



**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ZONE 3 ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY September 16, 2021**

I. **Call to Order and Roll Call** -- The Zone 3 Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM via GoTo Meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic by Vice Chairperson, Shirley Gibson. County Public Works Utilities Division Senior Engineer and Secretary to the Advisory Committee, David Spiegel, called roll. Quorum was present. Members in attendance were:

- Kristen Barneich, City of Arroyo Grande
- Shirley Gibson, Oceano CSD
- Brad Hagemann, County Services Area 12
- Brian Talley, Agriculture Member
- Ron Reilly, Member At Large
- Matthew Scudato, Alternate

II. **Public Comment** – This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items that are not on the Agenda. No public comment.

III. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A. **July 15, 2021 Regular Meeting (Attachment 1 of the Agenda Packet)**– *Member Hageman motioned approval of the minutes and Member Barneich seconded. Motion passed.*

IV. **Operations Report**

A. **Water Plant Operations, Reservoir Storage, Downstream Releases** – Jenny Williamson, Administrative Assistant at the Lopez Water Treatment Plant, indicated: Lopez Lake elevation was 470.36; storage was 15,543.3 acre-feet (AF), which is 31% capacity; rainfall to date, since July 1, 2021, was 0.04 inches; plant production was 1.9 million gallons per day (MGD); downstream release was 3.95 MGD; and State Water was at 2.64 MGD.

B. **Projected Reservoir Levels** – Review of the Lopez Reservoir Projections Chart (Attachment 2 of the Agenda Packet).

C. **July and August Monthly Operations Report** – Review of the monthly operations reports with the committee (Attachment 3 of the Agenda Packet).

No public comment was given.

V. **Information Items**

A. **Draft Cloud Seeding Board Letter (Attachment 4)** – David Spiegel reviewed the draft of the cloud seeding board letter to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval to proceed with the 2021-22 Winter Cloud Seeding Program for the Lopez Lake Watershed. *Member Talley motioned approval of the Cloud Seeding Board Letter and Member Hagemann seconded. Motion passed.*

**B. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Status** – County Public Works Finance Admin. Services Manager, Jenny Morgan, provided an update on the 4th Quarter Budget Status (Attachment 5 of the Agenda Packet). The \$6.4M budget was broken into three categories: Routine Operations & Maintenance, Non-Routine Operations & Maintenance, and Capital Outlay. At the end of the fiscal year, 71% of the total annual budget had been expended.

Total Budget	Expenses through Q4	Balance Available	% of Budget Expended
\$6,416,952	\$4,584,802	\$1,832,150	71%

**Routine O&M:** has a budget of \$4.1M. At the end of the end of the fiscal year, expenses were 102% of the annual budget.

Total Budget	Expenses through Q4	Balance Available	% of Budget Expended
\$4,092,980	\$4,155,787	(\$62,807)	102%

**Non-Routine O&M:** has a budget of approximately \$1.7M. At the end of the fiscal year, 20% of the annual budget has been expended. The remaining budget is comprised of approximately \$656,686 will be carried forward into FY 2021-22 for continued work and a savings of approximately \$738,404 will be credited back to the agencies during the FY 2020-21 true-up. Bulk of the budget being carried forward are tied to the Lopez Water Rights/ Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and the Cloud Seeding Program.

Total Budget	Expenses through Q4	Balance Available	% of Budget Expended
\$1,745,300	\$350,210	\$1,395,090	20%
Estimated Carryforward:		\$656,686	
Estimated Savings:		\$738,404	

**Capital Outlay:** has a budget of almost \$580,000. At the end of the fiscal year, expenses were 14% of the annual budget. Approximately \$258,887 in unspent budget will be credited back to the agencies.

Total Budget	Expenses through Q4	Balance Available	% of Budget Expended
\$578,672	\$78,805	\$499,867	14%
Estimated Carryforward:		\$240,980	
Estimated Savings:		\$258,887	

All agencies are current on their payments. Estimated credits for FY 2020-21 total \$3,803. Credits will be allocated to the agencies and mailed along with the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment for FY 2021-22 billings that are due January 1, 2022.

No public comment was given.

## **VI. Capital Projects Update**

**Bi-Monthly Update** – Updates were provided on the various capital projects (Attachment 6 of the Agenda Packet). Most projects had no changes or updates that could be provided.

Tesla Battery Storage - Construction began September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Geotechnical Testing & Seismic Alternatives Study of Terminal Reservoir Dam – Contract was presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 14<sup>th</sup> and approved GEI's contract.

Fault Zone Risk Assessment for Dam Left Abutment – Rizzo Engineering performed a site assessment and preparing a draft report.

Cathodic Protection Repair Project – Consultant performed site visit and staff have been working with the consultant to install additional test stations to aid in the assessments needed.

Equipment Storage Building – New RFP is being prepared due to vendor issues. One vendor could not sell products to California, and another had some pricing concerns.

CO2 Injection System – Bids came in high. Staff are making design changes and adjusting scope of work to help reduce costs. Project will be resubmitted to the consultant for a rebid.

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)**

### **IX. Future Agenda Items**

### **X. Committee Member Comments**

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Williamson  
County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department