

FROM: Rich Marovich, Streamkeeper (SK)

**DATE:** June 13, 2019

# **SUBJECT: Agenda for Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee Discussion Meeting:**

Thursday June 13th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM: Monticello Room; Solano Irrigation District Headquarters: 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 201, Vacaville.

No.	Min	Item										
1	3:30-3:40	Public Comment: Comments welcome on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.										
2	3:40-3:45	Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May meeting will be reviewed.										
3	3:45-4:00	<b>Approval of Annual Workplan:</b> The LPCCC will approve/revise the annual work plan for FY 2019-2020.										
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4	4:00-4:20	LPCCC will discuss:	Riparian Diversions	Patterned Calendar								
•			Interagency Communications	ed								
5	4:20-4:30	Streamkeeper Report: The	Streamkeeper will report on status of projects.									
6	4:30-4:45	Putah Creek Council Report: PCC will report on recent activities.										
7	4:45-4:55	Member Reports: LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.										
8	4:55-5:00	<b>Correspondence:</b> The LPCO	Correspondence: The LPCCC will review any significant correspondence.									
	-	8	Next Meeting: The LPCCC will hold a decision meeting Thursday, July 11th at the Veterans Memorial Game Room, 203 E 14th St, Davis 3:30 to 5:00 PM.									

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FROM: Rich Marovich, Streamkeeper

**DATE:** May 9, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee Decision Meeting

on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Davis Parks and Recreation Training Room

1818 Fifth Street, Davis from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

#	Time	Item	Item									
1	3:30	Public Co	Public Comment: Alan Pryor and Jeff Tenpas offered comment (see notes for details).									
2	3:40	Approval	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Minutes of the March meeting were approved									
3	3:45	<b>Planning Subcommittee:</b> The LPCC Planning Subcommittee recommended an annual workplan for 2019-2020.										
4	4:00	Planning	Planning Grant: SK reported on status of the planning grant.									
			Reviewed outreach and communication plans and process	Patterned Calendar								
5	4:15	The LPCCC	Adopted the Riparian diversions plan for 2019-2020									
		LICCC	Approved the Annual LPCCC Operations Budget	ed ar								
6	4:35	Streamkeeper Report: SK reported on ongoing work.										
7	4:45	Member Reports: Turid invited members to attend an event at Stone Gallery.										
8	4:50	Correspondence: An Urban Greening concept did not advance to full proposal.										
		<b>Next Meeting:</b> The LPCCC will hold a decision meeting Thursday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> at the Solano Irrigation District Monticello Room, 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Vacaville from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.										

**Attendees:** Jessica Jones, JD Kluge, Andrew Fulks, Patrick Huber, Justen Cole, Felix Riesenberg, Turid Reid, Roland Sanford, Harold Anderson. **Staff:** Rich Marovich, Shaunty Cureton. **Public:** Kent Anderson, Glen Holstein, Moira Metz, Alan Pryor, Jeff Tenpas, Garrick Chang, Matt Tuggle.

#### Lpccc Meeting 5/9/2019

#### Public comments

- My name is **Alan Pryor** speaking first as a representative of Friends of Putah Creek. Two months ago I asked that the LPCCC fulfill its statutory obligations under the 2002 amended Accord and release all of the reports that were performed under the annual monitoring contracts that were as also required under the Accord. I provided the language from the Accord specifying the timely release of that information by the LPCCC.

I also noted that we had yet to receive a substantial amount of the information from SCWA that we requested in a Public Records Act Request submitted last July. We subsequently sent a letter to Roland Sanford requesting all of this information and we received a reply from SCWA's legal counsel indicating that all missing information in possession of SCWA would be forthcoming and they would ensure all of the provisions of the Accord were met. We'll see. We haven't seen anything yet.

