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**TO:** Interested Persons  
**FROM:** Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper  
**DATE:** April 13, 2023, 3:00-4:30 PM ← Please note NEW TIME (30 minutes earlier than normal)

**SUBJECT:** Agenda for April 13, 2023 Meeting of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating in-person at 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, California 95688 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM.

#	time	Item
1	3:00	<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	3:05	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Minutes of the March 9, 2023 meeting will be reviewed.
3	3:10	<b>Public Comment:</b> The public may comment on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.
4	3:15	<b>Pattern Calendar:</b> Interagency Communications, Outreach, Grant Applications, Wildlife Report, Financial Reserves
5	3:30	<b>2023 Putah Creek Monitoring Data Summit Report</b>
6	3:40	<b>LPCCC Field Trip Planning</b>
7	3:45	<b>Planning Subcommittee Report:</b> Putah Creek Water Management Plan (PCWM) update.
8	3:55	<b>Streamkeeper Report:</b> report on water conditions and current activities.
9	4:20	<b>Member Reports:</b> LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
10	4:25	<b>Next Meeting:</b> May 11, 2023 3:00-4:30 PM in-person

This meeting is in-person.

There is an option for public participation by zoom.

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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 9, 2023, LPCCC Meeting Minutes.**

**Meeting in-person at 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Vacaville, CA 95688**

Attendees:

Turid Reid, Elizabeth Reay, Andrew Fulks, Michael Hether, Herb Wimmer, JD Kluge, John Hasbrook, Tara Thronson, Carol Scianna, Chris Lee, Melissa Cansdale, Nora Flynn, Patrick Huber

Staff: Max Stevenson, Alex Rabidoux

Public: Jeff Tenpas, Rich Marovich

Convened at: 3:30 PM

Quorum: Yes

**1. Approval of the Current Agenda:**

Revisions: None.

Motion to approve: Huber. Second: Wimmer

Ayes: Unanimous

**2. Public Comment: None**

**3. Approval of Minutes of the Feb 16, 2023 Meeting:**

Revisions: None.

Motion to approve: Wimmer. Second: Kluge

Ayes: Unanimous by roll-call

**4. LPCCC Budget Operations Review**

The Putah Creek Accord and Putah Creek non-Accord budgets were reviewed. The Streamkeeper pointed out that non-Accord spending was also of interest to the LPCCC. The budget this year for Accord mandated activities is \$265,788 while additional non-Accord spending on Putah Creek is \$1,116,401. (Additional non-Accord spending is from SCWA, not grants.)

**5. Riparian Diversion Process (Pattern Calendar)**

The three minimum flow compliance locations were reviewed. Usually, by May, there is not enough water in the Creek to satisfy all uses and flow violations occur for 6 weeks or so down at the Toe Drain.

The Putah Creek Water Management (PCWM) project will address this issue in the years to come. This year, 2023, flow violations are likely and expected in May.

## **6. Appreciation Letter for Roland Sanford**

The LPCCC approved and signed a letter of appreciation to Roland Sanford for his years of dedication, hard work, and support of Putah Creek and the Putah Creek community.

## **7. LPCCC Appointments to the City of Winters Natural Resources Committee**

The appointment of Dennis Kilkenny to the City of Winters Natural Resources Committee was re-affirmed by unanimous roll call vote. JD Kluge was affirmed as alternate.

Moved: Huber

Second: Fulks

Passed: unanimous

## **8. LPCCC Field Trip Planning**

Chair Hether solicited ideas for a future field trip of the LPCCC. Ideas can be sent to the Chair or Streamkeeper. Ideas mentioned included County Road 106a and the Picnic Area downstream of Pedrick Rd bridge.

## **9. Planning Subcommittee Report**

PCWM is the main charge of the Subcommittee. The facilitation firm (Ag Innovations) and the water rights engineering firm (MBK) have been contracted to assist the LPCCC with PCWM. Ag Innovations is preparing a future report to the full LPCCC. MBK has reviewed background documents. MBK is in the process of preparing a larger scope for a future water rights analysis of Putah Creek.

Jeff TenPas asked if the City of Winters was pursuing Putah Creek surface water for the City. The Streamkeeper answered that Winters is currently on 100% groundwater and that a surface water treatment plant would be preferred but is too expensive at this time. It is not part of PCWM.

