

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT
ZONE 9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zone 9 Advisory Committee will hold a Regular Meeting at **1:30 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023** at the City of San Luis Obispo, Community Development Department in Conference Room #1 located at 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

To participate via Zoom (NON-VOTING MEMBERS and GUESTS ONLY):

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Call-in information: Dial +1 (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 820 6057 9052, Passcode: 351543

AGENDA

1. Introductions and roll call
2. Approval of October 12, 2022 meeting minutes
3. Receive Presentation from County and City Staff on the Vegetative Maintenance Program
4. Open Discussion Regarding Recent Storms and Flooding
5. Ongoing Updates

Note: these updates will be verbal

- a. Mid-Higuera Bypass Project
 - b. Creek Maintenance
 - c. Arundo Removal
 - d. East Fork Study
 - e. Avila Drainage Study
6. Public comment
At this time, the public may address the Committee on any item not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.
 7. Future agenda items

Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 1:30 PM

City of San Luis Obispo, Community Development Department
919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

“The purpose of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee: SECTION 1: To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to Zone 9. The Committee shall determine the needs, desires, and financial capabilities of the property owners in Zone 9 and, upon deliberation, shall convey to the Board of Supervisors their recommendations with respect to the objectives of said zone. SECTION 2: To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific programs to alleviate and control flood damage within Zone 9 with recognition of the ecological and aesthetic values of the programs. Further, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors other programs within Zone 9 concerning the objects and purposes of the Flood Control District Act. SECTION 3: To recommend methods of financing programs for Zone 9.” – Excerpts from the By-Laws adopted March 1, 2011

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Meeting Minutes (DRAFT) – Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Members Attending:

Wayne Peterson, County At-Large (Chair)
Christine Mulholland, City At-Large
Carlyn Christianson, City Council
Brian Nelson, City Staff (Vice-Chair)
Jonathan Hall, County At-Large #1 (Alternate)

Non-Voting Members and Guests Attending:

Freddy Otte, City Staff
Janet Andrews, County At-Large #2 (Alternate)
Brendan Clark, San Luis Obispo County (Secretary)
May Thiri Kyaw, San Luis Obispo County (Staff)
Joey Steil, San Luis Obispo County
Jessica Johnson, San Luis Obispo County
Harold Wright, San Luis Obispo County

1. Introductions and roll call

Chair calls the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and a quorum is established. Introduction.

2. Approval of April 13, 2022 meeting minutes

W. Peterson introduces the item.

C. Mulholland comments that she has no amendments to offer.

Motion by: Christine Mulholland

Second by: Carlyn Christianson

The Committee approves the April 13, 2022 meeting minutes (5-0-0)

3. Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget Presentation

B. Clark introduces the item and J. Johnson presents the 2022-23 Fiscal Year budget.

W. Peterson asks about Stream Data Management item on the budget. B. Clark answers.

W. Peterson asks if all rainfall data are being saved and preserved. B. Clark confirms.

C. Mulholland comments on confusion between commas and periods in the budget document. B. Clark responds.

C. Mulholland comments on the figures for Maintenance Recording Data Gauges and County Area Veg. Maintenance line-items and asks why the numbers are much higher for the upcoming fiscal year. B. Clark responds.

B. Nelson asks about revenues and financing sources. B. Clark and J. Johnson responds.

4. Endorsement of the City of San Luis Obispo's Annual Work Plan – Fiscal Year 2023-24

B. Clark introduces item and B. Nelson and F. Otte presents on the City's Zone 9 Budget Request for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year.

C. Mulholland clarifies if the budget request for Silt Removal is on top of the existing funding and asks how we ended up with money unspent from last year for Silt Removal if we have a \$0 budget every year. B. Clark responds. B. Nelson adds to response.

B. Clark states that the General Creek Maintenance funds, in contrast to the Silt Removal funds, resets every year and does not carry over.