On another front, you may or may not be aware that SCWA recently filed a Motion to Dismiss our CEQA lawsuit against the CVFCB and SCWA challenging the issuance of the Phase 3 and NAWCA3 permits. This motion to dismiss was rejected quote unquote "in its entirety" by the Solano County judge hearing the case in spite of the fact that the projects had already been completed. We had previously offered settlement terms to SCWA and the CVFCB which we believe were quite modest compared to the imposition of potential mitigation mesasures and penalties that could result if the matter went to trial and our legal position prevailed. Our settlement offer was summarily rejected, however, with no counter offer made. If SCWA's position is not moderated, then the next step will be a full court trial probably sometime in the Fall. I will keep you appraised. And now speaking as Chair of the Sierra Club Yolano Group. On May 18, the Sierra Club mother Lode Chapter will hold its annual awards banquet in Sacramento. One of the awardees is Andrew Fulks who is receiving the 2019 Gary Pichon Wilderness award in recognition of all the work he has done for the past 2 decades to preserve native habitats with Tuleyome of which he was a cofounder in 2002 and to improve access to the public through his incredible trail building work started with Yolohiker.org.

This is a rare award given only about every 10 years by the Mother Lode Chapter which covers all of Northern California from Yosemite to the Oregon boder and from the Inner Coast Range to the Nevada stateline. Andrew certainly deserves all of our congratulations and thanks for his work. I am attaching a nominating statement that I hope will be put in the minutes for posterity.

Statement for Gary Pichon Wilderness Award Presented to Andrew Fulks Andrew was originally from the Bay area and studied landscape architecture at UCD and subsequently worked locally developing plans and doing environmental compliance. But he quicly developed a passion for the hills west of Davis where he spent countless hours exploring the Inner Coast Range,

forging new trials, and assembling an amazing collection of dozens of detailed trail maps with geo-cordinates and photos at YoloHiker.org. It remains today the definitive source of hiking and trail information for Yolo, Napa, and Lake counties Andrew also led efforts to provide 1st-time public access to our public lands building the Berryessa Peak Trail, the Cold Canyon Trail and Annie's Trail in the UC Cold Canyon Preserve, and the Valley Vista Trail in the upper Capay Valley, and he continues to blaze and map new trails and hiking destinations. In 2002, Andrew co-founded Tuleyome which built organizational strength pushing for a Cache Creek State Wild and Scenic River designation in 2005. And, this was followed shortly after with their support of Congressman Mike Thompson's North Coast Wild Heritage bill that designated the new Cedar Roughs, Cache Creek and Yuki Wilderness areas, and additions to Snow Mountain Wilderness in 2006. That bill did a lot more than this but these were the areas in Andrew's "backyard."

Andrew, with his many partners at Tuleyome, then pushed for the designation of the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument in 2015. The monument connects these core Wildernesses Areas allowing for ecological processes to continue, particularly wildlife migration and climate change adaptation.

Andrew served as President of Tuleyome for 15 years and only recently stepped down (but remaining as a Board member) to devote more of his time to trail mapping and construction and rebuilding efforts following several years of devastating fires in the region. There is arguably no one in Northern California who has spent more time mapping, developing, and restoring the 100s of miles of trails that have benefited from his devotion.

In addition to his current employment as the Assistant Director of the UC Davis Arboretum and Gardens and Director of the Putah Creek Presrve at UC Davis. Andrew is also long term member of Yolo County Parks Commission and a member representing UC Davis of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee.

With that only touching on Andrew's many accomplishments, the 2019 Gary Pichon Wilderness Award is presented to Andrew Fulks. It is richly deserved and he is truly one of the region's environmental heroes.

On another front

- **Jeff Tenpas:** I went on a boating trip from Putah Diversion Dam to Winters and noticed that there has been a lot of disturbance making side roads along the creek. These roads have now eroded after the rains and have caused more disturbance than the high flows had made several years ago. Down in Winters I have noticed the same thing and I see a lot of relapse. Too much money was spent on bulldozing that didn't pan out. I urge you to take a tour around Putah Creek to see what's going on. The equipment is just disturbing the creek and setting it back in time.

