

Submitted for Approval: March 19, 2026

SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT AGENCY

GOVERNING AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, January 15, 2026

3:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Librers called the Joint Governing and Implementation Board meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Librers, Vega, Campos, Candelas, Abe-Koga (arrived at 3:09 p.m.), Ramirez

ABSENT: Marques, Duong

IMPLEMENTATION BOARD ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Carman, Librers, Vega, Keyon, Andersen, Abe-Koga, Beall, Ballard, Ho, Ramirez, Campos

ABSENT: Marques, Duong

STAFF/OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

PRESENT: Gerry Haas, Edmund Sullivan, Valerie Armento, Michelle Bigelow and Vicky Rossi

REPORT FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR

None.

REPORT FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION BOARD CHAIR

None.

REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMISSION

Chair Reid Lerner

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chair Carman opened the public comment at 3:05 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, public comment was closed.

JOINT GOVERNING AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA:

Action: On a motion by Board Member Vega and seconded by Board Member Carman approving the Joint Governing and Implementation Board Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes 11 (Ramirez, Vega, Carman, Ballard, Andersen, Beall, Campos, Candelas, Ho, Keyon, Librers); Noes 0; Abstain: 1 (Abe-Koga); Absent 2 (Doung, Marques)

1. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2025 REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD**

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

2. **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING AND IMPLEMENTATION BOARD**

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

3. **FISCAL YEAR 24-25 AUDIT REPORT**

Recommended Action: Receive the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Audit Report presentation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025

Finance Director Julia Jakubek and David Alvey, CPA Vice President at Maze & Associates provided report and presentation.

Chair Librers opened the public comment at 3:27 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, public comment was closed.

Report received.

4. **FINAL REPORT, FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 REVENUE AND BUDGET EXPENDITURES**

Recommended Action: Review the revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Item not heard.

5. **SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT PLAN DRAFT AMENDMENT APPROVAL**

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)

Action: On a motion by Board Member Vega and seconded by Board Member Ramirez approving the Draft Amended Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes 12 (Ramirez, Vega, Carman, Ballard, Andersen, Beall, Campos, Candelas, Ho, Keyon, Librers, Abe-Koga); Noes 0; Abstain: 0; Absent 2 (Doung, Marques)

Gerry Haas, Principal Conservation Planner, provided a report and presentation.

Chair Librers opened the public comment at 3:53 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, public comment was closed.

GOVERNING BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA:

Chair Librers opened the public comment.

There being no requests to speak, public comment was closed.

Action: On a motion by Board Member Keyon and seconded by Board Member Abe-Koga, approving the Governing Board Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes 6 (Campos, Vega, Candelas, Librers, Ramirez, Abe-Koga); Noes 0; Abstain: 0; Absent 2 (Marques, Duong)

6. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

7. AB 1600 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REPORT – FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

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

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

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Governing Board select a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026.

Action: On a motion by Board Member Ramirez and seconded by Board Member Vega Selecting Board Member Librers as Chair and Board Member Ramirez as Vice Chair for the Governing Board. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes 6 (Campos, Ramirez, Candelas, Abe-Koga, Librers, Vega); Noes 0; Abstain: 0; Absent 2 (Duong, Marques)

FUTURE GOVERNING BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS:

None

GOVERNING BOARD ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Governing Board meeting adjourned.

IMPLEMENTATION BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA:

Chair Carman opened the public comment at 3:05 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, public comment was closed.

Action: On a motion by Board Member Librers and seconded by Board Member Ho approving the Implementation Board Consent Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes 10 (Carman, Andersen, Ramirez, Vega, Ballard, Beall, Campos, Ho, Keyon, Librers); Noes 0; Abstain: 0; Absent 3 (Duong, Campos, Marques)

10. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 20, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION BOARD

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

11. 2026 CHANGES TO BROWN ACT IMPACTING HABITAT AGENCY BOARD MEETINGS

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

Recommended Action: Adopt a Resolution amending the Habitat Agency's Conflict of Interest Code. and Procurement Procedures to be consistent with revised Public Works Contract Procedures.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

13. SELECTION OF 2026 IMPLEMENTATION BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Recommended Action: It is recommended that the Implementation Board select a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026.

Action: On a motion by Board Member Carman and seconded by Board Member Andersen selecting Board Member Carman as Chair and Board Member Librers as Vice Chair for the Implementation Board. The motion passed by the following vote: Ayes 10 (Carman, Andersen, Ramirez, Vega, Ballard, Beall, Campos, Ho, Keyon, Librers); Noes 0; Abstain: 0; Absent 3 (Duong, Campos, Marques)

FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION BOARD INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS:

None

IMPLEMENTATION BOARD ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Implementation Board meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Vicky Rossi

Vicky Rossi (Mar 24, 2026 08:22:32 PDT)

Vicky Rossi, Deputy Secretary