



LOWER PUTAH CREEK COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**TO:** Interested Persons  
**FROM:** Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper  
**DATE:** July 14, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM

**SUBJECT:** Agenda for July 14, 2022 Meeting of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee via Zoom from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

#	time	Item
1	3:30	<b>Remote Meeting Action Item:</b> 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.
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 May 12, June 7, and June 10, 2022 meetings will be reviewed.
4	3:45	<b>Planning Subcommittee Report: Annual Workplan and Riparian Pumper Pre-Plan</b>
5	4:15	<b>Pattern Calendar: Budget Review, Grant Review, Equipment Inventory, WPCP Subcommittee</b>
6	4:25	<b>Support Letter for Southern Putah Creek Realignment Project</b>
7	4:30	<b>Streamkeeper Report:</b> SK will report on current activities.
8	4:45	<b>Member Reports:</b> LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
9	4:55	<b>Next Meeting:</b> August 11, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM

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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

## **May 12, 2022, LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Meeting by Zoom**

### Attendees:

Harold Anderson, Andrew Fulks, Patrick Huber, Thomas Pate, Herb Wimmer, Turid Reid, Elizabeth Reay, Michael Hether, Tara Thronson, Justin Cole

Staff: Max Stevenson

Public: Rich Marovich, Phil Stevens, Rick Von Geldern

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.

Motion to have the next meeting by zoom Moved: Wimmer Second: Pate

Ayes: Motion passes unanimously.

Nays: none.

**2. Public Comment:** None given.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2022 Meeting:**

Revisions: None.

Motion to approve: not identified in the recording Second: Pate

Ayes: Unanimous

### **4. Solano RCD Presentation:**

Chris Rose, Executive Director of the Solano RCD gave a outreach presentation funded by the Solano Orderly Growth Committee. Rose discussed the role of the RCD as in Solano County (Dixon, Solano, and Suisun RCDs) and the creation of a map-based database of potential new restoration and/or resources protection projects. This list of potential projects will be used when funding becomes available in the future. Projects include wildfire prevention and post fire recovery. Maps of Solano County Fire Safe Councils were presented. The education mission of the RCD (11,000 students in 2021) and general funding sources were also discussed. Private landowner liability protection is through individual landowner agreement and RCD insurance. Solano RCD may join a Prescribed Burning Association in the future.

### **5. Riparian Diversion Update:**

This item was pulled from the agenda pending collection of more information.

### **6. Putah Creek Realignment in the Yolo Bypass and Fish Bypass at the Los Rios Check Dam**

Potential solutions to barriers to fish passage were discussed: Los Rios Check Dam Northern Bypass (1,600 feet) and Putah Creek Southern Realignment (4 miles). The Northern Bypass is conceptual currently. No funding has been identified yet.

The Southern Realignment Project was part of a large multi-year planning effort (~\$500,000) led by the Yolo Basin Foundation and completed in 2016. Engineered drawings and CEQA are mostly complete. [https://resources.ca.gov/CNRALegacyFiles/docs/ecorestore/projects/Lower\\_Putah\\_Creek\\_Realignment.pdf](https://resources.ca.gov/CNRALegacyFiles/docs/ecorestore/projects/Lower_Putah_Creek_Realignment.pdf) Dissolved oxygen and timing were discussed. There is potential for funding the project with Voluntary Agreements funds to improve fish habitat (<https://files.resources.ca.gov/voluntary-agreements/>). This would be a 3-to-5-year project. The LPCCC asked what the Committee could do to support the project. A draft support letter will be brought to the Committee at the next meeting.

Motion from Wimmer: Streamkeeper should continue pursuing the project Second: Pate

Passed: Unanimously

### **7. Outreach Sub-committee Report**

This item is from the recurring LPCCC Patterned Calendar. It has been several years since the Outreach Subcommittee has met. The Putah Creek Council has taken over this role and the LPCCC does not want to duplicate efforts. This item should stay on the calendar for short annual review of the concept.

### **8. Annual Workplan:**

The draft annual workplan was discussed. The contents of the plan have been changing due to emerging issues on the Creek. The Planning Subcommittee will review and bring to the full Committee at the next meeting. Categories include:

1. Manage Stream/Riparian Pumpers
2. Manage LPCCC/Outreach Activities
3. Accord Activities/Reports and Website Access
4. Projects/Nishikawa
5. Projects/New Grants
6. Emerging Challenges/Toe Drain
7. Emerging Challenges/Monitoring Databases
8. SCWA Admin

### **9. Streamkeeper Report**

1. Plan for LRCD Tour June 10, 2022
2. Streamkeeper on interview panel for SCWA Water Resource hire
3. Nishikawa Updates
  - a. Submitted first quarterly report for the grant
  - b. MOUGA recording waved
  - c. First RMA 1600 permit approved with DWF
  - d. Field nursery, soil amendment experiments, and reverse French drain trials planned and approved
  - e. HEC-RAS nearly complete
  - f. Begin public outreach planning
4. Cal-OES Hazard Mitigation Grant Application not submitted (Rock vanes in IDR tributaries)
5. Help coordinate Sacket weed control with Yolo RCD and UC Natural Reserve Program

6. Outreach

- g. Published UCD Watershed Sciences Article on the Salmon Low DO 'fish-kill'
- h. Winters Rotary Presentation
- i. City of Winters Natural Resources Committee Presentation
- j. Site visit to UCD Rotary Screw Trap
- k. Met w/ Joe Kravoza, Gus Yates, Robin Kulakow, Nicole Kwan (DWR Toe Drain Fish Monitoring Program), Phil Stevens, Andrea Schreier Lab (UCD eDNA monitoring), Erik Loboschefsky (DWR)

**10. Member Reports**

Fulks- Starting public meetings for the South Fork Wetlands Project <https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/on-site-meetings-scheduled-putah-creek-wetlands-proposal>

**11. Next Meeting was scheduled for June 9, 2022, but was subsequently cancelled.**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 pm.

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**June 7, 2022, 10 am – 11:30 am, LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Meeting by Zoom**

Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

(Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code § 54956.9) Initiation of litigation: 1 potential case.

No action was taken during the closed session.

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**June 10, 2022 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Los Rios Check Dam Tour: Special Meeting of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee**

This special meeting of the LPCCC was a field tour of the Los Rios Check Dam, located on Putah Creek in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. There was no action taken at this meeting, the tour was for informational purposes only. Approximately 20 people attended the tour. In addition to the Check Dam, the group visited the "main lift" pumping station in the middle of the Wildlife Area