



LOWER PUTAH CREEK COORDINATING COMMITTEE

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper
DATE: July 10, 2025, 3:00-4:30 PM

SUBJECT: Agenda for July 10, 2025 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: Review Minutes from June 12, 2025
3	3:10	Public Comment: The public may comment on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.
4	3:15	Pattern Calendar: Operations Budget, Grant Budget
5	3:20	Homeless in Putah Creek: Part Three, Water Quality Impacts and Yolo County Homeless Programs
6	3:50	Homeless in Putah Creek: Vetting List of Homeless Camp Watershed Impacts from the Committee
7	4:20	Streamkeeper Report: review of activities on Putah Creek
8	4:25	Member Reports: LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
9	4:30	Next Meeting: Aug 14, 2025, 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*

June 12, 2025, 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, Chris Lee, Alex Rabidoux, Melissa Cansdale, Patrick Huber, Turid Reid, Liz Reay (zoom), Phil Stevens, Carol Scianna, Andrew Fulks, JP Marie, Tara Thronson

Staff and Public: Max Stevenson, Kelly Huff, Chief of Police John Miller, Dakota Isis

Convened at: 3:02 PM

Quorum: Yes

1. Approval of the Current Agenda: The agenda was adopted unanimously. Chair Cole was absent and Vice-chair Reid ran the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes of May 8, 2025 Meeting: Minutes were adopted unanimously with Thronson abstaining.

3. Public Comment: There were no public comments.

4. Pattern Calendar:

There was a technical issue and a recording was not made for this item, so the minutes for this item are sparse. Phil Stevens, Executive Director of the Putah Creek Council (PCC) gave an overview of PCC programs and activities. The OneCreek Program is a paid eight week program that provides hands-on experience within restoration projects in the Putah-Cache watershed. The Creek Explorers program provides opportunities for Solano and Yolo County PreK – 5th grade students learn more about the Putah Creek bioregion. Other programs provide for community members to clean up the creek and participate in native plant restoration.

5. Homeless in Putah Creek: Part Two, Local Agency Staff Panel

The Committee reviewed notes from a past meeting of the Yolo/Solano Homeless Task Force that was held on Oct 4, 2023. Additionally, data on quantities of trash debris removed by SCWA staff were reviewed (150 cubic yards removed from Winters Putah Creek Nature Park WPCNP in 2023). Community member Don Sanders stated he voluntarily cleans up the WPCNP weekly and sanitation is a main issue. LPCCC members brought up issues with wildfire safety, jurisdiction lines, and coordination between agencies. JP Marie reported on homeless camps in the UCD Putah Creek Riparian Reserve.

John Miller (Chief of Police, City of Winters) stated that there is a no-camping ordinance in the WPCNP that is enforced only on the north side of the Creek due to jurisdiction issues. He estimates that between 5 and 8 people live in the WPCNP regularly. Miller also stated that he has seen rip-rap used in other areas as an effective deterrent. Miller also stated that the Solano County sheriff, responsible for the south side of WPCNP, has only 2 sheriffs for the whole County. Since Putah Creek is the dividing line between Solano and Yolo Counties, there are multi-jurisdictional issues.

The Chief confirmed that homeless camping on private property is much simpler to deal with as it is considered trespassing. The police or sheriff needs permission to enter from the landowner to enforce trespass laws.

Thronson asked what is the scope for the LPCCC? The LPCCC cannot solve homeless issues in all of California. Can the LPCCC focus on the environmental impacts of homeless camps? Huber would like to delineate the environmental issues of most concern on Putah Creek. Hether also had questions about the impact of water quality. Vice-Chair Reid asked Stevenson to summarize water quality and restoration/environmental issues at the next meeting, with focus on the salmon run. Stevenson said he would do so and also summarize recreational user impacts.

6. Streamkeeper Report

The Activity Log on Putah Creek was reviewed.

Streamkeeper Activity Log

- a) Yolo Bypass Fish mtg 5/9, 5/16
- b) UCD flowmeter right of entry agreements 5/9
- c) MBK flood project "rolling hills" Putah flow data request 5/9
- d) Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan comments 5/12
- e) Accord 25th Anniversary planning 5/13
- f) 106a automated gate intern research 5/13
- g) Green LIDAR draft report 5/14
- h) Sac Westside IRWM salmon presentation 5/14
- i) UCD GW short course lecture 5/15
- j) 106a gate automation –interns 5/15
- k) surface water for recharge NCWA 5/15
- l) Restoration Permit meeting (CDFW) 5/19
- m) Ca Water Commission, spring pulse flows from GW storage by exchange 5/21
- n) SCWA staff training 5/28
- o) Ca Water Data Consortium conference 6/3
- p) LPCCC Subcommittee meeting 5/5
- q) APEX IT tech support 6/6
- r) Yolo Machinery Engineers (fish ladder legs) 6/11
- s) AquaDam fish ladder alternative 6/10
- t) BouncyHouse fish ladder alternative 6/11

7. Member Reports:

There were no reports.

8. Closed Session Item: per Government Code Section 54957, Performance Evaluation of the Streamkeeper.

There were no actions to report from closed session.

9. Next Regular Meeting is in-person July 10, 2025 in Vacaville. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 PM