

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ZONE 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY JANUARY 17, 2019**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** -- The Zone 3 Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the City of Grover Beach Council Chambers by Committee Chair and Member at Large Representative, Jim Garing.

County Public Works Utilities Division Program Manager and Secretary to the Advisory Committee, Andrea Montes, called roll. Members in attendance were:

- Brad Hagemann, Avila Beach Community Services District
- Kristen Barneich, City of Arroyo Grande
- Marcia Guthrie, City of Pismo Beach
- Jim Garing, Member at Large
- Shirley Gibson, Oceano Community Services District
- Brian Talley, Agriculture Representative

- II. Public Comment** -- No public comment given

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. November 15, 2018 Regular Meeting -- Member Barneich motioned approval; Member Talley second. All approved; quorum was met, and motion passed.

B. November 29, 2018 Special Meeting -- Member Talley motioned approval; Member Barneich second. All approved and motion passed.

IV. Operations Report

A. Water Plant Operations, Reservoir Storage, Downstream Releases -- Ms. Montes indicated: Lopez Lake elevation was 480.08 feet; storage was 19,730 acre-feet (AF), which is 40% capacity; rainfall to date, since July 1, 2018, was 10.9 inches; plant production was 2.3 million gallons per day (MGD); downstream release was 1.9 MGD; and State Water was 0.736 MGD.

No public comment was given.

B. Projected Reservoir Levels -- Jill Ogren, Senior Engineer with the Public Works Utilities Division, indicated the Lopez reservoir was at the 19,000 acre-foot mark. No public comment was given.

C. November & December Monthly Operations Report -- Ms. Ogren indicated the total water deliveries, including State Water for the month of November was 430 acre-foot (AF). The total water deliveries for the month of December was 373 AF.

Downstream releases were tapered due to rainfall while maintaining enough water flow for compliance reasons.

No public comment was given.

V. Information Items

A. Climate Update -- Ms. Montes indicated according to the United States Drought Monitor, the County continued to experience moderate and severe drought conditions. According to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, there was a 33% chance of above average temperatures when compared to the month of January in prior years. The rainfall forecasted for January was 33% above average for the month.

No public comment was given.

B. Low Reservoir Response Plan – Criteria for Enactment -- Ms. Ogren indicated the Zone 3 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) developed criteria to ask the County Board of Supervisors to enter the Low Reservoir Response Plan (LRRP). The LRRP was developed in 2014 in order to manage low Lopez Lake reservoir levels. A level of 20,000 AF or lower, along with a declaration of a “Local Drought Emergency” by the County Board of Supervisors (BOS), triggers the LRRP. The TAC recommended if the reservoir level is below 20,000 AF in June 2019, to then ask the BOS to declare a “Local Drought Emergency” to enter the LRRP, which would reduce downstream releases by 10% if the reservoir levels fall between 15,000 and 20,000 AF; and reduce water deliveries to municipalities by 10% if the reservoir levels fall below 15,000 AF and so on.

Member Barneich motioned an endorsement of the TAC’s recommendation to ask the BOS in June 2019 to enter the LRRP by declaring a “Local Drought Emergency” if reservoir levels are below 20,000 AF; member Guthrie second. All members approved the endorsement.

No public comment was given.

C. Distribute Proposed FY 19/20 Budget -- County Public Works Finance Division and Flood Control Zone 3 Accountant, Kristi Smith, distributed the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Proposed Budget for Flood Control Zone 3. According to Ms. Smith, the TAC discussed and finalized Non-Routine Operations and Maintenance, and Capital sections.

Ms. Smith indicated she would mail copies of the proposed budget to Zone 3 agencies within the week and all Zone 3 participants on the TAC and Advisory Committee would receive PDF copies. Ms. Smith further indicated she was meeting with Zone 3 agencies’ finance staff in February to discuss the proposed budget before returning to the Zone 3 Advisory Committee March 21, 2019 meeting for the Committee’s endorsement. Following the Committee’s endorsement, the budget will go the County Board of Supervisors in mid-June for approval.

Ms. Smith pointed out that agency billings had increased by 3.1%, which is standard practice. A \$300 thousand budget for cloud seeding was included in the budget.

