



LOWER PUTAH CREEK COORDINATING COMMITTEE

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper
DATE: January 12, 2023 3:30-5:00 PM

SUBJECT: Agenda for January 12, 2023 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. The State of Emergency will be ending in February and the March meeting will need to follow different rules (remote may still be available).
2	3:35	Election of New LPCCC Chair and Vice Chair
3	3:40	Public Comment: The public may comment on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.
4	3:45	Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Dec 8, 2023 meeting will be reviewed.
5	3:50	LPCCC Roster for 2023: Member Selection, Streamkeeper Performance Review Subcommittee and Planning Subcommittee Assignments, Scheduling Next Year's Meetings
6	4:00	Salmon Update. 500+ fall Run Chinook Salmon spawned in Putah Creek in 2022
7	4:10	Thank you letters for Harold Anderson, John Vickery, Dennis Kilkenny
8	4:15	Planning Subcommittee Report: Putah Creek Water Management Plan (PCWM) update and Possible Process for Expansion of Landowner Representation on the LPCCC
9	4:45	Pattern Calendar: Review 2023 Calendar. Review January Items: Grant/Project Budgets, Grant Application Process, Equipment Inventory
10	4:50	Streamkeeper Report: SK will report on water conditions and current activities.
11	4:55	Member Reports: LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
12	5:00	Next Meeting: February 9, 2023 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*

Dec 8, 2022, LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Meeting by Zoom

Attendees:

Patrick Huber, Turid Reid, Elizabeth Reay, Andrew Fulks, Justin Cole, Michael Hether, Roland Sanford, Herb Wimmer, JD Kluge

Staff: Max Stevenson, Chris Lee, Thomas Pate

Public: Jeff Tenpas, Malia Josephine, Phil Stevens, John Hasbrook

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 unanimously during the July 14, 2022 meeting, that future meetings will also be remote, except for one in-person meeting in the fall. Chair Huber waived discussion on this item. The Chair also mentioned that Gov Newsom has removed the emergency meeting provisions and that City of Davis meetings will resume in-person in March. The LPCCC will discuss resuming in-person meetings later.

2. Public Comment: Jeff TenPas submitted written comments on the Putah Creek PEIR during the last SCWA Board meeting. TenPas requested that the letter be shared with the LPCCC and Stevenson agreed to do so.

3. Approval of Minutes of the Nov 10, 2022 Meeting:

Revisions: None.

Motion to approve: Kluge Second: Wimmer

Ayes: Unanimous

4. Annual Report from the Putah Creek Council Exec Director, Phil Stevens

PCC was launched in 1988 as a branch of Audobon. PCC instigated the lawsuit that resulted in the Putah Creek Accord in 2000.

Native Plant Nursery: The PCC runs a native plant nursery with currently 117,000 plants being grown.

Stewardship Program: Community volunteers help with restoration projects, planting, irrigation, etc on field days throughout the year.

Creek Cleanup: Twice a year volunteers are organized to pick up trash in the Creek.

Creek Explorers. Is a new education program for kids on Saturdays at Lake Solano. It is very popular.

OneCreek: Is an internship program each spring and fall for 10 weeks, 40-50 applications for 8 slots. Interns work on native plant nursery and restoration projects.

CreekSpeak speaker series hosts monthly seminars from guest speakers. It will continue and perhaps go back to live, in-person, next year.

Hasbrook- how do you buy plants from the Nursery? Stevens- Not really set-up for retail but would like to do that more, please email nursery@putahcreekcouncil.org or contact Max Stevenson or Rich Marovich with questions.

5. Salmon Update

A timeline of the pulse flows, board removal, and salmon arrival was presented by Stevenson.