## Approval of the minutes

- Minutes were approved.

## LPCCC Scheduled Projects (as recommended by planning subcommittee)

- IRWM ends October
- Prop1 Planning Grant ends in December
- NAWCA 3: Eucalyptus control east of 505
- Winters Putah Creek Park: has two more years left on the project
- Dry Creek Confluence: controlling invasive weeds and planting after the fire
- FEMA Project to control erosion and water capture of the trails in Cold Canyon
- Nishikawa planning project upstream of Pedrick road
- Giovannoni North West of the Dry Creek Project: conserving off channel ponds

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# Planning Grant Primary Deliverables

- Conceptual plans (30%) project sites
- 3 to advance to final (90%) designs
- Four candidates for final designs:
  - Giovannoni
  - Nishiwaka
  - o IDR Tributary Rock Vans
  - o Lower McNamara

Patrick Huber asked a how sites were selected and what makes these sites a "priority" Rich shared - These projects rode to the top of priority (Giovonnoni for quite some time) mainly on cost/benefit. Nishiwaka has wonderful spawning channels and would continue creating a place for natural habitat.

- We had hoped to get more participation in advisory groups to prioritize/score projects however, that was too ambitious. We applied the planning subcommittee criteria.
- Andrew though it would be very valuable to include a spatial reference to categorize these projects which was then shown by Rich.
  - Rich and Patrick will discuss documenting selection criteria.

## Project Archetypes

- Weed control only
- Bank stabilization
- Channel realignment Floodplain
- Channel Realignment-Pool

# Review Outreach and communication plans and process (KENT from PCC)

- Outreach activities are stewardship and education
- Stewardship team focuses on planting events, weeding events, propagation material collecting activities and creek clean up
- Watershed Nursery: seeding, planting, transplanting, culling, plant care, and maintenance, operation of the seed bank, Cal Fire support, contract and grant support
- We talk about a lot about impacts of human activity on watersheds.
- South Fork-City of Davis, Lake Solano-Solano County (more info about this at next PCC meeting). Lower Putah Creek Planning Grant- Prop1, Winter Nature Park Extension, Education Programs-Waterways, Dry Creek confluence Project), etc.
- Media: Davis Enterprise, Sacramento Bee, Woodland Daily Democrat, Winters Express, Vacaville Reporter, Capital Public Radio, etc.
- Outreach covers all in the community
- Amy Williams left PCC to work at Yolo RCD
- In the two years that I have been here we have doubled our staff and tripled our grant revenue.

#### PLEASE SEE SLIDESHOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Riparian Accommodation Program

- Reasonable requests for additional water until July 15 will be granted.
- All riparian diversions cease on July 15.
- The communication through the years has been great.
- We are now the hub of communication coordinating ag diversions while protecting flows.
- In the last drought water was diverted even in January
- Farmers look at this as a great deal for them and is continually validated by its support and success
- approved to continue as planned

## Proposed Operating Budget

-	Vegetation Management :LPCCC Staff: Funds	\$14,176
-	Fish Monitoring: Invertebrates/Salmon- Ken Davis	\$32,000
-	Electrofishing (TRP)	\$28,000
-	Gravel Scarification -	\$17,968
-	Wildlife Monitoring (ongoing): UCD MFWB-	\$77,968

<sup>\*</sup>From Friend of Putah Creek: I would like to ask that the things in which were discussed today that were not on the agenda be put in the minutes of today's meeting

 Comments shared by Andrew: There is still a lot of green on phase 3 and it was great to see all the movement of gravel. There are lots of people enjoying that area. Very well loved by the community. There is a lot of diversity now in this flood plan, it's great to see the progress.

## Member Reports

#### **ANDREW**

- More Eucalypts control being done by UCD interns
- Brick making machine will be borrowed out on the reserve to make soil bricks to pave access trails using onsite materials.
- Vandalism on UCD trails are subsiding by trail camera and the posting that there are trail cameras.

