

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
March 27, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Board
Agenda Item 4
January 30, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board Meeting Minutes
FINAL

Director Combs called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m., at the City of Menlo Park Council Chambers, Menlo Park, CA. The meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting with the Board in person and public meeting attendees in person or virtual via streaming video/ teleconference call.

Public input was solicited on each item and all public comments received are noted herein.

1) ROLL CALL

Members Present: Director Drew Combs, City of Menlo Park
 Director Greer Stone, Vice-Chair, City of Palo Alto
 Director Ruben Abrica, City of East Palo Alto
 Director Nai Hsueh, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water)
 Director Lisa Gauthier, San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise
 Resiliency District (OneShoreline)

SFCJPA Staff Present: Margaret Bruce, Executive Director
 Miyko Harris-Parker, Staff
 Tess Byler, Staff
 Denean Ni, Staff

Legal Present: Lori Liu, Legal Counsel, RWG

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Motion and second (Abrica/Combs) to approve the agenda, passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:
Director Combs-Aye
Director Stone-Aye
Director Abrica-Aye
Director Hsueh-Aye
Director Gauthier-Aye

3) PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Hearn welcomed Director Gauthier to the Board and thanked her for her continuous presence in the community.

4) ACTION ITEM

Resolution re-affirming the SFCJPA's Reach 2 project design goal and documenting the SFCJPA members' concurrence.

ACTION: Motion and second (Combs/Hsueh) to approve Resolution re-affirming the SFCJPA's Reach 2 project design goal and documenting the SFCJPA members' concurrence for design goal up to 7,200 cfs, with the correction to change the name of the funding vehicle from the Measure S ballot measure to Valley Water's Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.
Resolution passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:
Director Combs-Aye
Director Stone-Aye
Director Abrica-Aye
Director Hsueh-Aye
Director Gauthier-Aye

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Director Hsueh requested that the language be amended to say up to 7,200 cfs and that the description of funding mechanism noted in the staff report be changed from Measure S to Safe Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program. Sr. Project Manager Tess Byler clarified that the KPI needs to specify the project Reach, since the completed Reach 1 project had a different KPI. Reach 2 KPI was revised in 2014.

Public comments were made by Hamilton Hitchings, Thomas Rindfleisch, Jeff Shore and Jerry Hearn.

5) DISCUSSION ITEMS

Verbal Report from the Public Finance Ad Hoc Committee and Board Discussion

Public Finance Ad Hoc Committee members Director Abrica and Director Hsueh provided a brief verbal report to the Board. Committee members reported that the Reach 2 project needs to be clearly defined before there can be a discussion of public finance options. Once the project is defined then a process like the preliminary public financing timeline that Committee members provided can be considered. Director Abrica commented that there is no further need for the Ad Hoc Committee to continue as when the Reach 2 project is defined the whole Board will need to meet to discuss the next steps in funding. Committee members suggest utilizing a consultant to help the Board in defining the funding amount. Director Stone commented on the importance of determining the date of when we expect to put a bond/tax measure on the ballot. Director Gauthier concurred with Director Stone and asked what the timeline is to get to the blue boxes (JPA clarify project goal-level of protection, permitted and community supported project to achieve the level of protection) on the preliminary timeline provided by the Ad Hoc Committee. Executive Director Bruce commented that the first blue box is scheduled for May and the second box will be determined after the Board chooses the defined project. Sr. Project Manager Tess Byler clarified that permits cannot happen unless there is at least 60% design.

Public comments were made by Jerry Hearn, Jim Wiley

6) ACTION ITEMS

Discuss and Approve Board Leadership and Committee Roles

ACTION: Motion and second (Hsueh/Gauthier) to approve Director Stone as Chair of the Board passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:

Director Combs-Aye

Director Stone-Aye

Director Abrica-Aye

Director Hsueh-Aye

Director Gauthier-Aye

ACTION: Motion and second (Abrica/Combs) to approve Director Gauthier as Vice-Chair of the Board passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:

Director Combs-Aye

Director Stone-Aye

Director Abrica-Aye

Director Hsueh-Aye

Director Gauthier-Aye

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ACTION: Motion and second (Hsueh/Stone) to approve Director Stone and Director Hsueh as Personnel Committee, Director Combs and Director Gauthier as Finance Committee, Sr. PM Tess Byler to continue as SFCJPA's director representative for ACWAJPIA, with Director Abrica as alternate director for ACWAJPIA passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:

Director Combs-Aye

Director Stone-Aye

Director Abrica-Aye

Director Hsueh-Aye

Director Gauthier-Aye

7) Board Member Announcements, Information Items, and Requests (Information only)

Director Combs requested a written update on the status of the audits be provided every month until the audits are completed.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Minutes drafted by Clerk of the Board: Miyko Harris-Parker.