

San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority
September 24, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board
Agenda Item 6
August 27, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board Meeting Minutes
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Director Stone called the meeting to order at 3:31 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 meeting attendees attended in person and 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 (not present at roll call)
 Director Mark Dinan, City of East Palo Alto (not present at roll call)
 Director Lisa Gauthier, San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise
 Resiliency District
 Director Nai Hsueh, Santa Clara Valley Water District
 Director Greer Stone, City of Palo Alto

SFCJPA Staff Present: Miyko Harris-Parker, Staff
 Tess Byler, Staff

Legal Present: Lori Liu, Legal Counsel, RWG

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: Motion and second (Hsueh/Gauthier) to approve the agenda passed 3-0.

Roll call vote:
Director Combs- Not present
Director Dinan-Not present
Director Gauthier-Aye
Director Hsueh-Aye
Director Stone-Aye

Director Combs and Director Dinan were not present at time of vote.

3) CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT Title: Interim Executive Director (Government Code Section 54957), PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT Title: Executive Director (Government Code Section 54957)

Public comment made by Hamilton Hitchings.

Adjourned to closed session 3:33 pm.

Director Combs arrived at 3:35 pm. Director Dinan arrived at 3:40 pm.

Reconvened in open session at 4:10 pm.

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ACTION: Motion and second (Hsueh/Gauthier) to approve the appointment of Sr. Project Manager Tess Byler as Interim Executive Director passed 4-0.

Roll call vote:

Director Combs-Aye
Director Dinan-Not present
Director Gauthier-Aye
Director Hsueh-Aye
Director Stone-Aye

Director Dinan was not present on the dais at the time of the vote.

SFCJPA legal representative, Lori Liu reported that the Board appointed Sr. Project Manager Tess Byler Interim Executive Director and that the Board directed staff to search for Executive Recruitment agencies and report finding to the Board at the next regular meeting.

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5) CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion and second (Gauthier/Hsueh) to approve consent calendar items 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D approved and passed 5-0.

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 28, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

B. Consider and Approve a Resolution (26-08-27-A) Authorizing the Acting or Interim Executive Director to negotiate and execute Amendment Number 9 to existing contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for a Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, Restoration Elements of Civil Design, and Landscape Design associated with the Newell Road Bridge project mitigation project on the Reller Parcel

C. Consider and Approve a Resolution (26-08-27-B) Authorizing the Acting or Interim Executive Director to negotiate and execute Integral (previously H.T. Harvey) Master Services Agreement for Reach 1 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting.

D. Consider and Approve a Resolution (26-08-27-C) Authorizing the Acting or Interim Executive Director to negotiate and execute Amendment Number 3 to existing contract with Hanford ARC for Reach 1 Mitigation implementation

6) ACTION ITEMS

Review and consider adopting the proposed FY 26/27 SFCJPA Budget.

ACTION: Motion and second (Hsueh/Gauthier) to approve the FY2026-2027 SFCJPA Budget approved and passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:

Director Combs-Aye
Director Dinan-Aye
Director Gauthier-Aye
Director Hsueh-Aye
Director Stone-Aye

Public comment was made by Hamilton Hitchings.

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The Board directed staff to agendize a discussion of creating a capital budget including the SAFER project.

Consider and Approve a Resolution (26-08-27-D) Adopting the FY 26/27 Salary Schedule.

ACTION: Motion and second (Hsueh/Gauthier) to approve Resolution (26-08-27-D) adopting the FY 26/27 Salary Schedule passed approved and passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:

Director Combs-Aye
Director Dinan-Aye
Director Gauthier-Aye
Director Hsueh-Aye
Director Stone-Aye

Review and take action on proposed options regarding August 11, 2026, letter from Valley Water Board Chair Tony Estremera to SFCJPA Board of Directors Regarding Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Project E.5

ACTION: Motion and second (Gauthier/Combs) to form a Working Group consisting of two SFCJPA and two Valley Water Board members, along with staff, to respond to public comments on Valley Water's proposed changes to the KPI for San Francisquito Creek. The group will develop recommendations for SFCJPA and Valley Water Boards' review and action. Director Gauthier and Director Stone will be the SFCJPA's Board representatives approved and passed 4-0-1.

Roll call vote:

Director Combs-Aye
Director Dinan-Aye
Director Gauthier-Aye
Director Hsueh-Abstain
Director Stone-Aye

Public comments were made by Tom Reindfleisch, Hamilton Hitchings, and Rebecca Eisenberg.

Consider and Approve a Resolution (26-08-27-E) accepting the SFBRA grant of \$3.85M for the SAFER Bay Project's Restoration Planning and Design and Project Permitting and Authorizing the Acting or Interim Executive Director, to negotiate and execute the terms of the grant agreement.

ACTION: Motion and second (Gauthier/Stone) to approve Resolution (26-08-27-E) accepting the SFBRA grant of \$3.85M for the SAFER Bay Project's Restoration Planning and Design and Project Permitting and Authorizing the Acting or Interim Executive Director, to negotiate and execute the terms of the grant agreement approved and passed 5-0.

Roll call vote:

Director Combs-Aye
Director Dinan-Aye
Director Gauthier-Aye
Director Hsueh-Aye
Director Stone-Aye

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7) **STAFF REPORT**

Interim Executive Director provided a summary of the staff report.

8) **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS, AND REQUESTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

None.

9) **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting Adjourned at 4:52 pm.

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