J. Hall asks what date the County's fiscal year starts. B. Clark responds.

B. Nelson states the Mid-Higuera Bypass Project is still at 90% design and the City currently has one permit from the Water Quality Control Board and are waiting for a couple more permits. C. Mulholland asks when the permit expires, B. Nelson responds.

B. Nelson states the project could begin construction in mid/late 2024 pending design completion, permit approvals and easement agreements. Additional information about project costs, DWR grant, and the Zone 9 request for 2023-24 fiscal year is given.

W. Peterson asks if the City and County have discussed funding. B. Nelson responds.

B. Clark adds the city has submitted this funding request under the existing City-County agreement and would potentially not require a new agreement if approved.

W. Peterson asks if next year we would be looking at multiple requests and approvals that would include this new maintenance related project work. B. Clark responds.

Motion by: Christine Mulholland
Second by: Carlyn Christianson

J. Hall asks if it is appropriate for him to abstain from voting because they receive funding through the City for Zone 9 efforts. B. Clark responds.

Motion to have the budget request presented as-is to the Board of Supervisor passes. (4-0, J. Hall abstains)

8. Ongoing Updates

a. Mid-Higuera Bypass Project

B. Nelson states one permit has been issued so far. The City is making progress on securing easements and have received appraisals for multiple properties and if everything go as planned, advertisement for construction will begin next fall.

W. Peterson comments on the permit fee refund. B. Nelson and F. Otte responds.

b. Creek Maintenance

F. Otte comments on the creek maintenance efforts at the Marsh Street Bridge and at different locations along Stenner Creek and Prefumo Creek.

B. Clark comments on an extreme flooding that occurred at the intersection near the Prefumo Creek area in 1955.

F. Otte shares the City has been in contact with Cal Trans and Chevron to let them know that they are responsible for maintaining the creek areas within their properties.

C. Mulholland comments on flooding on freeway around LOVR back in 1969 or 1973 and asks if the work we are doing now will help alleviate flooding in the area once we have another wet year. F. Otte responds.

W. Peterson comments that the portion of creek from LOVR North to Prado Road used to be a third of the size it is today.

C. Mulholland expresses concern that, a portion of LOVR experiences overflow from the creek even with smaller storm events. W. Peterson and F. Otte respond.

F. Otte comments on City and County's efforts in East Fork SLO Creek and states the California Conservation Corps will be coming out for three weeks beginning October 17th to carry out flood control activities. The City and the County has secured all necessary right-of-entries except for one for the Thousand Hills Pet Resort. W. Peterson offers to speak to owner of the pet resort if needed. B. Clark responds.

B. Clark and F. Otte explain the scope & goals of the project.

c. Arundo Removal

J. Hall comments that work has begun and states they now have access to areas upstream of LOVR that they haven't been able to before due to homeless encampments. However, the stretch of creek near Octagon Barn is no longer accessible for the same reason. Two areas remaining that aren't currently under treatment are at LOVR Bridge and See Canyon due to permitting and scheduling conflicts.

B. Clark asks if it is a possibility to try to do Arundo removal together with the County's vegetative maintenance in the future. J. Hall responds.

F. Otte comments he has been in contact with personnel from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Linda and Julie) and will be doing quarterly calls to allow for better communication for future projects/maintenance efforts and ideally facilitate permitting process. J. Hall adds to comment.

W. Peterson comments on the permitting process. J. Hall and F. Otte responds. There is additional roundtable discussion regarding permitting.

d. East Fork Limited Study

B. Clark states that the study wasn't ready for review today and gives an overview on the consultant's findings from the modeling.

W. Peterson comments on flooding at Vachell Lane. B. Clark responds.

B. Clark comments on improving culvert maintenance in the East Fork area and other high-flood-risk areas in the future.

B. Nelson asks if the study talks about maintenance downstream. B. Clark responds.

9. Public comment

W. Peterson comments on study on PFAS done by the County.

10. Future agenda items

- Presentations on different projects occurring throughout the watershed (e.g., Marre Weir Rehabilitation, Avila Drainage Study)
- East Fork Study – Draft Report

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:52 PM