



LOWER PUTAH CREEK COORDINATING COMMITTEE

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper
DATE: December 8, 2022 3:30-5:00 PM

SUBJECT: Agenda for December 8, 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 Nov 10, 2022 meeting will be reviewed.
4	3:45	Report from Putah Creek Council Executive Director: Phil Stevens will report.
5	3:55	Salmon Update. Fall Run Chinook Salmon are spawning in the Creek this year.
6	4:05	Review of the LPCCC Member Selection Process and Expanding LPCCC Landowner Representation: for discussion only
7	4:15	Planning Subcommittee Report: Putah Creek Water Management Plan (PCWM) update, SCWA Workforce Study and Streamkeeper Compensation
8	4:30	Pattern Calendar: Interagency Comm. Updates, Grant Application Updates, Report from PCC Exec Dir, Financial Reserves
9	4:45	Streamkeeper Report: SK will report on water conditions and current activities.
10	4:55	Member Reports: LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
11	5:00	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*

Nov 10, 2022, LPCCC Meeting Minutes. Meeting by Zoom

Attendees:

Harold Anderson, Patrick Huber, Turid Reid, Elizabeth Reay, Tara Thronson, Andrew Fulks, Justin Cole, Michael Hether, Roland Sanford, Herb Wimmer, JP Marie

Staff: Max Stevenson, Chris Lee

Public: Jeff Tenpas, Malia Jospehine

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 Presented

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

Revisions: None.

Motion to approve: Wimmer Second: Reid

Ayes: Unanimous

4. Putah Creek Accord Annual Report to the Court

This year's Annual Reports was 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. Suggestions for future reports were to identify current year projects on the project map, display % area of Creek represented by cooperative landowners, and larger fonts on some labels. The LPCCC approved sending the report to the Court as-is.

5. Salmon Update

On Nov 8, 2022 UC Davis counted 51 salmon in Putah Creek from the Diversion Dam to I-505, approximately 1/3 the length of Putah Creek. SCWA successfully amended the CDFW permit and on Oct 22, 2022, 82 tons of spawning gravel was placed below the car bridge at Winters Putah Creek Nature Park. Ken Davis reports redds from spawning salmon in the placed gravel (among many other areas in

the Creek.) The fall pulse flow hydrograph was presented showing the pulse starting at PDD on 10/22/2022 and arriving at the Toe Drain two days later. Videos of flow at the Los Rios Check Dam were reviewed from before, during, and after the pulse flows. There was discussion on future plans for more gravel augmentation. This is the first year SCWA has ever added gravel as part of regular maintenance (non-channel construction).

6. Planning Subcommittee Report PCWM: Putah Creek Water Management

The Streamkeeper is chair of the subcommittee and presented a brief overview of water issues to be addressed by the PCWM project. These issues include:

1. Coordinating environmental flows with riparian diverters needs improvement
2. Complying with Accord minimum flows downstream of i-80 is difficult
3. The lower 8 miles of Putah Creek is managed for irrigation
4. Fish Passage issues exist
5. The Accord address riparian pumping extensively, but pumpers are not signatory

The draft Mission, Vision, and Values adopted by the subcommittee were opened to discussion and changes or edits welcomed. Minor changes were suggested. A three-year timeline for PCWM was presented, but it was noted that the project may take 5 years, or more. For the first step, two consultant teams have been hired; one for facilitation services (Ag Innovations) and one for water rights investigation (MBK Engineers). This work will occur from now until Feb or March 2023. Ag Innovations will engage Creek stakeholders to get input on their needs, desires, and vision for the shared water in the Creek. MBK will organize historical and legal data related to water use and rights on Putah Creek. MBK will also assist in creating 'infographics' for use in meetings and discussion of the complex topic of water rights. The hiring of additional staff, a PCWM Project Manager, was briefly presented.

The Streamkeeper noted that better pumper representation on the LPCCC is needed. Huber and Wimmer asked for a future review of the committee member selections process. How are committee members selected per the Accord and in practice? The selection process should be more formalized. The subcommittee will discuss and bring to a future meeting.

Chair Huber requested that the powerpoint be shared with the LPCCC.

7. Pattern Calendar

The pattern calendar has 4 items this month. Except for item 1, all items were reviewed in other parts of the meeting. Item 1, the first quarter budget reports from SCWA for LPCCC for the fiscal year 2022/23 were reviewed. The reports showed spending behind schedule, but Sanford explained that billings had not yet caught up for the first quarter. The Streamkeeper pledged to become more familiar with the SCWA budget process by next budget review.

1. Operations/Grant Budget
2. Interagency Communications
3. Annual Report to the Court
4. Riparian Diversion Process

8. Streamkeeper Report

The Streamkeeper reported on general activities as show below.

1. Water Conditions Report
2. Nishikawa Updates
 - a) Gavin Poore, Project Manager duties moving forward
 - b) Submitted 3rd quarterly grant report to Ca Natural Resources Agency
 - c) Completed draft Project Description for MND (CEQA)
 - d) Completed draft Biological Assessment (USACE, NMFS, and USFWS)
 - e) PCC Nursery gearing up, planting plan (map of plants) completed.
3. More resources for grant applications – 900+ hours from Rich Marovich - two grant possibilities
4. Outreach/Meetings/Activities:
 - a) Pulse Flows, coordination of Los Rios operations, SCWA fish passage removal team
 - b) Gravel Permit amendment with CDFW, sourcing, purchase, and delivery of spawning gravel
 - c) Salmon Festival planning and attendance, coordinate Marovich ceremony with dignitaries
 - d) Planning Subcommittee PCWM meetings and preparation, contract negotiations with Ag Innovations and MBK

8. Member Reports

Reid reported that PCC is planting hedgerows and the One Creek program is strong and there are lots of activities in the Native Plant Nursey. The Creek Explorers program for elementary school student has had 6 Saturday sessions with 4 more to go.

Fulks reported that an RFP Field visit for the South Fork Wetlands Project (at Old Davis Rd) had 17 consultant firms attending and expressing interest in the project planning, engineering, and public outreach work. Another project, the Arboretum Waterway and Wetlands project is moving forward in the design phase.

9. Next Meeting Dec 8, 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.