



## LOWER PUTAH CREEK COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**TO:** Interested Persons  
**FROM:** Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper  
**DATE:** December 14, 2023, 3:00-4:30 PM

**SUBJECT:** Agenda for December 14, 2023 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	<b>Approval of the Current Agenda:</b> Members can remove items, add items subject to Brown Act Emergency Rules, or suggest future agenda items.
2	3:05	<b>Approval of Minutes:</b> Minutes November 9, 2023, meetings will be reviewed.
3	3:10	<b>Public Comment:</b> The public may comment on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.
4	3:15	<b>Pattern Calendar:</b> Annual Workplan, Interagency Communications, Grant Application Updates, Report from PCC Executive Director
5	3:25	<b>Fall 2023 Salmon Run Update</b>
6	3:40	<b>LPCCC Planning Subcommittee Update: Putah Creek Water Management</b>
7	3:55	<b>Annual Report to the Court – Draft Review</b>
8	4:00	<b>Annual Workplan – new tasks for 2024 including PCWM and Longitudinal Survey Project</b>
9	4:10	<b>Discussion of Chair/Vice Chair Assignments and Member Assignments for 2024</b> (decided at next January meeting)
10	4:15	<b>Streamkeeper Report:</b> Report on water conditions and current activities.
11	4:25	<b>Member Reports:</b> LPCCC members will have an opportunity to report.
12	4:30	<b>Next Meeting:</b> January 11, 2024, 3:00-4:30 PM

This meeting is in-person.

There is an option for public participation by zoom.

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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*

**Nov 9, 2023, LPPCC Meeting Minutes.**

**Meeting in-person at 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Vacaville, CA 95688 (zoom available for public)**

Attendees:

Michael Hether, Herb Wimmer, Carol Scianna, Chris Lee, Andrew Fulks, Tara Thronson; Turid Reid; JD Kluge; Patrick Huber; Liz Reay; Phil Stevens

Staff: Max Stevenson, Alex Rabidoux, Thomas Pate, Jay Cuetara, Juliana Birkhoff (SCWA consultant)

Public: Jeff TenPas

Convened at: 3:00 PM

Quorum: Yes

**1. Approval of the Current Agenda:**

Revisions: None.

Informally approved by general consent, no vote

**2. Approval of Minutes of Aug 10 and Sept 14, 2023 Meetings:**

Revisions: none

Motion to approve: not recorded Second: not recorded

Ayes: Unanimous

**3. Public Comment: None**

**4. Pattern Calendar – The Pattern Calendar for November was reviewed.**

1. Operations Budget was reviewed.

LPPCC Operations Budget Report					
FY 2023-2024*					
(does not include grants)					
Operations Budget					
As of 9/30/2023 =3/12 =25% of FY					
^ These funds come from LPPCC operations (variable)			# These funds come from SCWA as funding (Fixed)		
Item	Initial Annual Budget	9/30/2023	%	YTD Remain	
<b>ACCORD REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS</b>					
# SCWA Contribution Vegetation - 6130SC	\$ 16,362	\$ 3,085	19%	\$ 13,277	
# SCWA Contribution Wildlife - 6148SC	\$ 89,989		0%	\$ 89,989	
# SCWA Contribution Fish Monitoring - 6149SC	\$ 89,989	\$ 2,529	3%	\$ 87,460	
#SCWA Contribution Misc Supplies - 6199SC	\$ 17,000	\$ 1,990	12%	\$ 15,010	
# SCWA Contribution Streamkeeper Salary&Benefits	\$ 65,446	\$ 16,362	25%	\$ 49,085	
<b>TOTAL ACCORD REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 278,786</b>	<b>\$ 23,966</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>\$ 254,821</b>	
<b>ADDITIONAL SCWA SUPPORT - NON-ACCORD ITEMS</b>					
SK # SCWA Contribution Streamkeeper Salary&Benefits	\$ 124,735	\$ 34,098	27%	\$ 90,637	
#SCWA Contribution Nursery - 6183SC	\$ 180,000	\$ 1,789		\$ 178,211	
* #SCWA LPPCC Services-billable -6179SC	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
#SCWA Equipment -Purchase/repairs less recycle reimb-6181SC	\$ 50,000	\$ 6,964	14%	\$ 43,036	
#Labor - SCWA- LPPCC 6950SC-5602	\$ 308,010	\$ 11,075	4%	\$ 296,935	
#Labor- LPPCC Equip 6950SC-5602	\$ 62,647	\$ 4,471	7%	\$ 58,176	
#Labor-LPPCC Others 6950SC-5605	\$ -	\$ -		#DIV/0!	\$ -
#Labor SCWA LPPCC Non-Reimbursable grant support(Non SK)	\$ -	\$ 1,111		#DIV/0!	\$ (1,111)
Lower Putah Creek-Non Accord Support Consultants -6620SC	\$ 997,114	\$ 14,987	2%	\$ 982,127	
Capital Assets - 5500SC	\$ -			\$ -	
^ Nursery 3rd Party Sales Income -4922SC	\$ -	\$ -		#DIV/0!	\$ -
* ^LPPCC Services Invoiced - 4978SC	\$ -			#DIV/0!	\$ -
^Equipment Rental 3rd Party - 4981SC	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
^ Grant Equipment Reimbursement-Usage - 4150SC	\$ -	\$ -		#DIV/0!	\$ -
SK ^Grant Labor Streamkeeper-Reimbursement	\$ (124,735)		0%	\$ (124,735)	
<b>Net Addtl SCWA Non-Accord Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,597,772</b>	<b>\$ 74,495</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$ 1,523,276</b>	

2. Grant/Project Budget- Nishikawa is a 30 acre restoration project near Pedrick Rd. As of July 12, 2023 \$483,697 has been spent of the \$1,000,000 budget.

