



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Director Barbara Keegan,
FAHCE Ad Hoc Committee
Chair

SUBJECT: October 8, 2020 Fish and Aquatic Habitat
Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Meeting
Summary

DATE: 10/16/20

Proposed Conversion of Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) Ad Hoc Committee to a Standing Board Committee.

The FAHCE Ad Hoc Committee (Committee) reviewed information and received public comments on the potential broadening of the Committee's purpose/scope, conversion to a standing board committee, and new committee name.

The Committee received background information on:

- A. the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project - How FAHCE elements were interrogated into the project to ensure fish are in good condition, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's order to reduce the reservoir level and to expedite construction of the low level outlet tunnel, and the process for draining the reservoir.
- B. The proposed broadening of the Committee's scope to include "Identify and track progress of district and outside activities that may affect the FAHCE settle agreement and implementation." This would allow flood protection elements to be reviewed by the Committee.
- C. How converting to a standing committee would allow for the public to engage in most elements of FAHCE and what the first public committee meeting could include.
- D. How staff and the Committee arrived on the proposed new standing committee name of Stream Planning and Operations Committee.

The committee voted to support staff's recommendation to recommend to the full Board converting the ad hoc committee to a standing board committee, adding proposed committee purposes as stated above, and propose naming the standing board committee the Stream Planning and Operations Committee. Staff will be presenting these recommendations to the full Board in November.

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