## **10. Streamkeeper Report**

Storage in Lake Berryessa was reviewed.

Outreach/Meetings/Activities (\* is for grant related activities)

- a) MBK PCWM meeting 2/16
- b) \*Funding meeting DWR Restoration Manager (Josh Martinez) 2/16
- c) Winters Putah Creek Nature Park Maintenance Coordination Meeting 2/17
- d) Yocha Dehe tribal consultation planning Nishikawa
- e) Ag Innovations PCWM monthly check-in 2/21
- f) \*Rob Reeb / DWR / Ca Waterfowl Association funding follow-up (Check Dam)

- g) Putah Creek Data Summit planning meeting 2/27
- h) Site visit w/ PCC at Hasbrook 2/21
- i) Kleinfelder wildlife monitoring contract for permits (RMA and Nishikawa) 2/22
- j) Friends of Putah Creek FOIA (info request) 2/22
- k) Form 700 conflict of interest submission 2/23
- l) CDEC LIS flow and dissolved oxygen site down 2/27
- m) UC Davis counting salmon mtg (Dennis Cocherell) 2/27
- n) PCWM Interview results meeting w/ Ag Innov 2/28
- o) UC Davis tree swallow SCWA funding meeting 2/28
- p) Confirm computer backup schedule with consultant 3/1
- q) LPCCC Subcommittee meeting 3/2
- r) Nishikawa CEQA public comment period open 3/6
- s) Fall pulse flow scheduling 2/21 to 3/8
- t) Riparian Landowner mailing list (yolo and solano)
- u) California Water Data Consortium committee mtg 3/3
- v) US Bureau of Reclamation sending historic flow data for Putah Creek and the PSC 3/3
- w) \*PCC coordinated funding application discussion 3/3
- x) Nishikawa Monitoring plan meeting 2/22 to 3/7
- y) SCWA Voluntary Agreements coordination mtg, Thomas Pate 3/7
- z) \*Sacramento Westside IRWM meeting, chair 3/8
- aa) Preparing for new In-person LPCCC meeting (tech testing, notes, meeting space, etc)
- bb) MBK water rights on Putah Creek ...
- cc) \*Golden State Salmon funding discussion (Southern Realignment and Northern Bypass) 3/8

Grant project priorities were briefly reviewed and are listed below.

- a) 106a - Fish Passage
- b) Northern Bypass - Los Rios Check Dam
- c) Southern Realignment (through the Yolo Bypass)
- d) Paschoal Island Project
- e) Nishikawa - Salmon Habitat

Huber commented on the Paschoal project. The City of Davis would like to buy 80 acres of creek bottom from the 600+ acre ranch. Wimmer and Hether requested the grant funded project priorities be on the next agenda.

SCWA Principal Engineer Rabidoux commented on the importance to SCWA of next week's 2023 Putah Creek Monitoring Data Summit on March 16, 2023.

## 11. Member Reports

New LPCCC members Melissa Cansdale (City of Vallejo) and Nora Flynn (City of Suisun City) introduced themselves.

Carol Scianna (City of Winters Councilmember) reported on the inaugural Winters Putah Creek Nature Park maintenance coordination meeting between staff of SCWA (including the Streamkeeper), City of Winters, City of Winters Natural Resources Committee, Putah Creek Council, and Special Volunteer of Merit Don Sanders.

Fulks reported that UC Davis has 95% drawings for the Arboretum Waterway project (old North Fork of Putah Creek) and could be a field trip location for the LPCCC. City of Davis has selected the engineer for South Fork Weland Project (Old Davis Rd).

Turid Reid for PCC reported that April 3<sup>rd</sup> starts the One-Creek intern program and the elementary school age program Creek Explorers. Reid also asked about the status of Nishikawa, is it delayed? Stevenson replied that, although it is not official yet, the construction phase of the projects will be shifted to the summer of 2024.

John Hasbrook introduced himself as a new landowner alternate LPCCC member.

## **12. Next Meeting April 13, 2023**

**\*\*\*\*3:00 PM to 4:30 PM \*\*\*\* NOTE NEW TIME, 30 minutes earlier than normal and location will stay at the SCWA offices in Vacaville.\*\*\***

## **13. Closed Session: Personnel Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code §54957) (Pattern Calendar)**

Nothing to report from closed session. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5 pm.