Oct 18-21, 2022 Place 80 tons of spawning gravel at Winters, Los Rios installs fish friendly culvert at 106a
Oct 24, 2022 Pulse flow arrives at LRCD, boards open. 106a road crossing breached
Oct 25, 2022 16 salmon at PDD
Oct 30, 2022 106a crossing put back, new fish friendly culvert open
Nov 2, 2022 Ken Davis 8 spawning salmon (Ken only checks scarified areas)
Nov 7, 2022 Los Rios Check Dam and 106a Boards temporarily re-installed
Nov 8, 2022 49 live and 2 carcasses from UCD Canoe Surveys (PDD to 505)
Nov 22, 2022 25 carcasses total for the season UCD Canoe Surveys (PDD to 505)
Nov 22, 2022 Check Dam removed for season. 106a new culvert, within 2 hours 64 salmon swam upstream
Dec 6, 2022 84 live salmon, 14 more carcasses, UCD Canoe Surveys (PDD to 505)

Members shared anecdotes of viewing salmon this year. A short discussion was had on the need for standardized counting of salmon. Stevenson said a Putah Creek Monitoring Data Summit will be held in Feb or March 2023 and standardizing the salmon count will be part of the meeting.

6. Review of the LPCCC Member Selection Process and Expanding LPCCC Landowner Representation

Each January the Streamkeeper is required to create a roster of the LPCCC membership. Each side, Yolo and Solano, selects their members. Some members are inactive and representatives do not attend. There was also discussion of expanding landowner representation so that riparian pumpers had more of a say in the LPCCC. Legal counsel will be asked for an opinion on if this is allowed by the Accord.

Below is a list of today's representation on the LPCCC.

ACTIVE

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| 1. UCD | Andrew Fulks |
| 2. PCC | Turid Reid |
| 3. City of Davis | Patrick Huber |
| 4. Yolo County | Tara Thronson |
| 5. City of Fairfield | Michael Hether |
| 6. City of Vacaville | Justen Cole |
| 7. City of Winters | to be appt |
| 8. SCWA | Roland Sanford |
| 9. SID | JD Kluge |
| 10. Solano Landowner Rep | Herb Wimmer (Dennis Kilkenny alternate but inactive) |

INACTIVE

- 11. Yolo Landowner Rep John Vickery inactive since covid [Ryan Warren alternate]
- 12. Solano County John Vasquez relies on Roland for updates and action items
- 13. Vallejo –rep not active since 2002
- 14. Maine Prairie Water Dist. not active since 2005
- 15. Suisun City not active since beginning

The Streamkeeper was directed to work with the LPCCC Planning Subcommittee to continue investigating expanded LPCCC membership.

7. Planning Subcommittee Report

PCWM: Putah Creek Water Management

PCWM is the main charge of the Subcommittee. The draft 3-to-5-year schedule for PCWM was shown. Contacts have been signed with Ag Innovation (Facilitation Services) and MBK Engineers (Water Rights) and both firms have started work.

Task	2023				2024				2025				
	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Ag Innovations Facilitation													
Phase I - Solicit input from all Stakeholders, w/ MBK	█	█											
Phase I - Develop list of shared goals		█											
Report - summary from stakeholders current view			█										
Scope Phase II - How to share the Creek			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Scope Phase III - Implement the Plan						█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
MBK Water Rights/Availability Investigation													
Organize SCWA records, Water Board, Etc, w/Ag Innov	█	█											
Report - Scope for actual investigation			█										
Complete Water Rights/Water Availability Investigation			█	█	█								
Creative Water Supply Ideas - groundwater, partnerships, purchase/transfers							█		█		█		
SCWA and LPCCC Engagement	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Hire PCWM Project Manager			█										
Operational Solutions			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Infrastructure Plan				█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Infrastructure Funding Plan (mix public, private, grants, etc)					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Ongoing Operations/Maintenance - sustainable funding					█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Implementation of plan						█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Construction beginning													█

Additionally, the Streamkeeper reported on SCWA’s Boucher Law Workforce Study. The Workforce Study recommendations for Streamkeeper’s salary range were not followed by SCWA. The LPCCC referred further discussion on the issue to January

8. Pattern Calendar

The pattern calendar has 4 items this month.