VI. Capital Projects Update

A. Lopez Spillway Assessment Update -- Ms. Ogren gave an update of the Department of Water Resources (DWRs’) Division Safety of Dams’ (DSODs’) required assessment of the Lopez Spillway, in response to the Oroville Dam failure.

Ms. Ogren stated GEI Consultants completed the visual assessment of the spillway and report which indicated minor concrete and drainage issues. The report will be submitted to the DSOD for approval, along with a plan to repair the minor issues. The

next step would then be to perform a more in-depth assessment of the spillway conditions, followed by repairs.

No public comment was given.

B. Bi-Monthly Update -- Ms. Ogren presented a brief update of the Capital Projects listed below.

- **Lopez Dam and Terminal Dam Hazard Classification** -- DSOD required agencies that have a “high hazard” classified dam based on the number of downstream residents, to complete inundation maps and emergency action plans (EAPs). The Lopez Dam and Terminal Dam are both classified as “high hazard” classified dams. The inundation maps were completed and submitted to DSOD. Minor scale changes will be made and resubmitted to DSOD in March 2019 along with the EAPs.
- **Fault Zone Assessment – Dam Left Abutment** -- This project focuses on a risk assessment rather than a costly repair of an area that may be geologically unstable over the left abutment of the dam.
- **Domestic and Fire Flow Tanks Repair at Lopez Water Treatment Plant** -- \$100 thousand was budgeted to repair the Domestic Tank. The Fire Flow Tank at the Lopez Water Treatment Plant is in more dilapidated condition. Staff is working with a Fire Engineer to identify repairs needed to that tank. More information will be provided at the March 21, 2019 meeting.
- **Lopez Water Treatment Plant Leach Field Repair/Replacement** -- Progress is being made on this project.
- **Existing Bypass Pipeline Condition Assessment** -- A report will be distributed to the TAC regarding the condition of an existing backup pipeline that could potentially be used to deliver State Water directly to the Lopez Water Treatment Plant.

No public comment was given.

VII. Action Items (No Subsequent Board of Supervisors Action Required)

No Action Items discussed.

VIII. Action Items (Board of Supervisors Action is Subsequently Required)

Cloud Seeding Update – A Zone 3 Advisory Committee Special Meeting was held on November 29, 2018 to discuss cloud seeding. At that time, the Committee unanimously voted to approve a cloud seeding program via aircraft only to begin as soon as winter 2019. Ms. Ogren indicated due to a tight Public Hearing and 30-day challenge schedule, review by the BOS of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) document would not occur in time for Zone 3 agencies to take full cost advantage of the cloud seeding program to begin in winter 2019. Instead, the Zone 3 TAC recommended preparing the aircraft only cloud seeding program to be ready for late 2019. This will allow time to gain support from District 4 and 5 Supervisors, conduct the CEQA document Public Hearing on May 21, 2019, coordinate logistics of the five-month aircraft only program to begin in November and bring it to a seasonal end.

Flood Control District Easement Request – Goodman -- Member Garing indicated the company he works for represents the applicants' easement request and recused himself from the discussion and vote. Ms. Ogren indicated the applicants, Scot and Debby Goodman, are requesting an easement across approximately 1.6 miles of Flood Control Zone 3 District property, to access a landlocked parcel they've purchased. Ms. Ogren indicated before the applicants can move forward with the County land use planning process, they must receive a Consent of Landowner from the Flood Control District. Ms. Ogren indicated if the Advisory Committee recommends the easement request be taken to the BOS to receive Consent of Landowner, the applicants will be able to move forward with the land use planning process and will return to the Advisory Committee later pending approval of the County Planning Commission. According to Ms. Ogren, the TAC recommended the applicants move forward with the Consent of Landowner request from the BOS sitting as the BOS to the Flood Control District. After discussion with the applicants' representative, Member Guthrie motioned to take the Consent of Landowner agreement to the Board of Supervisors for approval; Member Hagemann second. All approved and motion passed.

IX. Future Agenda Items

A. Contract Changes

B. Cloud Seeding

C. Revisions to the Low Reservoir Response Plan (LRRP)

X. Committee Member Comments -- No comments made.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea M Montes

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