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TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper
DATE: November 10, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM

SUBJECT: Agenda for November 10, 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 Oct 13, 2022 meeting will be reviewed.
4	3:45	Putah Creek Accord Annual Report to the Court: The final report will be reviewed before submission.
5	3:55	Salmon Update. Fall Run Chinook Salmon are spawning in the Creek this year.
6	4:05	Planning Subcommittee Report: Presentation of Putah Creek Water Management Plan (PCWM)
7	4:25	Pattern Calendar: Operations Budget, Grant Budgets, Annual Report to the Court, Riparian Diversion Process
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: December 8, 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*

Oct 13, 2022, LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Meeting by Zoom

Attendees:

Harold Anderson, Patrick Huber, Thomas Pate, Turid Reid, Elizabeth Reay, Tara Thronson, JD Kluge, Andrew Fulks, Justin Cole, Michael Hether, Roland Sanford

Staff: Max Stevenson, Chris Lee

Public: Jeff Tenpas, Rich Marovich

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: Jeff Tenpas, compliment Max Stevenson on the early pulse flow planning. Tenpas also commented on scarification of spawning gravels in Putah Creek as unsustainable.

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

Revisions: None.

Motion to approve: Reid Second: Fulks

Ayes: Unanimous

4. Putah Creek Accord Annual Report to the Court

Previous Annual Reports from 2012-13 and 2020-21 were reviewed. The report format is a one-page 'fact sheet' with budgets, number of cooperative landowners over time, a map showing different activities on the Creek, and a few sentences summarizing major activities or events of the past year. A discussion of the estimated budget categories (trash, weed control, water rights, etc) revealed a need for better budget tracking in the future, as current percent categories are estimated (not tracked). Reid asked if a percentage of participating landowners could be calculated and displayed. The map is an interpretation graphic and is not based on a GIS database. The graphic map is valuable as-is and is intended as an overview (but not a database). A little more explanation and legends were requested for the graphics to be included in the next Annual Report. The Toe Drain flow compliance point was not addressed in previous Reports. Reid asked for copies of past reports to be shared with the Committee. This year's report will be presented at the next LPCCC meeting in November.

5. Fall Salmon Arrival Update

The salmon have arrived in the region. Stevenson reported that Fall Run Chinook Salmon are being caught by the DWR Toe Drain Fish Monitoring Program (5 adults in the week of Oct 3, 2022). The calendar schedule of gravel scarification and pulse flows were reviewed. Fall Attraction Pulse Flows will begin Oct 24, 2022. *(Note 11/4/2022: releases from the Putah Diversion Dam started Oct 22, 2022 to arrive at the Toe Drain on Oct 24, 2022)*. SCWA staff is working in teams to hand remove barriers to fish passage (log jams, etc). The schedule for pulse flow preparation was shared. The schedule for operations and removal of the Los Rios Check Dam and 106a was shared. The Check Dam boards will be temporarily removed for the first two weeks starting Oct 24, 2022. Then the boards will be reinstalled for approximately 1 to 2 weeks for irrigations operations (flooding for rice decomposition) before permanent removal for the remainder of the winter season. Stevenson reported that permits for adding supplemental spawning gravel may be issued before the pulse flow.

6. Planning Subcommittee Report PCWM: Putah Creek Water Management

A short update was presented by Sanford. Sanford explained contracts are being signed with a facilitation firm (Ag Innovations) and a water rights engineering firm (MBK). The larger PCWM plan will be brought to the full LPCCC at the November 2022 meeting.

6. Pattern Calendar

Riparian Diversion Updates. 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.

Interagency Communications. This item is also covered each meeting in the Streamkeeper report but will remain as an annual item in the Pattern Calendar to review.

7. Streamkeeper Report

1. Water Conditions Report
2. Nishikawa Updates
 - a) Planning construction timeline for public bid package
 - b) Grubbing in grading area
 - c) PEIR was adopted in 2017
 - d) SCWA to adopt the 'program' in Nov
3. More resources for grant applications – 900+ hours from Rich Marovich
4. Outreach/Meetings/Activities
 - a) Scarification and Pulse Flow Planning with SCWA staff, Ken Davis
 - b) Salmon Festival Planning Meetings 9/9 and 9/23 and 10/7/2022

- c) Sac Westside IRWMP 9/29/2022
- d) PEIR planning meeting 10/3/2022
- e) Present to City of Winters Natural Resources Committee 9/19/2022
- f) CA Water Data Consortium Tech Advisory Committee 9/27/2022
- g) Rick Poore field meeting Northern Bypass LRCD 9/27/2022
- h) MBK 10/5/2022 (will have a scope by 10/21/2022)
- i) Robin Kulakow check in 9/18/2022
- j) Eric Larson Landowner meeting 9/15/2022
- k) Mark Gard CDFW Statewide Fish Passage Coordinator 10/3/2022
- l) Los Rios Farms pulse flow meeting 10/5/2022
- m) Ag Innovations scoping meeting 10/6/2022
- n) Submit RMA Streambed Alteration Permit amendment request to add spawning gravel 10/7/2022
- o) PCC Board social event 10/9/2022
- p) Assist PCC with staff evaluations 10/13/2022
- q) Steve Karr, Exec Director Putah Creek Trout 10/12/2022
- r) Wilson Public Relations, interview SK on Fall Run 10/12/2022
- s) LPCCC Subcommittee meetings 9/20, 10/4, 10/7/2022

8. Member Reports

Turid Reid – Please sign up for the monthly Putah Creek Council newsletter, lots of good info!

9. Next Meeting Nov 10, 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.