- 1. Interagency Communications Update –covered in Streamkeeper Report
- 2. Grant Application Updates [A review of grants activities was discussed following
 - a. What projects to fund?
 - i. Downstream of I-80 (focus but not exclusive)

- ii. Planning vs Construction
- b. Top 3 projects 106a, Check Dam, Southern Realignment
 - i. Submitted engineered budgets to VA (Voluntary Agreements) list
 - ii. Presented to VA Committee to Bonham (CDFW) and Nemeth (DWR)
 - iii. SK appointed to VA Science Advisory Committee
- c. Restoration on Public vs Private land
- d. Property Acquisitions
- e. Congressional Earmarks
- f. VA process, directed action
- g. Traditional Grants, responding to a Request for Proposal (RFP) in a competitive process

Rich Marovich was hired back by SCWA to write grants. He will be available to help write grants for LPCCC activities in Feb, 2023. The concept of Process Based Restoration (PBR) was also discussed. PBR projects used less diesel and allow the power of water itself to do the work of changing channel geometries in a more natural approach that also turn out to be less expensive.

- 3. Report from the PCC ED –previously presented in this meeting
- 4. Financial Reserves – This was related to an event more than 10 years ago when a grant was overspent. It does not apply in the same way today. The name of this item was suggested to be changed to something like ‘Financial Review’ or merge the topic within the general budget review. For now, this item will remain on the pattern calendar.

9. Streamkeeper Report

The Streamkeeper reported on general activities as show below.

- 1. Water Conditions Report
- 2. A dead Nutria was found on Putah Creek and near I-80 was submitted to the game warden at CDFW.
- 3. Nishikawa Updates
 - a) Gavin Project Manager duties moving forward
 - b) Draft construction calendar completed
 - c) CEQA MND scheduled
 - d) Grubbed piles ready for burning
 - e) Erosion control measures in place for the winter
 - f) Working with UCD Real Estate Services on finalizing access agreements and tree removal
- 4. More resources for grant applications – 900+ hours from Rich Marovich - two grant possibilities
- 5. Outreach/Meetings/Activities:
 - a) Cultural Burning Demo at CCC 11/11
 - b) Review and Comment on Yolo Basin Foundation Storymap 11/14
 - c) Site survey from Los Rios Check Dam (LRCD) to the Toe Drain 11/14

- d) Putah Creek Water Management (PCWM) Project Kick-off meeting with Ag Innovations 11/15, follow up 11/18
- e) PCC ED meeting with Phil Stevens 11/16
- f) Carrie Shaw interview 11/18
- g) HEC-DSSVue Godin Filter plugin for net flow in Toe Drain at Lisbon Weir 11/20
- h) Landowner meeting (Hasbrook) 11/28
- i) MBK Water Rights kick-off meeting 11/28
- j) UCD Society of Water and Env. Graduate Students mixer 12/28
- k) Mailed Annual Report to Presiding Judge Bowman, Sac. Superior Court 11/29
- l) Curated and delivered 2005 Putah Creek LIDAR data to UCD and other consultants 11/29
- m) VA Science Committee Meeting 11/30
- n) Beaver Deceiver outreach, tech fix to fish passage through beaver dams 11/30
- o) Central Valley Salmonid Recovery Forum 12/1
- p) Assist Prunuske Chatham, Inc (PGE restoration contractors) find Willow cuttings for pipeline site 11/30
- q) UCD Real Estate Services Nishikawa site visit 12/2
- r) City of Davis Open Space Commission presentation on Putah Creek 12/5
- s) Landowner meetings (Mike Glide and Spencer Bei) 12/6
- t) LPCCC Subcommittee meeting PCWM 12/7

10. Member Reports

Fulks reported the agreement between City of Davis and UC Davis for the South Fork Wetlands Project (at Old Davis Rd) was signed.

Wimmer suggested preparing something to show our appreciation to Roland Sanford, since he is retiring in Jan 2023.

11. Next Meeting Jan 12, 2023 3:30-5:00 PM

The next meeting will be by zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.