



Guadalupe-Coyote Resource Conservation District (GCRCD)

An independent special district of the State of California

DATE: November 1, 2021
TO: GCRCD Board of Directors
FROM: Stephanie Moreno, Executive Director/District Clerk
SUBJECT: Item 5.3: Notice of dissolution of the GCRCD Ad Hoc Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) committee

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Accept dissolution of the GCRCD Ad Hoc Fish and Aquatic Habitat Collaborative Effort (FAHCE) committee.

DISCUSSION:

The Ad Hoc FAHCE committee membership consists of the President and Vice-President of the Board of Directors. It was tasked by the Board of Directors to meet on an as-needed basis to consider and advise on items related to ongoing negotiations regarding implementation of the FAHCE settlement agreement, which was initialed in 2003 by GCRCD, Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Trout, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association (PCFFA), Northern California Council of Fly Fishers International (NCCFFI), and Trout Unlimited. On June 9, 2020, GCRCD notified the other Initialing Parties that it was withdrawing as an Initialing Party from the FAHCE settlement agreement. On June 30, 2021, Valley Water published a draft Environmental Impact Report for FAHCE under the California Environmental Quality Act, establishing a public proceeding for addressing items related to FAHCE. Given these events, the Ad Hoc committee has determined that its work has been completed and the committee should be dissolved.

The District retains the option to convene a new ad hoc or standing committee at any time.

Cc: Julie Gantenbein, District Counsel