project Site in Gilroy. Two of the Committee members were in attendance, Chairperson Ballard and Director Varela. Valley Water Senior Project Manager Dipankar Sen and Senior Biologist Lesley Layng provided information relating to the fish barrier remediation and geomorphic restoration, improved fish passage channel length, riffles and pools, and flora and fauna on the project site. Utility Maintenance Manager Jason Araujo provided update on associated reservoir release operations and flow conditions of the creek and highlighted the importance of instream recharge function of this creek.

Staff further noted the American Public Works Association Silicon Valley Chapter recognized the Project as a public works project that demonstrated excellence in its planning, design, construction and efforts between various stakeholders, and stood out for its excellence in restoring passage for federally threatened steelhead trout and for restoring the creek's natural functions and its bed and bank stability. The Committee received the information about the project, thanked staff for their efforts, and took no formal action.

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Board member comments and suggestions can be forwarded to Stephanie Simunic, Assistant Deputy Clerk II at (408) 630-2408 or by email to [ssimunic@valleywater.org](mailto:ssimunic@valleywater.org).

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