



**LOWER PUTAH CREEK COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**TO:** Interested Persons

**FROM:** Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper

**DATE:** April 14, 2022 3:30-4:45 PM (ending early due to Boardroom scheduling)

**SUBJECT:** Agenda for the April 14, 2022 Decision Meeting of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee via Zoom and in person from 3:30 to 4:45 PM (810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, California 95688)

#	time	Item
1	3:30	<b>Remote Meeting Action Item:</b> 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	3:33	<b>Public Comment:</b> The public may comment on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.
3	3:36	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting will be reviewed.
4	3:40	<b>Wildlife Monitoring Review:</b> Melanie Truan of UC Davis will present wildlife monitoring results.
5	4:10	<b>Three Year Plan for Riparian Diversions:</b> Steps for addressing issues with Riparian Pumping downstream of I-80 will be discussed.
6	4:25	<b>Annual Workplan:</b> A draft annual workplan of the Streamkeeper (and LPCCC) will be presented.
7	4:30	<b>Streamkeeper Report:</b> SK will report on current activities and recently received monitoring reports.
8	4:50	<b>Member Reports:</b> LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
9	4:45	<b>Next Meeting:</b> May 12, 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*

**March 10, 2022, LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Meeting by Zoom.**

Attendees:

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

Staff: Max Stevenson

Public: Jeff Tenpas, Rich Marovich, Chris Alford, John McNerny

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.

Discussion was had on having in-person meetings in the future. Hybrid style (both in-person and zoom) was discussed. Hybrid is better for public participation and reduces travel times for all. The SCWA Board room has recently been upgraded for better hybrid meeting technology.

Motion to have next meeting hybrid in the SCWA Board Room (contingent on COVID status continuing to improve): Huber Second: Wimmer

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

Nays: none. Motion passes unanimously.

**2. Public Comment:** Chris Alford (Alford Environmental) and John McNerny (City of Davis staff) introduced themselves.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Feb 10, 2022 Meeting:**

Revisions: Correction to JD Kluge voting yes on remote meeting. JD Kluge was not present at the meeting. No other revisions.

Motion to approve: Wimmer Second: Sanford

Ayes: Unanimous

**4. Operations Budget Review:**

Sanford reviewed the budget table with the Committee. The budget is divided into two parts: *Accord Required* (\$261,681) and *Additional SCWA Support* (\$1,416,590). The nursery line item no longer applies and is zeroed out. The nursery is now run by Putah Creek Council. April meeting will provide an update on *Non- Accord Support Consultant* costs.

LPCCC Operations Budget Report					
FY 2021-2022*					
(does not include grants)					
Operations Budget					
As of 12/31/2021 =6/12 =50% of FY					
^ These funds come from LPCCC operations (variable)			# These funds come from SCWA as funding (Fixed)		
Item	Initial Annual Budget	12/31/2021	%	YTD Remain	
<b>ACCORD REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS</b>					
# SCWA Contribution Vegetation - 61305C	\$ 14,793	\$ 3,494	24%	\$ 11,299	
# SCWA Contribution Wildlife - 61485C	\$ 81,359	\$ 55,070	68%	\$ 26,289	
# SCWA Contribution Fish Monitoring - 61495C	\$ 81,359	\$ 38,383	47%	\$ 42,976	
#SCWA Contribution Misc Supplies - 61995C	\$ 25,000	\$ 14,283	57%	\$ 10,717	
# SCWA Contribution Streamkeeper Salary&Benefits	\$ 59,170	\$ 29,585	50%	\$ 29,585	
<b>TOTAL ACCORD REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 261,681</b>	<b>\$ 140,816</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>\$ 120,866</b>	
<b>ADDITIONAL SCWA SUPPORT - NON-ACCORD ITEMS</b>					
SK # SCWA Contribution Streamkeeper Salary&Benefits	\$ 132,098	\$ 36,464	28%	\$ 95,634	
#SCWA Contribution Nursery - 61835C	\$ -	\$ 1,470		\$ (1,470)	
* #SCWA LPCCC Services-billable -61795C	\$ -	\$ 108,323		\$ (108,323)	
#SCWA Equipment -Purchase/repairs less recycle reimb-61815C	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,946	45%	\$ 11,054	
#Labor - SCWA- LPCCC 69505C-5602	\$ 224,260	\$ 104,015	46%	\$ 120,245	
#Labor- LPCCC Equip 69505C-5602	\$ 64,762	\$ 22,388	35%	\$ 42,374	
#Labor-LPCCC Others 69505C-5605	\$ 130,521	\$ 75,019	57%	\$ 55,502	
#Labor SCWA LPCCC Non-Reimbursable grant support(Non SK)	\$ 12,322	\$ 12,896	105%	\$ (574)	
Lower Putah Creek-Non Accord Support Consultants -66205C	\$ 964,725	\$ 139,726	14%	\$ 824,999	
Capital Assets - 55005C	\$ -			\$ -	
^ Nursery 3rd Party Sales Income -49225C	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	
* ^LPCCC Services Invoiced - 49785C	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	
^Equipment Rental 3rd Party - 49815C	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
^ Grant Equipment Reimbursement-Usage - 41505C	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	
SK ^Grant Labor Streamkeeper-Reimbursement	\$ (132,098)	\$ -	0%	\$ (132,098)	
<b>Net Addtl SCWA Non-Accord Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,416,590</b>	<b>\$ 509,246</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>\$ 907,344</b>	
* FY = July 1 through June 30					

