



L O W E R P U T A H C R E E K C O O R D I N A T I N G C O M M I T T E E

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper
DATE: April 11, 2024, 3:00-4:30 PM

SUBJECT: Agenda for April 11, 2024 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	Approval of the Current Agenda: Members can remove items, add items subject to Brown Act Emergency Rules, or suggest future agenda items.
2	3:05	Approval of Minutes: Minutes February 8, 2024, meetings will be reviewed.
3	3:10	Public Comment: The public may comment on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.
4	3:15	Los Rios Check Dam Fish Bypass Grant discussion (CDFW \$825k)
5	3:30	LPCCC Planning Subcommittee: Putah Creek Water Management (PCWM) update
6	3:40	VA Presentation (Voluntary Agreements vs Unimpaired Flows) Solano Project alternative proposal to the SWRCB Water Quality Control Plan. (Alex Rabidou SCWA) 30 minutes
7	4:10	Streamkeeper Report: 2024 Summer Flow/Pumper Plan, Fall Pulse Flow Timing science analysis, CDFW 5-year 1600 Permit Renewal, Programmatic Permitting Plan (Nishikawa, Old Davis Rd Wetlands, LRCB Fish Bypass), Putah Creek Monitoring Data Summit
8	4:20	Member Reports: LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
9	4:25	Next Meeting: May 9, 2024, 3:00-4:30 PM

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*

Feb 8, 2024, LPCCC Meeting Minutes.

Meeting in-person at 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Vacaville, CA 95688 (zoom available for public)

Attendees:

Michael Hether, Herb Wimmer, John Hasbrook, JD Kluge; Chris Lee, Melissa Cansdale, Patrick Huber, Carol Scianna, Turid Reid, Liz Reay, Leslie Allen (by zoom), Andrew Fulks, JP Marie (zoom)

Staff: Max Stevenson, Juliana Birkhoff (SCWA consultant, by zoom), Tim Salamunovich (SCWA Consultant), Gavin Poore, Rich Marovich,

Public: by zoom: Jeff TenPas (zoom), Garrett Spaan (YBWA Manager)

Convened at: 3:00 PM

Quorum: Yes

1. Approval of the Current Agenda:

Revisions: None. Move to adopt: not recorded, Second: not recorded

Ayes: Unanimous

2. Approval of Minutes of Jan 11, 2024 Meetings:

Revisions: none

Motion to approve: not recorded, Second: not recorded

Ayes: Unanimous

3. Public Comment: No formal public comments. Some technical difficulties with zoom were discussed.

4. Pattern Calendar – The pattern calendar for February was reviewed.

1. Riparian Diversion Updates – covered in PCWM agenda items
2. Interagency Communication Updates – special guest Garrett Spaan was introduced. He is the new manager of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (YBWA). The lower 3 to 4 miles of Putah Creek is located in the YBWA.
3. Fish Monitoring Updates – Tim Salamunovich on the Two categories of fish monitoring on Putah Creek (salmon and everything else). An overview table of salmon and non-salmon fish monitoring was shown (as below). Tim Salamunovich spent some time discussing his 33 year history of resident fish monitoring by electrofishing techniques on Putah Creek (b.ii. below). This item was informational only. One of the main messages is the more recent transition from mostly native fish upstream of i-80 and the mostly invasive fish below i-80. This is due to the colder water present upstream in i-80. Hasbrook commented that the Winters Putah Creek Nature Park restoration and channel changes now allow colder water to flow farther downstream. Of note, fish sampling below Mace Blvd has not occurred for the past 15 years, reflecting a shortage of baseline monitoring in that area of Putah Creek.
 - a. Salmon
 - i. Adults Carcass Survey -2023
 - ii. Adults Counting Weir -2024 and on

- iii. Juvenile –Rotary Screw Trap -2018 to present
 - iv. Juvenile – Snorkel Survey
 - v. Redd Survey (Scarification Permit)
 - vi. JSAT (Juvenile Salmon Acoustic Tags)
 - b. Resident Fish
 - i. UC Davis Class (Moyle/Rypel)
 - ii. Electrofishing (Salamunovich) -2000 to present
 - c. Fish Passage, Flows, Temperature history
4. Annual Workplan – The LPCCC Planning Subcommittee is responsible for creating the annual workplan. Since PCWM dominates the work of the subcommittee, less time has been spent on the workplan. The Streamkeeper presented a list of other

