

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, June 12, 2019** at the City of San Luis Obispo, Community Development Department in Conference Room #1 located at 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

AGENDA

1. Introductions and roll call
2. Approval of April 10, 2019 meeting minutes
3. County at-large alternate appointment update
4. New secretary appointment
5. Reports
 - a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) updates
 - b. Mid-Higuera Bypass Project updates
 - c. Creek maintenance updates
 - d. Arundo removal updates
6. Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget presentation by County Finance
7. 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.
8. Future agenda items

Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 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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ZONE 9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes (DRAFT) – Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Members Present

Wayne Peterson, Chairperson, Member, County At-Large
Carlyn Christianson, Member, City Council
Matt Horn, Vice Chairperson, Member, City Staff
Christine Mulholland, Member, City At-Large
Dave Romero, Alternate, City At-Large Alternate
Jon Hall, Alternate, County At-Large

1. Introductions and roll call

Wayne Peterson calls the meeting to order at 1:36 PM. Quorum established.
Introductions of attendees present.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes - December 12, 2018

Motion by: **Christine Mulholland**
Second by: **Matt Horn**

The Committee approves the December 12, 2018 meeting minutes (5-0-0), as amended.

3. County at-large alternate appointments

Mladen Bandov, Secretary, received one application from Janet Andrews to fill the vacancy of the County At-Large alternate position.

Motion by: Christine Mulholland
Second by: Jon Hall

The Committee approves the appointment of Janet Andrews as the County At-Large #2, Alternate (5-0-0).

County Staff will take the appointment to an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting for approval.

4. Officer elections

Mladen, Secretary, explains that although not included in the by-laws, the committee previously requested to re-affirm officers or elect new at the first meeting of the year.

Motion by: **Christine Mulholland**

Second by: **Carlyn Christianson**

The Committee moves to maintain Wayne Peterson as Chairperson and Matt Horn as Vice Chairperson (5-0-0).

Mladen Bandov announces his intent to transition out of the role as the Committee Secretary role after the June 12, 2019 meeting due to his transition out of the Region Unit Supervisor role. He introduces Brendan Clark who is the new Supervising Engineer of the Regional Unit who would now be more appropriate to serve as Secretary should the Committee choose to appoint him at the June 12, 2019 meeting. The Chairperson requested a letter documenting the change in Secretary including Brendan Clark's contact information.

5. Reports

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

Dick Tzou, County of San Luis Obispo, updates the Committee on the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin (SLOVGB) as it relates to SGMA. The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development kickoff meeting is on April 10, 2019 at 3:30 pm and there will be additional public meetings and workshops in the future. Department of Water Resources (DWR) awarded a grant to the County that included the development of a GSP for the SLOVGB. The grant also applies to the GSP development for the areas of the Santa Maria Basin within San Luis Obispo County jurisdiction. The total grant for the development of GSPs for both basins is \$1.3 million and approximately \$850,000 is allocated for the SLOVGB. The prioritization of the SLOVGB is currently designated as a "high priority" basin.

- Mid-Higuera Bypass Project Updates

Brian Nelson, City of San Luis Obispo Engineer, reports that he and Freddy Otte, and the Design Engineer performed a site walk in late January 2019 to identify trees to be moved, confirm locations of bypass channels, and analyzed bench locations. A 70% Design submittal was received during the week of April 1, 2019 and integrated findings from the January 2019 site walk. The 70% Design also provided the design of rock slope protection locations and the Bianchi Bridge crossing. The County and City will review the 70% Design and will likely provide one joint set of comments to the consultant by the end of April 2019. Regarding the Madonna Family property, there is no written agreement, but parties involved are continuously being engaged with the City and adjustments to bypass channel alignment bench location was moved to the south to consider building locations.

- Creek Maintenance Updates

Freddy Otte, City of San Luis Obispo Biologist, reports about the two minor flooding events during a January 17, 2019 storm cell that had an intensity of 5 inches/hour with a duration of 20 minutes. One flooding event Prefumo Creek backed up at the Windemere

Condo complex at Los Osos Valley Road and Oceanaire. The other flooding event was at apartments on Foothill adjacent to Old Garden Creek. The rest of the creek system performed well during the winter storms that occurred since the December 2018 meeting.

- Arundo Removal Updates

Jon Hall, Land Conservancy, reports that there are no additional updates since the December 2018 meeting. Arundo removal efforts will resume in August starting with property owner outreach efforts.

Freddy Otte, City Biologist, reports that the City is continuing to work with the property owner of 12500 Los Osos Valley Road to resolve the issues of a large wall of Arundo growth and significant transient populations in the creek. The Calle Joaquin sewer line replacement project will address removal of the majority of the Arundo in Fall 2020 by a contractor. Freddy will coordinate with the Land Conservancy for the removal of smaller clumps where possible.

6. Update on FEMA flood mapping efforts

Mladen Bandov, Secretary, reports on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) update. Craig Steward from FEMA's modeling team STARR II is leading the FIRM map update. Staff has provided Craig with requested information and has also submitted photographs and videos from received from the public from the areas surrounding the East Fork of the San Luis Obispo Creek. Staff reports that FEMA could not accommodate a request to provide an additional study of the East Fork of the San Luis Obispo Creek.

