



Outlook

Project E5 KPI Modification – August 11, 2026 Public Hearing – Item 3.4

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Please find attached a comment letter for the Board Meeting on August 11, 2026, Agenda Item 3.4. This letter further supplements our letters dated July 2, July 13 and August 5 (Handouts 3.4-B, 3.4-C and 3.4-G).

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**Re: Public Comment on Item 3.4 — August 11, 2026, Continued Public Hearing —
Suggestions Regarding Supplemental Attachment 2 (Draft Letter to SFCJPA Board)**

Dear Chair Estremera and Members of the Board,

We write in advance of tomorrow's hearing to express support for the alternative described in the Supplemental Board Agenda Memorandum — postponing action on the proposed Project E5 KPI modification and requesting that the SFCJPA consider forming a Working Group with Valley Water to jointly address the public comments received — rather than adopting the Resolution modifying the KPI. We believe this is a substantially better path, and we appreciate the Board considering it.

We would like to offer two suggestions for the Board's consideration, should it move forward with the request that the SFCJPA consider forming a joint Working Group. Neither is intended as a fixed requirement.

1. A general target for the Working Group to report back to both Boards. An open-ended Working Group mandate could risk losing momentum, particularly given SFCJPA's current staffing constraints following its Executive Director's departure. As one possible target, the Working Group might aim to report back at both Boards' regularly scheduled meetings in November 2026 — giving the group roughly three months to do its work while helping to avoid an indefinite postponement.

2. A suggestion that the Working Group's scope include consideration of a Reach 1-type participation agreement. Several public comments at the July 14 hearing specifically referenced a Reach 1-type participation agreement as a model for Reach 2, and Chair Estremera himself observed that Reach 1 was governed by a specific agreement dividing roles and responsibilities between Valley Water and the JPA, and that a comparable agreement for Reach 2 did not yet exist — in his words, “we’re not there yet.” Offering that as one possible starting point for the Working Group to consider — not a predetermined outcome — could help ground its discussion in the record already before the Board.

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Given how little time has been available since the Supplemental Board Agenda Memorandum was posted, we have attached an illustrative redline showing how these suggestions might be incorporated into the draft letter, purely to reduce drafting burden on staff. This is offered only as a convenience — we don't intend it as required or exclusive language, and staff and the Board should feel free to use, adapt, or disregard it as they see fit.

Thank you for considering the Working Group alternative.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Shore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" being more prominent than the last name "Shore".

Jeffrey Shore
On behalf of Edgewood Drive neighbors
Palo Alto, California

Attachment: Illustrative Redline, Supplemental Attachment 2 (Draft Letter to SFCJPA Board)

cc: Greer Stone, Chairperson, SFCJPA Board
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ILLUSTRATIVE REDLINE — Supplemental Attachment 2
(Draft Letter to SFCJPA Board)

Offered solely to reduce drafting burden given the compressed timeframe. Suggested additions shown in red/underline are offered as suggestions for consideration, not required or exclusive language — staff and the Board should feel free to use, adapt, or omit.

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Board of Directors
San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
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Re: Public Comment Regarding the Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Project E.5 – San Francisquito Creek Flood Protection Project (Project)

Dear Chair Stone, Vice Chair Gauthier and Members of the Board,

On June 23, 2026, Valley Water's Board of Directors set the time and place to open a public hearing on July 14, 2026, to discuss a potential modification to the KPI for the above-referenced SCW project.

During the hearing-setting discussion and at the public hearing itself, Valley Water received numerous comments from members of the public requesting clarification regarding Valley Water's participation in the Reach 2 portion of the Project.

Specifically, several comments requested that Valley Water assume a stronger leadership role in implementing the Reach 2 Project beyond its current role—and that of the other San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority (JPA) member agencies—which is limited to providing technical review and support such as reviewing and commenting on consultant work product.

Written public comments can be found in the Valley Water Board Meeting minutes here:

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and video of the oral public comments can be found here:

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As established in the JPA Joint Powers Agreement, the JPA is the lead agency for Reach 2 Project implementation. Therefore, it is only appropriate for the JPA and Valley Water to work together to address these comments. Some of these comments specifically pointed to a Reach 1-

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type participation agreement as a model the JPA and Valley Water may wish to discuss for Reach 2 — one dividing specific roles and responsibilities between Valley Water and the JPA.

I would like to propose that we form a Working Group comprised of two to three Board members from the JPA and Valley Water to jointly address these public comments. If the JPA were to agree to form the Working Group, that group might aim to report back to both Boards at their regularly scheduled meetings in November 2026, as a general target to help the process move toward a timely outcome.

Valley Water looks forward to receiving the JPA's response to our proposal.

Sincerely,

Tony Estremera
Chair of the Board of Directors
Santa Clara Valley Water District

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