



LOWER PUTAH CREEK COORDINATING COMMITTEE

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper
DATE: March 10, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM

SUBJECT: Agenda for March 10, 2022 Decision Meeting of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee via Zoom from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

#	time	Item
1	3:30	Remote Meeting Action Item: In Compliance with Government Code Section 54953(e) added by Assembly Bill 361, board to reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and determine that: (i) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and/or (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
2	3:35	Public Comment: The public may comment on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.
3	3:45	Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February meeting will be reviewed.
4	3:50	Operations Budget Review: The base budget for the LPCCC, as dictated by the Accord, will be reviewed.
5	4:00	Riparian Diversion Process: Basics of riparian water, managing riparian diversions, landowner outreach, water orders, and avoiding minimum flow violations, will be reviewed. Possible improvements to the system will be discussed.
6	4:20	Annual Workplan: A draft annual workplan of the Streamkeeper (and LPCCC) will be presented.
7	4:45	Streamkeeper Report: SK will report on current activities.
8	4:50	Member Reports: LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
9	5:00	Next Meeting: April 14, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM

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*The Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee consists of:
Cities of Davis, Fairfield, Suisun City, Vacaville, Vallejo and Winters; Counties of Solano and Yolo;
Solano and Yolo Riparian Landowners; Maine Prairie Water District; Solano County Water Agency;
Solano Irrigation District; Putah Creek Council and University of California, Davis*

February 10, 2022, LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Meeting by Zoom.

Attendees:

Harold Anderson, Andrew Fulks, Patrick Huber, Roland Sanford, Herb Wimmer, Turid Reid, Elizabeth Reay, Michael Hether, Thomas Pate, JP Marie, Tara Thronson, Justin Cole

Staff: Max Stevenson

Public: Jeff Tenpas, Rich Marovich

Convened at: 3:30 PM

Quorum: Yes

1. Remote Meeting Action Item: Government Code Section 54953(e) added by Assembly Bill 361 requires that teleconferencing be approved by governing boards each month.

Motion to continue Zoom Meetings: Herb Wimmer Second: Thomas Pate

Ayes: Hether, Wimmer, Kluge, Sanford, Anderson, Reid, Reay, Fulks, Thronson, Huber, Cole

Nays: none. Motion passes unanimously.

2. Public Comment: Jeff TenPas made a comment on a letter previously submitted and this letter is contained in the minutes of the Dec 9, 2021 meeting. The topic was the Nishikawa project.

3. Approval of Minutes of Dec 9, 2021 Meeting:

Revisions: None.

Motion to approve: Roland

Second: Justin

Ayes: Unanimous

4., South Fork Wetlands Presentation:

South Fork Wetlands is a proposed restoration project on Putah Creek near Old Davis Road. A joint project of UC Davis and the City of Davis. This is not a SCWA or LPCCC Project. The presentation by Andrew Fulks (UC Davis) is for informational purposes and shows a conceptual design. The site was a borrow pit decades ago for highway overcrossings by Caltrans. The elevation was lowered 8 to 12 feet. The current floodplain is too high for riparian forest but too low for Oak Woodland. The project would add an off-channel wetland and more active floodplain elevations, along with paths for public access. Funding has not been completely identified. Public meetings on the proposed project are planned to be hosted by the City of Davis in April or May 2022. The previous excavation from Caltrans provides extra space for flood conveyance for the project. This project is at a very early planning stage. Huber commented on the City of Davis perspective, Josh Chapman (Davis City Council) is excited to move the project forward. Reid commented that the Old Davis Rd used to be called Low Water Bridge before being upgraded in the 1990s. Tenpas commented that Oak trees should be able to grow in the project area already. Fulks commented that the Oaks get flooded out in the current configuration. Wimmer suggested formal support for the project from the LPCCC.

Motion: Wimmer moves for a vote of support of the concept. Second: Reid

Ayes: Unanimous roll call vote. Hether, Cole, Wimmer, Sanford, Anderson, Reid, Thronson

Huber and Fulks abstained, Sanford asked if a letter of support would be warranted? After discussion it was determined to wait until further development of the project for a support letter.

5. Streamkeeper report:

a. Nishikawa Update

- Grant agreement for Nishikawa was signed (3-year project, \$750,000)
- Working on landowner access agreements (Mark Nishikawa and UC Davis Campus Planning office)
- SCWA Field staff held a site visit
- Preliminary native plant list for PCC created
- LSA Environmental Consulting for permits initial kickoff meeting held
- Meetings/emails with FOPC
 - Compaction/shallow GW connection to floodplain
 - Topsoil stockpile during construction
 - Mussel conservation (part of wildlife rescue, a grant task)

b. Meetings/Outreach - a table was presented summarizing meetings and outreach.

c. Riparian Pumpers

- Riparian Forecast letter mailed to landowners along Putah Creek
- Updating map and contact list for pumpers w/ Mark Snyder (SCWA)
- Planning for outreach and communication improvements to pumpers

d. Future Grants

- IDR – FEMA Hazard Mitigation Funds (Feb 15)
- Los Rios Check Dam – Drought funds?
- Riparian Property Acquisition (CNRA)
- Prop 1 – CDFW (due March 4)
- Rotary Club

e. Monitoring Data/Access to Reports

- Access to Reports, the SCWA website is being edited for better access to report.
- Flow data on Putah Creek from various agencies were reviewed for data quality.
- End uses of monitoring data were discussed, real-time management, research projects, and foundation long-term monitoring.

TenPas commented that Stevenson had not characterized the FOPC concerns accurately.

Huber had a question about funding opportunities regarding purchasing riparian properties, measure O money could be used for cost share within the City of Davis planning area.

6. Updates from the Planning Subcommittee

Sanford reported on the first Planning Subcommittee meeting. Wimmer and Stevenson will meet later to start development of the annual workplan. Items a, b, and c below were covered in the Streamkeeper report previously (Agenda Item 5).

- a. Riparian Diversions
- b. Interagency Communications
- c. Fish Monitoring
- d. Annual Workplan

7. Member Reports

Turid: PCC has great volunteer participation on planting days

Reay: PCC plantings at South Fork Preserve, the Nursery, and Winters Putah Creek Nature Park weeding.

Thronson: Thanks to Stevenson for meeting with Congressman Thomsson a few weeks ago.

Huber: serves on City of Davis Habitat and Natural Resources Committee and has a GIS layer of Putah Creek parcels within the City purview and amount of Native vegetation. A few dozen parcels are included.

Nothing additional to report from other members.

8. Next LPCCC Meeting:

The next meeting is March 10, 2022, 3:30-5:00 pm by zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.