## 5. Riparian Diversion Process:

Stevenson reviewed Riparian water right basics from a fact sheet from the State Water Board website [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/board\\_info/faqs.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/board_info/faqs.html) and from his experience on the Cache Creek system. Stevenson then described the system for coordination between environmental flows and riparian pumpers Putah Creek, flow monitoring stations, and the idea that riparian water can be provided 'on-top' of the base environmental flows. The cutoff date for riparian pumping is July 15, annually. Kluge and Sanford discuss the difficulties of pumping activities downstream of Mace Blvd, including flow measurement and return flows. Kluge characterized the pumping downstream of Mace Blvd as excessive and beyond riparian rights. Sanford pledged more attention to the lower Creek, especially with the recent die-off of salmon in the Toe Drain. Wimmer suggested a 3-year plan be developed to address this issue with public outreach as the focus of year one. Wimmer also asked to put a '3-year plan' item on the next LPCCC meeting agenda.

## 6. Annual Workplan:

Stevenson reported that he met twice with Wimmer and once with Huber on the Annual Workplan Development. The LPCCC Planning subcommittee also once on the Annual Workplan. The Workplan is still in draft, was not presented, and a more developed plan will be presented at the next LPCCC meeting.

## **7. Streamkeeper Report**

Stevenson presented this year's salmon fry counts from the snorkel survey, normally thousands of fish are seen, but this year none were seen (note: although another day of surveying after the LPCCC meeting found 19 fry).

Grant Activities: SCWA is in the process of applying for \$150,000 in planning money from Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Funds for more rock vanes on tributaries in the Inter Dam Reach (IDR). Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry asked for a list of financial priorities for Putah Creek in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. Joe Hobbs (CDFW) and Stevenson provide a list for 58 pump flowmeters, additional staff for the Wildlife Area, and action on the 3 remaining barriers to fish passage: CR106a crossing, Los Rios Check Dam, and the Lisbon Weir.

Nishikawa Project Update: Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for all Putah Creek will be adopted as part of Nishikawa. Signed a contract to model pre and post flood water elevations for permitting. Scheduled the tree survey. A soil stratigraphy survey found lots of clay that will be difficult to plant into and little shallow groundwater. The grading plan will be revised to accommodate using adaptive management principles. Jeff Tenpas (public) made a supportive comment on the plan development and suggested keeping as much fertile soil as possible.

## **8. Member Reports:**

Fulks: continuing to work on the concept plans for the South Fork Wetlands project. Next month might have a public meeting at the site coordinated by Tracie Reynolds. The Arboretum Project is moving forward and is in contracting. Out to bid by the end of summer.

Turid: Lots of volunteers helping with planting for Putah Creek Council (PCC). There is an opening for the position of Nursery Manager at PCC.

Reay: Hoping to fill the Nursery Manager position soon.

Other members: nothing to report.

## **9. Next Meeting**

April 14, 2022 3:30-4:45 PM (ending 15 minutes early due to scheduling the SCWA Board Room).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 pm.

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