



SANTA CLARA VALLEY
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THURSDAY, January 15, 2025

JOINT GOVERNING AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD MEETING

3:00 PM

MORGAN HILL CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill

HYBRID MEETING

The regular meetings of both the Governing Board and the Implementation Board of the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency are hereby called for the above-described time and place. The agenda for the meetings is as follows:

TELECONFERENCE

The public may attend and have the opportunity for public comment from the teleconference location. Board Members will be participating at the following location:

Board Members Candelas, Keyon, & Ballard
San Jose City Hall
Conference Room Tower- T-1854 (18th Floor)
200 E. Santa Clara St.
San Jose, CA 95113

MEETING GUIDELINES

Those members of the community that would like to participate in the meetings remotely may do so by joining the virtual meeting at: <https://bit.ly/HabitatJointGBandIBMeeting> or by calling in to: (669) 900-9128, then enter the webinar id: 880 0532 3637#.

Public comment may be provided in the following ways:

- In person
 - Join the virtual meeting via the link above, when public comment is opened, raise your virtual hand, and be called upon to speak for up to 3 minutes
 - Join the virtual meeting by calling in to the number above, dial *9 to raise your hand and be called upon to speak for up to 3 minutes
 - Send public comments in writing to the Agency Deputy Secretary at cityclerk@morganhill.ca.gov
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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRS

Governing Board
Marilyn Librers

Implementation Board
Jennifer Carman

REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMISSION

Reid Lerner

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the public may address the Governing Board and the Implementation Board concerning any item not on this agenda and within the respective subject matter jurisdiction of each of the Boards. The length of public comments may be limited by the Chair of each Board. With limited exceptions, the Boards are prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.

JOINT GOVERNING AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2025 REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD 7-12
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD 13-16
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

3. FISCAL YEAR 24-25 AUDIT REPORT..... 17-92
Recommended Action: Receive the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Audit Report presentation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025
4. FINAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 REVENUE AND BUDGET EXPENDITURES..... 93-106
Recommended Action: Review the revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.
5. SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT PLAN DRAFT AMENDMENT APPROVAL..... 107-232
Recommended Action:
 - 1) Approve the Draft Amended Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan (Amendment),
 - 2) Authorize the Executive Officer to submit the Amendment as a formal request to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (collectively, the wildlife agencies), and
 - 3) Review Addendum to the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as the proposed clearance document for the Amendment under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

GOVERNING BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD 233-236
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
7. AB 1600 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2024-25..... 237-244

Recommended Action: Review and Accept the AB 1600 Development Impact Fee Report for FY 2024-25.

- 8. **2026 CHANGES TO BROWN ACT IMPACTING HABITAT AGENCY BOARD MEETINGS**245-250
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Governing Board adopt a resolution authorizing the use of teleconferencing for Board meetings.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 9. **SELECTION OF 2026 GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**251-252
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Governing Board select a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026.

FUTURE GOVERNING BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS:

Note: In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), there shall be no discussion, debate and/or action taken on any request other than providing direction to staff to place the matter of business on a future agenda.

GOVERNING BOARD ADJOURNMENT

IMPLEMENTATION BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 10. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION BOARD**253-256
Recommended Action: Approve minutes.
- 11. **2026 CHANGES TO BROWN ACT IMPACTING HABITAT AGENCY BOARD MEETINGS**257-262
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Implementation Board adopt a resolution authorizing the use of teleconferencing for Board meetings.
- 12. **AMENDMENT TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE FOR THE HABITAT AGENCY**263-266
Recommended Action: Adopt a Resolution amending the Habitat Agency's Conflict of Interest Code.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 13. **SELECTION OF 2026 IMPLEMENTATION BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**267-268
Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Implementation Board select a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026.

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS:

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OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

IMPLEMENTATION BOARD ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETINGS

All regular meetings of the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency's Governing Board and Implementation Board are held at the City of Morgan Hill Council Chamber at 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming Meetings:

- February 5, 2026 Public Advisory Committee Meeting
- March 19, 2026 Joint Governing and Implementation Board Meeting
- May 7, 2026 Public Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 21, 2026 Implementation Board Meeting
- June 18, 2026 Governing Board Meeting
- September 17, 2026 Joint Governing and Implementation Board Meeting

NOTICE

Any documents produced by the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency and distributed to the majority of the Governing Board and/or Implementation Board less than 72 hours prior to an open meeting, will be made available for public inspection at the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency's public counter located at 17575 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037 during normal business hours. (Pursuant to Government Code 54957.5)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public are entitled to directly address the Governing Board and/or Implementation Board concerning any item that is described in the notice of this meeting, before or during consideration of that item. If you wish to address the Governing Board and/or Implementation Board on any issue that is on this agenda, please complete a speaker request card and deliver it to the Minutes Clerk prior to discussion of the item. You are not required to give your name on the speaker card in order to speak to the Governing Board and/or Implementation Board, but it is very helpful. When you are called, proceed to the podium and the Chair will recognize you. If you wish to address the Governing Board and/or Implementation Board on any other item of interest to the public, you may do so by during the public comment portion of the meeting following the same procedure described above. Public comments may be limited as to time by the Board Chairperson.

Please submit written correspondence to the Minutes Clerk, who will distribute correspondence to the Governing Board and/or Implementation Board.

Persons interested in proposing an item for the Governing Board and/or Implementation Board agenda should contact a member of the Governing Board and/or Implementation Board who may place an item on the agenda for a future Governing Board and/or Implementation Board meeting. Should your comments require Board action, your request may be placed on the next appropriate agenda. Board discussion or action may not be taken until your item appears on an agenda. This procedure is in compliance with the California Public Meeting Law (Brown Act) Government Code §54950

The time within which judicial review must be sought of the action by the Governing Board and/or Implementation Board, which acted upon any matter appearing on this agenda is governed by the provisions of Section 1094.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Board Clerk's Office at (408) 779-7259, (408) 779-3117 (fax) or by email cityclerk@morganhill.ca.gov. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least two-full business days before the start of the meeting.