

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

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, April 12, 2023

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Members Attending:

Wayne Peterson, County At-Large (Chair)
Brian Nelson, City Staff (Vice Chair)
Christine Mulholland, City At-Large
Michelle Shoresman, City Council
Jonathan Hall, County At-Large

Non-Voting Members and Guests Attending:

Janet Andrews, County At-Large
Shelsie Moore, City Staff
Freddy Otte, City of San Luis Obispo
Brendan Clark, County of San Luis Obispo (Secretary)
May Thiri Kyaw, County of San Luis Obispo
Lucia Pohlman, City of San Luis Obispo
Troy Barnhart, County of San Luis Obispo
Joey Steil, County of San Luis Obispo
Reece Jansen, Son Care Foundation
Kathy Borland, Resident
Kim Stickler, Resident

1. Introductions and roll call

The Committee Chair calls the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and a quorum is established. Members and attendees introduce themselves.

2. Approval of February 8, 2023 meeting minutes

Item start time ~ [00:02:45](#)

W. Peterson introduces the item and asks for clarification on the spelling of an attendees' last name which was recorded as Sticker. K. Borland confirms that the correct spelling is Stickler.

W. Peterson comments on Item 5 and the issue of ponding on Buckley Road and compliments those who made repairs to the road.

C. Mulholland motions to approve the February 8, 2023 meeting minutes, as corrected.
B. Nelson seconds the motion.

The Committee approves the February 8, 2023 meeting minutes, as corrected (4-0-0-1)

3. Officer Elections

Item start time ~ [00:04:13](#)

W. Peterson introduces the item and B. Clark provides an overview of the annual officer elections.

C. Mulholland asks W. Peterson if he is willing to serve another term as Committee Chair. W. Peterson confirms.

C. Mulholland moves to nominate W. Peterson to continue serving as the Committee Chair. The nomination is seconded by B. Nelson.

C. Mulholland asks B. Nelson if he is willing to serve another term as Committee Vice Chair. B. Nelson confirms.

C. Mulholland moves to nominate B. Nelson to continue serving the Committee Vice Chair. The nomination is seconded by M. Shoresman.

C. Mulholland moves to nominate B. Clark to continue serving as the Committee Secretary. The nomination is seconded by W. Peterson.

The Committee approves the nominations of W. Peterson as Committee Chair, B. Nelson as Committee Vice Chair, and B. Clark as Committee Secretary (4-0-0-1)

4. Presentation of the Final East Fork Study and Consider Actions

Item start time ~ [00:06:57](#)

W. Peterson introduces the item and comments on suggested edits to the document related to clarifying maps, exhibits, and charts.

C. Mulholland comments that many of the maps and charts appeared blurry/unclear when viewing the document online.

B. Nelson comments that the maps should have roads included to help clarify specific areas. W. Peterson adds that the addition of street names would be helpful. B. Clark responds.

B. Clark and T. Barnhart begin the presentation on the Final East Fork Study.

K. Borland asks if the upstream creeks in the watershed converge at a single point and where that location is. B. Clark responds.

B. Nelson asks if the January storm was a 25-year event. T. Barnhart responds.

K. Borland comments on the accuracy of the airport rain gauge.

C. Mulholland comments on the area north of Tank Farm Road which used to be wetlands and asks if water could be sent to that area to refill the wetlands during storm events. F. Otte and T. Barnhart respond.

K. Borland comments on low water levels observed in the SLO airport retention basin during the previous storms. T. Barnhart responds.

W. Peterson asks about negotiating with the airport to meter the retention basin to provide additional capacity for upstream water storage. T. Barnhart responds.

J. Hall asks about the modeling parameters for increasing channel capacity. B. Clark and T. Barnhart respond.

K. Stickler asks how often maintenance activities are performed in San Luis Creek and W. Peterson asks about future maintenance in the East Fork. F. Otte and B. Clark respond.

R. Jansen comments that staff are invited to perform clearing activities on the Buckley Stables property to help minimize impacts to neighboring properties, adding that they are in contact with the CCC and asks if staff is interested in helping to strategize clearing activities. F. Otte and B. Clark respond.

K. Borland asks if the East Fork is responsible for water backing up along Tank Farm, comments on the Avila Ranch pumping and drainage system, and asks where the runway 7 drainpipe at the corner of Buckley and Santa Fe goes. T. Barnhart, B. Clark, and B. Nelson respond.

The Committee discusses current and legacy issues regarding oil/tar contamination and the Tank Farm remediation project.

W. Peterson asks if there are any Committee recommendations or actions regarding the report. The Committee discusses potential recommendations to move forward.

C. Mulholland moves to receive the presentation on the Final East Fork Study, continue with scheduled vegetation and debris maintenance activities, and to make the report known and available to public. B. Nelson seconds the motion.

The Committee approves the motion as stated (5-0-0-0).

5. Ongoing Updates

Item start time ~ [01:06:24](#)

a. Mid-Higuera Bypass Project

S. Moore provides a verbal update on the Mid-Higuera Bypass Project.

C. Mulholland asks what *PS&E* stands for and for clarification on the specific bypass components of the project. S. Moore, B. Nelson, and F. Otte respond, with further discussion by the Committee.

C. Mulholland asks if the topsoil that is removed from the bypass channels can be purchased by interested members of the public. B. Nelson and S. Moore respond.

b. Creek Maintenance

F. Otte provides a verbal update on creek maintenance activities.

C. Mulholland and W. Peterson comment on problematic sediment areas between LOVR and Laguna Lake. F. Otte responds.

W. Peterson asks if it would be possible to establish a sediment basin in an area above the city. F. Otte responds.

c. Arundo Removal

J. Hall provides a verbal update on Arundo removal activities.

6. Public comment

R. Jansen asks if there is a follow up on the temporary stockpiling of soil along Buckley Road. F. Otte responds.

W. Peterson and C. Mulholland comment on the economic value of soil banking, adding how it is seen as a commodity to developers.

7. Future agenda items

W. Peterson comments that the Committee may request future items by contacting himself or Committee Secretary, B. Clark.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:03 PM