5. 2024 Putah Creek Monitoring Data Summit planning update

- SCWA’s Putah Creek monitoring contractors meet annually to coordinate.
- 25+ years of data in a dozen programs
- Today ~\$750k per year from SCWA
- Increased importance to the Solano Project for the Voluntary Agreements (VA)
- SCWA Board wants RFP process for larger contracts (no automatic renewals)

Hansdale commented on the importance of monitoring for the VA process. The Streamkeeper commented that the Summit is used to emphasize foundational, long-term, monitoring on Putah Creek. SCWA funded monitoring is not about short-term research projects, although the monitoring data can be used for research. SCWA funded monitoring data are used for many purposes, include planning for flood control, water resources management, groundwater recharge studies, climate change investigations, real estate transactions, grant applications and evaluations, landscape scale fire management, construction projects, utility easements, and many others.

6. LPCCC Planning Subcommittee Update: PCWM – Putah Creek Water Management

Juliana Birkhoff from Ag innovation gave an update of PCWM activities. Ag Innovations is working on summarizing concerns, and ideas for solutions, to better sharing of water in Putah Creek. The plan is to go to the SCWA Board in June and to the LPCCC beforehand in May.

Recent/future PCWM meetings:

Feb 7	LPCCC Subcomm.
Feb 8	LPCCC Board (public)
Feb 9	Historic Flow and Water Rights (Alex, Jay)
Feb 13	Pumper Meeting (public)
Feb 16	Historic Flow and Water Rights (LPCCC Subcomm.)
Feb 20	Farmer Meeting (public)
Feb 22	LPCCC Subcomm

7. Streamkeeper Report

The list of Streamkeeper and Putah Creek related activities was reviewed:

- a) PCWM Farmer Focus planning 1/12
- b) LRCD Survey data coordination, Gard 1/12-1/26
- c) Davids Engineering presentation 1/16
- d) GIS cloud data transfer 1/16
- e) Pleasants Creek RCD/ Rose 1/16
- f) 50 oaks planted WPNP trail 1/16
- g) VA Science Committee 1/17
- h) PCWM AG Innovations check-in 1/17
- i) UCD Watershed Science mtg Rypel 1/17
- j) Create WPNP maps for PCC cleanup days 1/18
- k) Elementary School Classroom salmon talk 1/18
- l) \$1.1 million grant re-submission CDFW 1/18
- m) SCWA comment letter to State Water Board on Putah Creek flows 1/19
- n) Nimbus Fish Hatchery Tour 1/19
- o) VA Habitat Subcomm mtg DWR 1/22
- p) City of Winters Natural Res mtg 1/22
- q) Assist Streamkeeper Grant questions CDFW 1/23
- r) LPCCC Subcomm 1/25
- s) DWR funding for Putah mtg Reeb/Biggs 1/26
- t) DWR Lead Scientist mtg Putah Creek 1/29
- u) Davis Open Space Commission check-in 1/29
- v) Homeless trash data to City of Winters 1/30
- w) VA Habitat Assesment Protocols DWR 1/30
- x) Personally invite farmers to PCWM 1/30
- y) VA Science Subcomm 1/31
- z) PCWM Roster data coordination 1/31
- aa) Krovoza PCWM mtg 2/1
- bb) MBK contract for water rights 2/5
- cc) SWAC Board prep 2/5
- dd) Davis Water Wonks social 2/6
- ee) LPCCC Subcomm 2/7
- ff) VA Habitat Assessment DWR 2/7

Kluge asked about the homelessness issues at the Nature Park in Winters. Scianna answered that the City of Winters City Council discussed it at the last meeting. Concerns about water quality issued were expressed (human waste, hepatitis, needles, etc).

8. Member Reports

Ried – new staff member at PCC is mapping Sackett plant locations. March is a collaboration with Pence gallery in Davis for a native life art.

Huber – Over the next two years the City of Davis is updating its general plan. The open space element contains Putah Creek.

Fulks – next public meeting for alternatives for the South Fork Wetlands Project off Old Davis Rd is March 13. Bathymetry survey is planned for the site.

9. **Next Regular Meeting is in-person May 9, 2024 in Vacaville** (note: the March 2024 LPCCC meeting was canceled.)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

A special closed meeting was held immediately after the regular meeting at 4:00 PM on Feb 8, 2024.

Closed Session Item: Annual Personnel Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code §54957) for the Streamkeeper.

The LPCCC Reported on actions taken in the Closed Session Item: The LPCCC unanimously recommended a merit increase for the Streamkeeper based on performance over the past year.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

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