## **TURID**

- There is a local artist who photographs Putah Creek. We would like to support him and have agencies share his work. It is a great way to show the community how amazing the creek looks and how far it has come. This artist would like to open the Gallery just for those coming to this meeting. Turid will send a message and forward it to Rich to send to the board.

# Correspondance

- Our Urban Greening Grant Program concept at UCD did not advance to full proposal.
- We are working to see how to better fit the requirements for the following year.
- Manfred Kusch is taking out eucalyptus and also installing native plants with help from LPCCC.

Meeting adjourned till June 15th at 4:50PM



FROM: Rich Marovich, Streamkeeper

**DATE:** June 13, 2019

SUBJECT: ANNUAL WORK PLAN

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve.

**SUMMARY:** The planning subcommittee consisting of Roland, Herb, Patrick, Justen and Turid formed in January, reviewed and accepted the planning process in February, reviewed ongoing projects in March and proposed the following annual work plan in May.

**BACKGROUND:** Each year in January, the LPCCC forms a planning subcommittee to review the criteria for selecting new projects for the next fiscal year starting July 1, founded on a weighted scoring method adopted in 2010. The scope includes all projects in progress and focuses on funds ready to spend that have not been committed. Extraordinary project delays of nearly three years for Winters Putah Creek Park and NAWCA 3 occurred due to new permit requirements and the delays have impacted our capacity to take on additional work. Therefore, the planning subcommittee focused mainly on projects in progress.

**PROJECTS:** The IRWM project consists of weed control, erosion control and planting native vegetation from Monticello Dam to Winters. The Prop 1 Planning Grant is a comprehensive planning project for the entire creek that involves no field work but requires staff time. NAWCA 3 is a federally funded project administered by California Waterfowl in partnership with the LPCCC and is focused on extending Winters Putah Creek Park plantings from the eastern boundary of Winters to 505 and selected eucalyptus control sites downstream. Winters Putah Creek Park channel realignment projects have been ongoing since 2011, remaining tasks consist of revegetation primarily in the Phase 3 area. The Dry Creek Confluence Burn Area project resulted from an engine fire in our 314 excavator that also destroyed that machine. Yolo RCD is helping to fund revegetation after the fire. FEMA provided funding to mitigate damage from the Wragg fire focused in Cold Canyon. The project consists of erosion control along dozer lines and a network of trails in the burn area. Nishikawa and Giovannoni are longstanding priority sites that are entering the field engineering stage. Additional projects may be proposed as a result of new funding opportunities that will be reviewed in August, December and April per the patterned calendar.

The proposed work plan for 2019-2020 is as follows:

# Proposed Schedule of Projects

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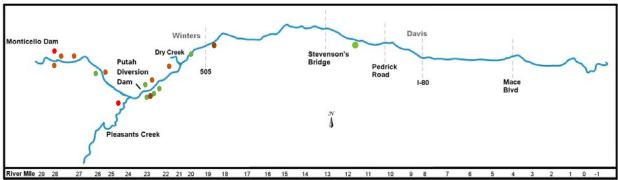


FROM: Rich Marovich, Streamkeeper

**DATE:** June 13, 2019

SUBJECT: STREAMKEEPER REPORT

## **Current Field Work (June-July):**



#### Legend

- Upland erosion control projects
- Trails and weed control
- Planting/irrigating native vegetation

<u>Phase 3 – Winters Putah Creek Park and NAWCA 3:</u> Finish grading and planting continues at Winters Putah Creek Park and NAWCA3. Eucalyptus removal has begun on county property downstream of 505.

### **Interdam Reach**

**Bobcat Ranch:** Erosion control projects will start in July.

**Pleasants Creek:** One additional erosion control site on Pleasants Creek will also start late June or July. **Fishing Accesses:** Weed control work will begin when the replacement excavator arrives, mid-June.

**PDD to Winters:** Cleanup of storm debris and repair of storm damage to access trails has begun.

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