

MEMORANDUM

CIP Ad Hoc Committee

FC 14 (01-02-07)

TO: Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Summary of 09/19/16 CIP Ad Hoc Meeting **DATE**: September 27, 2016

FROM:

The CIP Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) met on 9/19/2016 to continue discussion on strategies to accelerate environmental capital projects. The following is a meeting summary, for the Board's information.

Coyote Watershed

- Ogier Road Quarry Pond: Complete a feasibility report.
- <u>Singleton Road Low Flow Crossing</u>: Instead of implementing an interim project for fishery passage in advance of the City of San Jose's Comprehensive Singleton Road Project, staff recommended not to pursue an interim project as it would increase total costs and environmental impacts to waterway, and would not save significant time overall. City of San Jose staff is confident that their Singleton Road Bridge Study (including fish barrier removal) will move expeditiously. However, construction funding for the project is not committed at this time.
- Metcalf Ponds: Complete a feasibility study and integrate work by Campus Community Association if feasible.

Guadalupe Watershed

• <u>Almaden Lake (Lake/Creek Separation)</u>: Include an alternative that would not rely on the installation of the Alamitos Flashboards at the Alamitos Drop Structure.

Stevens Creek Watershed

• Prioritize the 40+ fishery barriers along Stevens Creek, and use the prioritized list as a basis for the Board to invest limited funding to best benefit fishery passage.

To implement these directions, staff expressed a need for additional resources of approximately four full-time positions and consultant services in FY 2017-18. With the proposed new resources, the above projects could be completed in two years. The Committee supported staff's proposed changes to project scope and new resources to implement the scope of work, and directed staff to bring the following for Board's review and approval as soon as possible:

- 1. A plan for accelerating environmental stewardship projects, including recommendations for additional new resources:
- 2. Discussion on the Singleton Road Bridge Construction Funding during the upcoming Joint Meeting with City of San Jose Council; and
- 3. A comprehensive report of the District's completed and current efforts regarding environmental stewardship projects at the upcoming joint meeting with GCRDC Board.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for 10/17/2016 to discuss capital projects prioritization criteria. If Board members have any suggestions for the Committee, please submit them to Ms. Michelle Meredith, Deputy Clerk of the Board, by email mmeredith@valleywater.org.

Respectfully Submitted.

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