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**TO:** Interested Persons  
**FROM:** Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper  
**DATE:** August 11, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM

**SUBJECT:** Agenda for August 11, 2022 Meeting of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee via Zoom from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

| # | time | Item  |
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| 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 | 3:35 | <b>Public Comment:</b> The public may comment on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.   |
| 3 | 3:40 | <b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Minutes of the July 14, 2022 meeting will be reviewed.  |
| 4 | 3:45 | <b>Putah Creek Council (PCC) Report from the Executive Director:</b> Phil Stevens will discuss funding sources and general activities of the PCC. PCC is a local non-profit and a member of the LPCCC.  |
| 5 | 4:15 | <b>Planning Subcommittee Report:</b> Riparian Pumper Pre-Plan update  |
| 6 | 4:20 | <b>Pattern Calendar:</b> Riparian Diversion Updates, Interagency Communication Updates, Grant Applications, Fish Monitoring Updates, Fiscal Reserves.   |
| 7 | 4:30 | <b>Streamkeeper Report:</b> SK will report on water conditions and current activities.  |
| 8 | 4:45 | <b>Member Reports:</b> LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.  |
| 9 | 4:55 | <b>Next Meeting:</b> September , 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*

## July 14, 2022, LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Meeting by Zoom

### Attendees:

Harold Anderson, JP Marie, Cary Keaton, Roland Sanford, Patrick Huber, Thomas Pate, Herb Wimmer, Turid Reid, Elizabeth Reay, Tara Thronson, Aiysha

Staff: Max Stevenson, Gavin Poore

Public: Rich Marovich

Convened at: 3:32 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. It was decided that future meetings will also be remote, except for one in-person meeting in the fall.

Motion to have the next meeting by zoom Moved: Wimmer Second: JP

Ayes: Motion passes unanimously.

Nays: none.

**2. Public Comment:** None given.

**3. Approval of Minutes of May 12, June 7 and June 10, 2022 Meetings:**

Revisions: None.

Motion to approve: Sanford Second: Wimmer

Ayes: Unanimous

**4. Planning Subcommittee Report: Annual Workplan and Riparian Pumper Pre-Plan**

**Annual Workplan:** The Streamkeeper's Annual Workplan was presented and discussed. Subcommittee Chair Sanford explained that with more attention needed below I-80, that there were now too many tasks to reasonably complete in a year. However, the subcommittee would like the LPCCC to adopt the document as-is, and expect that when evaluating the accomplishment at years end, some tasks will need to be continued to the next workplan. Chair Huber asked for an estimate about how much of the plan could be completed. The Streamkeeper responded that a lot depends on how the Nishsikawa project is managed, to free up time for the Streamkeeper. Fifty percent completion was estimated.

Motion to adopt the workplan: JD Second: Turid

Roll call vote was unanimous, with JP Marie abstaining (JP may have had a technical issue)

**Riparian Pumper Pre-plan:** Member Kluge requested contact information for riparian pumpers. Subcommittee Chair Sanford reported that the subcommittee had been meeting and preparing a plan. The proposed name of project was presented as the "Putah Creek Water Management" project, or

PCWM (pick-whim). The subcommittee will be prepared to bring a full 'pre-plan' to the full LPCCC in the next few months.

#### **5. Pattern Calendar: Budget Review, Grant Review, Equipment Inventory, WPCP Subcommittee**

The new annual budget from SCWA for LPCCC activities was presented. Last year (FY21/22) \$1.4 million was budgeted, but not all spent. So, this year's budget (FY22/23) was reduced accordingly to \$1.1 million. The minimum budget required by the Accord for FY22/23 is \$265,729. The Committee generally agreed that they did not need to see budgets in advance of meetings, except that Member Thronson requested advance notice of anything that might be 'of concern'. The committee requested a future presentation from the Putah Creek Council to explain how they use SCWA funds from the LPCCC budget to further their mission. Current spending on the Nishikawa grant was presented (~\$86k this quarter).

The LPCCC equipment list (trucks, mowers, seeders, boats, pumps, etc) was reviewed. There were 79 items on the list, but 18 items have recently been removed. In the past the Streamkeeper managed the equipment inventory, but now that duty falls to Duc Jones (SCWA staff). Member Wimmer asked what happened to the tub grinder. (Duc Jones reported after the meeting that the tub grinder was sold at auction because the diesel engine was old Tier 1 technology and had severe use restrictions to protect air quality.)

Winters Putah Creek Park (WPCP) Subcommittee no longer exists and will be pulled from the pattern calendar.

#### **6. Support Letter for Southern Putah Creek Realignment Project**

The Streamkeeper and LPCCC Chair drafted a simple support letter for three projects on Putah Creek to be sent from the Chair, to the Director of California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Bonham) and Engineer Loboschfsky of the California Department of Water Resources. The three projects are:

1. Los Rios Check Dam Northern Bypass (1,600 feet of new channel)
2. Road 106A Crossing (Improve the culverts for fish passage)
3. Southern Realignment of Putah Creek (create 4 miles of new channel and associate wetlands)

Motion to send the letter: Wimmer      Second: Reid

Passed: Unanimously

#### **7. Streamkeeper Report**

The Streamkeeper reported on recent activities and water conditions on the Creek:

1. Report on the Los Rios Check Dam Tour held June 10, 2022
2. Nishikawa Updates
  - a. Test trenches for clay remediation completed
  - b. Programmatic EIR for all of Putah Creek planned for adoption
3. Water Condition Report in Putah Creek – dissolved oxygen at 0.5 mg/l near LRCD 7/14/2022, Member Wimmer requested a short summary report of the low DO.

#### 4. Outreach/Meetings

- a. City of Winters Natural Resources Committee Presentation (May 16, 2022)
- b. Meeting with John Anderson (Los Rios Farms) May 19
- c. Tour of PDD with SCWA staff (May 25)
- d. Ken Davis and Rick Fowler scarification planning for fall (May 25)
- e. Meetings w/ Chris Campbell (CBEC for fish passage cost estimates May 27)
- f. UCD Groundwater Shortcourse Lecture (June 2)
- g. Landowner meeting Fermin Hernandez (June 3)
- h. Habitat Workshop w/ Chuck Bonham (CDFW) and Karla Nemith (DWR) VA agreements (Jun 10 and 13)
- i. Trained SCWA staffperson (Elise) on ppt for native plants (June 16)
- j. Spencer Bei, Riparian Pumper meeting
- k. Wendy Rash NRCS State Office (June 17)
- l. Participated in Creek Speek, Beth Rose Middleton (UCD) (June 23)
- m. 150th Anniversary of RD 108 (June 29)
- n. Salmon Festival Planning Committee (July 7)

#### **8. Member Reports**

Liz Reay – new hires at PCC Two nursery positions and an education manager.

JP Marie- A small wildfire occurred on Sunday on the Yolo County side of Putah Creek near the UCD Riparian Preserve and went into the Glide Ranch. It was extinguished quickly with no damage on UCD property.

#### **9. Next Meeting August 11, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM**

The next meeting will be by zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.