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**TO:** Interested Persons  
**FROM:** Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper  
**DATE:** March 9, 2023, 3:30-5:00 PM

**SUBJECT:** Agenda for March 9, 2023 Meeting of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating in-person at 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, California 95688 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

#	time	Item
1	3:30	<b>Approval of the Current Agenda:</b> Members can remove items, add items subject to Brown Act Emergency Rules, or suggest future agenda items.
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 Feb 16, 2023 meeting will be reviewed.
4	3:42	<b>LPCCC Budget Operations Review</b> (Pattern Calendar)
5	3:45	<b>Riparian Diversion Process</b> (Pattern Calendar)
6	3:48	<b>Appreciation Letter for Roland Sanford</b>
7	3:50	<b>LPCCC Appointments to the City of Winters Natural Resources Committee</b> (Dennis Kilkenny)
8	3:55	<b>LPCCC Field Trip Planning</b>
9	4:00	<b>Planning Subcommittee Report:</b> Putah Creek Water Management Plan (PCWM) update and Annual Workplan (Pattern Calendar)
10	4:10	<b>Streamkeeper Report:</b> report on water conditions and current activities.
11	4:20	<b>Member Reports:</b> LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
12	4:25	<b>Next Meeting:</b> April 13, 2023 3:30-5:00 PM in-person
13	4:30	<b>Closed Session:</b> Personnel Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code §54957) (Pattern Calendar)

This meeting is in-person only.

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<https://www.scwa2.com/lower-putah-creek-coordinating-committee/>

*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*

## **Feb 16, 2023, LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Meeting by Zoom**

### Attendees:

Turid Reid, Elizabeth Reay, Andrew Fulks, Michael Hether, Herb Wimmer, JD Kluge, John Hasbrook, Tara Thronson, Carol Scianna, Chris Lee, JP Marie, Thomas Pate

Staff: Max Stevenson

Public: Jeff Tenpas, Rich Marovich, Phil Stevens. Pavan Prasad

Convened at: 3:30 PM

Quorum: Yes

**1. Remote Meeting Action Item:** Government Code Section 54953(e) added by Assembly Bill 361 ends in March and the next meeting will be in-person. All LPCCC members will attend in-person at the Vacaville offices. A zoom link for the public will be used, if available.

**2. Public Comment:** Jeff TenPas requests that a report on groundwater conditions in Winters Putah Creek Park be placed on a future agenda. Chris Lee suggested we wait until the Solano GSA annual reports due in April/May.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of the Jan 12, 2023 Meeting:**

Revisions: None.

Motion to approve: JD Kluge. Second: Chris Lee

Ayes: Unanimous

### **4. Nishikawa CEQA update**

Nishikawa is a 30-acre restoration project on Putah Creek near Pedrick Rd and managed by SCWA. A CEQA process is required.

- Programmatic EIR for all of Putah Creek (adopted in 2017 and update in 2022)
- Nishikawa Specific Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) have been prepared.
- Public hearing to adopt the Nishikawa MND will be held at the SCWA Board Meeting April 13, 2023
- Noticing and Public Comment Period on the MND - 30 days before the hearing

There were no further questions or comments.

### **5. Putah Creek Monitoring Data Summit**

A one-day meeting will be held at UC Davis on March 16, 2023 covering more than a dozen long-term monitoring programs on Putah Creek (water flow, water temperature, adult salmon carcass counts, juvenile salmon counts by 2 methods, salmon tagging, fish species diversity in two programs, birds, bats, and more). These monitoring programs were reviewed at the April 14, 2022, LPCCC Board meeting.



## 8. Pattern Calendar

The pattern calendar has 4 items this month.

1. Riparian Diversions – this a major topic for the PCWM project. The Streamkeeper mentioned that we will try to avoid the regular minimum flow violations coming up in May (2023), but that issue has not been resolved. The three Accord Flow Compliance Locations were reviewed on a map.
2. Interagency Communications  

Ca Department of Water Resources (DWR) interagency communication are on VA (Voluntary Agreements Early Implementation Projects) and identifying funding for LPCCC priority projects. Ca Dept of Fish and Wildlife manager of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (Joe Hobbs) is retiring soon. Joe has been a great cooperater on Putah Creek issues. Other interagency communication is noted in the Streamkeeper Report agenda item.
3. Fish Monitoring  

Ongoing monitoring of salmon and other resident fish species continues. Salmon fry monitoring is beginning by snorkel viewing and the UC Davis Rotary Screw Trap (installation net month).
4. Annual Workplan  

The Planning Subcommittee is reviewing last year's plan and metrics in preparation for the 2023 plan.

## 9. Streamkeeper Report

Timing of the spring pulse flow was discussed. It is hoped that rain will naturally satisfy the pulse flow requirements. If not, the pulse flows will be released from storage.

The new fish passage features installed at 106a in November 2022 have survived the winter storm flows and are still operating normally (video was presented). The placement of boards on the flashboard riser during irrigation season was discussed. Opportunities for counting salmon in the culvert were discussed.

Public comments from SCWA on the *Scientific Basis of the Voluntary Agreements* was mentioned.

A list of Streamkeeper Activities was presented:

1. LSA credentials for EPIMS (Environmental Permitting Information Management System, DFW 1600)
2. Sent AB52 Tribal Consultation Letter to Yocha Dehe
3. VA Science Committee meeting 1/18
4. Ag Innovations check in 1/18
5. Informational call with Real Estate Broker for a property on Putah Creek 1/19
6. Meeting with Tim Salamanovich on fish monitoring data and debris flushing at PDD 1/20
7. Call with Kristine DeGuerre Natural Resources Committee planning 1/20
8. Meet with City of Davis Councilmember Vaitla and Open Space Commissioner 1/20
9. Water Data Lab – txt alarms for low DO, it works! 1/23

10. City of Winters Natural Resources Committee Mtg 1/23
11. Sustainable Conservation – Environmental Permit streamlining workshop 1/24
12. Thomas Pate coordination on Putah Creek issues 1/25
13. Suisun City Environmental Committee presentation 1/25
14. LPCCC Planning Subcommittee meeting 1/26
15. Ag Innovations/MBK Coordination meeting 1/31
16. Brief Cary Keaton (SID, LPCCC alternate) on PCWM 2/6
17. Summarize Spring Pulse flow timing from the Accord for SCWA staff 2/6
18. Presentation to UC Davis Society of Water and Environmental Engineering Seminar 2/7
19. Reeb / Marovich / DWR meeting on Putah Creek Southern Realignment 2/13
20. SCWA Management meeting – get help with Riparian Model postcards
21. Rami Rose landowner on Pleasants Creek, NRCS coordination 2/14
22. Robin Kulakow meeting on Putah Creek Southern Realignment project 2/15
23. Ag Innovations check in 2/15
24. Review of LPCCC budget tracking with Financial Supervisor 2/16

## **10. Member Reports**

Kluge-A SCWA ad hoc committee was formed for quagga and zebra mussels and coordination with Napa County.

Turid- PCC is open for application to One Creekers intern program. A field day is planned at The Maples this Saturday. Subscribe to PCC newsletters at the bottom of this page <https://putahcreekcouncil.org/home/putah-creek-council-newsletter/>

No others members reported.

## **11. Next Meeting March 9, 2023 3:30-5:00 PM**

The next meeting will be in-person in Vacaville.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.