



LOWER PUTAH CREEK COORDINATING COMMITTEE

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper
DATE: October 13, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM

SUBJECT: Agenda for October 13, 2022 Meeting of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee via Zoom from 3:30 to 5:00 PM

#	time	Item
1	3:30	Remote Meeting Action Item: 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	Public Comment: The public may comment on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.
3	3:40	Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Sept 9, 2022 meeting will be reviewed.
4	3:45	Putah Creek Accord Annual Report to the Court: Format and content of the report will be discussed
5	4:00	Fall Salmon Arrival Update. Fall Run Chinook Salmon are reported in the Toe Drain the Week of Oct 3, 2022
6	4:10	Planning Subcommittee Report: Putah Creek Water Management Plan (PCWM) update
7	4:20	Pattern Calendar: Riparian Diversion Updates, Interagency Communications
8	4:30	Streamkeeper Report: SK will report on water conditions and current activities.
9	4:45	Member Reports: LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
10	4:55	Next Meeting: November 10, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM

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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*

Sept 8, 2022, LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Meeting by Zoom

Attendees:

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

Staff: Max Stevenson, Alex Rabidoux

Public: Jeff Tenpas

Convened at: 3:35 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. It was decided unanimously during the July 14, 2022 meeting, that future meetings will also be remote, except for one in-person meeting in the fall. Chair Huber waived discussion on this item.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approval of Minutes of the Sept 8, 2022 Meeting:

Revisions: None.

Motion to approve: Wimmer Second: Pate

Ayes: Unanimous

4. Review Timing of Fall Attraction Flows

Data from the DWR Toe Drain Fish Monitoring Program was presented showing arrival timing of Fall Run Chinook Salmon. The fall attraction pulse flow is being moved earlier than year's past, to better match when the fish arrive. The fall attraction flow for this year is tentatively scheduled for Oct 24-29, 2022. Final coordination of removal of the Los Rios Check Dam Boards and barriers at the County Rd 106a Crossing are still pending.

The drought has impacted flows in the Toe Drain north of the Putah Creek confluence. There is no continuous flow to the Wallace Weir Fish Rescue Facility. Any salmon that would normally make it to the Fish Rescue Facility (600 in 2020) will not have any good place to go, except Putah Creek.

A motion was made by Fulks for the LPCCC to support the Oct 24-29, 2022 pulse flow schedule. Seconded by Wimmer. Ayes: Unanimous

The LPCCC requested that Fall Attraction Flow discussion item be added to the Pattern Calendar for future years in August. The multiple obligations of SCWA staff at this time of year and how they relate to scarification and pulse flow work were also discussed.

5. LPCCC Planning Subcommittee Report

A short update was presented by Wimmer. Wimmer explained that the Putah Creek Water Management (PCWM) will address the entire Creek. A developed plan will be brought to the full LPCCC at the October 2022 meeting. Stevenson also presented a history of Solano Projects releases into Putah Creek.

6. Pattern Calendar

Grant Project Updates. Nishikawa is ongoing (\$750,000 from the State and cost share from SCWA). The Streamkeeper confirmed that three fish passage projects on Putah Creek (LRCD Northern Bypass, CR106a Bypass, Putah Creek Southern Realignment) are on the official list of restoration projects for “Voluntary Agreements” process. <https://voluntaryagreements.org/> The Streamkeeper stated that more time and resources are needed to apply for grants. Wimmer and the LPCCC requested a plan for more resources dedicated to grant applications be presented at the next LPCCC meeting.

Annual Report to the Court. The report is due to be submitted in the next few months. In recent years the Reports have been a single page in ‘fact sheet’ style. Kluge asked if anyone reads the report. There was discussion on the value of the report as an obligation from the Accord, as a tracking device, and its use as a legal record. Kluge agreed that it was valuable for the LPCCC, but questioned the value of sending to the Court, when the original judge has retired.

Riparian Diversion Process. Although this item is annually listed on the calendar, this topic is covered every month in the Water Conditions Report from the Streamkeeper. This item will be covered later in the meeting.

7. Streamkeeper Report

1. PG&E pipeline removal near Hwy 505. Fulks reported a similar project near UCD.
2. Water Conditions Report: near zero flow was reported at 106a and low dissolved oxygen near the Los Rios Check Dam. The lack of centralized data storage (database) for water quality data was discussed.
3. Nishikawa Updates
 - a) Gavin Poore assigned 75% time to Nishikawa
 - b) Environmental Permit Consultant Field Meeting
 - c) Plan to grub this fall under the Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) 1600 permit
4. Outreach/Meetings/Activities
 - a) Scarification and Pulse Flow Planning with SCWA staff, Ken Davis
 - b) Yolo Bypass Cache Slough Master Plan interview 8/12/2022 GEI
 - c) Salmon Festival Planning Meetings 8/12 and 8/26/2022

- d) Putah Creek Monitoring Data Summit planning meeting 8/15/2022 (Melanie Truan and Stephen McCord)
- e) Present to City of Winters Natural Resources Committee 8/15/2022
- f) PCC Nicole Herr GIS data exchange 8/16/2022
- g) North Delta Flow Action Meeting 8/31/2022
- h) Wallace Weir Fish Rescue Facility data QC (DFW)
- i) Ca Salmon Recovery Working Group (population modelers that want data) meeting 8/18/2022
- j) American River Gravel Augmentation Tour (with Rick Fowler) 9/2/2022
- k) Golden State Salmon/UC Davis Putah Creek update meeting 8/19/2022
- l) QC “Voluntary Agreements” Restoration Project List (make sure Putah Creek Bypass projects are on the list)
- m) Stockholm Environmental Institute podcast interview about Putah Creek 8/30/2022
- n) Updating report names on SCWA website
- o) LPCCC Subcommittee

8. Member Reports

Liz Reay – Putah Creek Council (PCC) has filled all job positions. Coastal Cleanup Day on the 17th.

Turid Reid - Sundays Sept through December at Lake Solano Park is a new family oriented educational outreach program from PCC: Creek Explorer Field Days. <https://putahcreekcouncil.org/what-we-do/education/creek-explorers/>

9. Next Meeting Oct 13, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM

The next meeting will be by zoom. A desired to return to in-person in the future was expressed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.