3. Annual Report to the Court -The Annual Report is a one page 'fact-sheet' sent the Court from the Accord (Previously Judge Park, since retired). Stevenson will bring a draft copy to the next LPCCC meeting for review. Huber- Historic reports should be posted to the website. Kludge – Does anyone at the Court read these reports? Stevenson will follow up.
4. Riparian Diversion Process – covered under PCWM topics.
5. Annual Workplan – Last years Workplan did not include PCWM tasks, although PCWM is now a major activity. This year PCWM will be included, along with new activities such as a flowmeter installation plan, and longitudinal cross section and survey of the Creek.

## 5. Fall 2023 Salmon Run

Videos of salmon were reviewed. A calendar of the salmon run timing was reviewed and is presented below.

Oct 18-23	Pulse Flows
Oct 17	Access restricted Creek in Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area
Oct 24	Hundreds of Salmon upstream of Winters
Nov 1	Still Salmon in Toe Drain (DWR)
Nov 1	No new salmon observed in Putah Creek
Nov 1-8	No salmon at Wallace Weir (CDFW)
Nov 2	Boards at Los Rios Check Dam re-installed to 4 ft
Nov 7	Putah Creek ran dry upstream of Check Dam
Nov 8	SCWA ads 20 cfs extra water to fill in

A discussion was held on issues with access to the YB Wildlife Area, why the Creek went dry, who and how many pumps were running (not known), and that 5 cfs was being bypassed at the Check Dam while upstream was dry. The 5 cfs of bypass water was being pumped into the Creek downstream of the dry area.

## 6. Flow measurement on Putah Creek Overview

Who measures flow on Putah Creek? A list of flow measurement locations was reviewed.

1. SCWA -Jay Cuetara of SCWA runs the flow measurement program
2. USGS – has multiple sites on Putah Creek
3. SID – manages the dams
4. DWR (site upstream of Winters)
5. Farmer pump outs (not measured consistently)
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7. Toe Drain monitoring at the Lisbon Weir (DWR)

There was extended discussion on the operation and flow conditions in the Toe Drain at the Lisbon Weir. The flow at the Lisbon Weir is often negative in the fall (flow is reversed). Wimmer asked for future discussion/explanation of Toe Drain vs Putah Creek flows. A map of the all the flow stations on-line was reviewed. Stevenson reported that the historic data for releases from Lake Solano into Putah Creek was compiled by MBK Engineers and is now posted on the SVWA website. SCWA is starting to coordinate flowmeter installation with public agencies that own pumps on Putah Creek (rented to

farmers). Stevenson stated that future flow management on the Creek should be operated as deliveries to the three types of water customers on Putah Creek:

1. Farmers
2. Groundwater Recharge
3. Environment

Jay Cuetara reported that new flow measurement sensors on the Putah Diversion Dam floodgates will allow automatic, real-time, data collection of flows released in Putah Creek. Flow data is currently recorded manual as an average daily flow, peak flows are not recorded.

## **7. LPCCC Planning Subcommittee Update: PCWM – Putah Creek Water Management**

Juliana Birkhoff (Ag Innovations) reviewed the goals and timeline of PCWM. Individual interviews over the past year and a large public meeting in Winters have already happened. Ag Innovations had a booth at the Winters Salmon Festival and collected opinions and ideas from attendees. Smaller meetings with stakeholders are planned, mostly so stakeholders can get to know each other better. The Putah Creek Monitoring Summit in March 2024 will be integrated into PCWM. Huber suggested a second public meeting farther downstream, perhaps in Davis. Birkhoff agreed. Wimmer and Birkhoff meet earlier in the day about PCWM strategy. The purpose of PCWM was summarized as: SCWA has a responsibility for environmental flows and farmers have right to pump water, we need to coordinate these activities.

## **8. Streamkeeper Report**

1. Water Conditions – previously covered under the salmon run item 5
2. Meetings/Outreach/Activities
  - a. Coordinate Pulse Flows (permits, monitoring, mapping, board schedules, etc)
  - b. Salmon Festival planning
  - c. City of Winters Natural Resources Comm
  - d. Fall resident fish surveys (electrofishing)
  - e. Sac Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (Oct 19)
  - f. SCWA safety trainings
  - g. CDFW Access to Wildlife Area issues
  - h. VA Science Committee meetings
  - i. Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Celebration (Oct 26)
  - j. Yolo County Supervisor Putah Creek Tour (Oct 30)
  - k. Salmon Festival (Nov 4)
  - l. LPCCC Subcommittee mtgs (PCWM)
  - m. CDFW Permit Site visit/tour Nishikawa
  - n. PCWM Focus Group Planning

Chris Lee confirmed that SCWA would not be applying for the CDFW funds for a Northern Bypass around the Los Rios Check Dam. SCWA staff resources are not adequate for the level of permitting CDFW is requiring for the project (\$300,000 worth of permits).

## **9. Member Reports**

Scianna- Salmon Festival was a success, a lot more children than in years past. City of Winters staff is working on un-housed issues in the Nature Park.

Phil Stevens- Last PCC CreekSpeak presentations have changed to 1 pm (better turnout than 7 pm time)  
<https://putahcreekcouncil.org/what-we-do/education/creekspeak/>  
Kludge and Lee – enjoyed the Salmon Festival, had a great time.

**11. Next Meeting is in-person Dec 14, 2023 in Vacaville**

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM