



LOWER PUTAH CREEK COORDINATING COMMITTEE

TO: Interested Persons
FROM: Max Stevenson, Streamkeeper
DATE: October 8, 2026, 3:00-4:30 PM

SUBJECT: Agenda for October 8, 2026, Meeting of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating in-person at 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 202, Vacaville, California 95688 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM.

#	time	Item
1	3:00	Approval of the Current Agenda: Members can remove items, add items subject to Brown Act Emergency Rules, or suggest future agenda items.
2	3:05	Approval of Minutes: Review Minutes Sept 10, 2026
3	3:10	Public Comment: The public may comment on matters pertaining to Putah Creek.
4	3:15	Pattern Calendar (Annual Recurring Tasks): a) Interagency Communication Updates b) Winters Salmon Festival Nov 7, 2026
5	3:20	Dissolved Oxygen in the Toe Drain
6	3:40	Timing of the Fall Salmon Run
7	4:00	Putah Creek Watershed Network (PCWN) Update
8	4:10	Streamkeeper Report
9	4:20	Member Reports
10	4:30	Next Meeting: Nov 12, 2026

This meeting is in-person.

There is an option for public participation by zoom.

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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*

LOWER PUTAH CREEK COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

3:00-4:30 PM | 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 202, Vacaville, California

Attendance: Max Stevenson, Turrid Reid, Carol Scianna, Herb Wimmer, Patrick Huber (City of Davis), John Kluge (Solano Irrigation District), Tim Hawkins (City of Vacaville), Melissa Cansdale (City of Vallejo), Chris Lee (Solano County Water Agency), Sayetzi Sanchez (City of Fairfield), JP Marie (UC Davis), Liz Reay, Gavin Poore, Mary Kimball, Elizabeth Patterson, Kristin Sicke, Jim Mayer, Phil Stevens, Rich Marovich, in attendance in person or by Zoom.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. A quorum was confirmed.

1. Approval of the Current Agenda

Patrick Huber moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved without opposition.

2. Approval of Minutes - August 13, 2026

Patrick Huber moved to approve the August 13, 2026 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved. Members who had not attended the August meeting abstained.

3. Public Comment

No public comments were offered in person or by Zoom.

4. Pattern Calendar (Annual Recurring Tasks)

Grant budgets and the LPCCC Annual Report to the Court were reviewed. Four active planning/restoration efforts were summarized: the Nishikawa salmon restoration project, where construction is anticipated to begin next fall after extended permitting; the \$825,000 Los Rios Check Dam Northern Bypass planning grant, now managed by River Partners and at approximately 60 percent design for a roughly 1,600-foot bypass channel; the \$1.2 million Road 106A Fish Passage Planning Grant, which is beginning survey, biological, and pump-related work while seeking to preserve vehicle access, diversion function, and fish passage; and the Putah Creek Council Inter-Dam Reach Planning Grant.

The Committee also discussed the annual report to the court required under the Putah Creek Accord. The current two-page newsletter-style format, including the salmon return graph and a summary budget, will be updated. Members supported review by the Planning Subcommittee and the full LPCCC before submittal. Members also recommended using the report more broadly as an outreach tool. The Streamkeeper agreed to coordinate wider distribution, including through Putah Creek Council, the Salmon Festival, elected officials, and other interested organizations.

5. Cache Creek/Putah Creek and Healthy Rivers and Landscapes (HRL)

Mary Kimball, Chair of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, introduced Kristin Sicke, General Manager, who presented the District's proposed HRL approach and potential partnership opportunities involving Putah Creek. Sicke described the District's Cache Creek canal system and its surface-water and groundwater conjunctive-use program.

The District is exploring whether HRL obligations could be met in part through flow contributions to Putah Creek rather than by attempting to send water through lower Cache Creek, where natural losses and the Cache Creek Settling Basin limit connectivity to the Delta. The short-term concept is to purchase Solano Project water from Lake Berryessa while the District completes water-quality and environmental review. The District is in discussions with UC Davis regarding as much as 2,000 acre-feet and is interested in discussions with other Solano Project contractors. Longer-term concepts include Cache Creek water, groundwater banking, exchanges, and operational coordination that could provide water to Putah Creek at biologically useful times.

Water-quality review was reviewed, especially boron, mercury, and temperature. Other discussion emphasized that the most useful benefit may come from operational flexibility - for example, Yolo County water helping meet riparian demands at one time while conserved Berryessa water is used later for fall salmon attraction flows or other ecological needs. Members stressed the importance of early public communication with creek landowners as the concept develops.

6. Dissolved Oxygen Issues in Putah Creek, the Toe Drain, and the Yolo Bypass

The Streamkeeper reviewed dissolved-oxygen conditions along the salmon migration pathway through the Toe Drain and Yolo Bypass. Low dissolved oxygen was described as a physiochemical fish-passage barrier. Recent

data from Lisbon Weir showed dissolved oxygen ranging roughly from 1.4 to 4.9 mg/L, with tidal cycling and periods of very low oxygen. The Committee discussed the reverse net flow that can occur in the Toe Drain during periods of heavy upstream pumping and reduced drainage.

The Streamkeeper also reported on aquatic-weed management downstream of Los Rios Check Dam. Dense Asian water primrose had caused nighttime dissolved oxygen to fall to near zero earlier in the summer. Following permitted removal by Los Rios Farms, the lowest observed dissolved oxygen during the following several days improved to about 3.7 mg/L. Members discussed earlier fall fish passage, the October pulse-flow timing, interim operational options at Los Rios Check Dam, and the possibility of improving Toe Drain water quality through coordinated flow management involving DWR and other regional water agencies.

The Committee emphasized the opportunity to manage agricultural drains as working landscapes that continue serving drainage and delivery functions while also improving salmon habitat.

7. Putah Creek Watershed Network (PCWN) Update

Herb Wimmer reported that an informal Putah Creek Watershed Network is being developed to improve coordination across the entire watershed. The effort has two components: strengthening the network of agencies, nonprofits, and individual participants so they know one another and can collaborate more effectively; and developing a shared data system to organize historic, current, and future watershed information. Yolo County Flood Control and other interested organizations were invited to participate.

8. Streamkeeper Report

The Streamkeeper announced that the Putah Creek Long-Term Monitoring Program and Data Summit received an Outstanding Environmental Project Award associated with the Bay-Delta Science Conference. The award was described as recognition of the many agencies, consultants, contractors, UC Davis researchers, landowners, and others who have contributed to decades of monitoring and data stewardship. Members discussed invitees for the conference award dinner and suggested including key long-term contributors. Members interested in attending were asked to contact the Streamkeeper. The regular Member Reports agenda item was inadvertently missing from the agenda.

9. Next Meeting

The next LPCCC meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2026. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 PM.