Wayne Peterson, Chairperson, notes that the City and the County design standards do not correct existing flooding problems with new developments, instead, they prevent flooding from getting worse.

7. East Branch of San Luis Obispo Creek Site Visit and Update

Mladen Bandov, Secretary, reports that on January 3, 2019, a site visit was conducted near the East Branch of the San Luis Obispo Creek to address flooding frequency that has been reported by the public. Photographs and descriptions are included in the agenda packet. Matt Horn, Vice Chairperson, reports that there were creek areas, downed trees, probably low frequency bridge and low-water crossings and although there is a practical use of the land, the area does not convey the necessary flood occurrence interval. Wayne Peterson, Chairperson, reports that on February 2, 2019, he photographed the properties in the area following a February 1, 2019 storm and there was a substantial amount of water on fields, the creek on the north side of Buckley Road was full and up to the road. Wayne also reports that on Drew Munster's property the water in the creek was up to the bridge on his access road and there was standing water on Drew's fields. As of April 10, 2019, there is standing water on the Avila Ranch property at the corner of Vachell Lane and Buckley Road.

Kathy Borland, Save the SLO Life, reports that something upstream on the Chevron has changed because Buckley Road has not flooded this season. Kathy reports that from October 1, 2018 to date, the San Luis Obispo Tribune shows 16.74 inches while the rain gauge on personal rain gauge shows 29 inches of rain for the same timeframe.

8. Fiscal year 2019/20 budget update

- The \$60,000 that was borrowed from Zone 1/1A was returned to Zone 9.
- Vegetation management program in County areas
Mladen Bandov, Secretary, summarizes the staff report in the agenda packet that details the Vegetation Management program in the County areas with a proposed amount of \$90,000 that is addition to the City's request for the 2019/20 budget. Freddy Otte, City Biologist, reports that discussions with County and City staff are currently underway to research modification of the existing reimbursement agreement that the City has with County. The details of this type of program are still being worked on. San Luis Bay Drive would likely be the downstream limit of the program. Christine Mulholland, City At-Large member, points out an area up Prefumo Canyon Road that has erosion washing into Prefumo Creek that may need to be addressed. Freddy Otte notes that most of the erosion does go to an area of Prefumo Creek where regular silt removal activities occur annually and additional silt removal activities in this area will be researched.
- Limited study East Branch of San Luis Obispo Creek
Mladen Bandov describes the goals of the limited study of the East Branch of the San Luis Obispo Creek that will serve as an update of the Waterway Management Plan. The budget for developing this study is \$87,000.

Motion by: **Christine Mulholland**

Second by: **Carlyn Christianson**

The Committee moves to endorse the two additional proposed activities- Vegetation Management Program and East Branch limited study- for a total of \$177,000 (5-0-0).

9. New Zone 9 website and mailing list

A new website has been set up for the Zone 9 Advisory Committee at www.slocounty.ca.gov/pw/zone9 and all information has been transferred over from the previous website. A mailing list is also available on the website.

10. Public Comment

Kathy Borland, Preserve the SLO Life, asks if the Advisory Committee should review new development in the City for flooding. Matt Horn, City Engineer, responds that the Zone 9 Committee is a County Committee and that any development within the City goes through various City Committees and design standards for review/approval with an environmental document prepared including analysis of flooding and would not go to the Zone 9 Advisory Committee.

11. Future Agenda Items

Wayne Peterson adjourns the meeting at 2:50 PM

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Sarah Crable, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: June 12, 2019
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #3: County At-Large Alternate Appointment Update

Discussion

On March 27, 2019, Janet Andrews submitted an application to the Flood Control & Water Conservation District for the vacant County At-Large #2 alternate position. On April 10, 2019, the Zone 9 Advisory Committee appointed Ms. Andrews to the position for a term that expires on December 31, 2022. The appointment was approved on at the June 4, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. The appointment was Consent Agenda Item #20. Page 4 of 8 of the agenda packet with Item # 20 is shown below.

Consent Agenda - Information Technology Items:

- 15 Request to award a contract with Jensen Audio Visual in an amount not to exceed \$13,481 for the Board of Supervisors Chambers Audio Visual system; authorize a budget adjustment in the amount of \$11,591 from Fund Center 853 – Governmental Restricted Revenue - Public Education and Government Access Funds to Fund Center 114 – Information Technology to increase appropriation and associated funding; and amend the fixed asset list to include the replacement of the Board Chambers Video Server for Fund Center 114 - Information Technology. All Districts.

Consent Agenda - Planning & Building Items:

- 16 Submittal of a resolution accepting an open-space agreement granting an open space easement from Matthew J. Lotysch and Clarita G. Amurao to the County of San Luis Obispo for Minor Use Permit DRC2017-00080 for a property located at 85 Seascape Place in the community of Los Osos; exempt from CEQA. District 2.

Consent Agenda - Public Works Items:

- 17 Request to approve contracts with MNS Engineers, Inc. for construction management services for the Estrella River Bridge Project, in an amount not to exceed \$343,650, Whitley Gardens; and for the Geneseo Road Bridge Project, in an amount not to exceed \$382,596, Paso Robles. Districts 1 and 5.
- 18 Request to order that the listed projects are authorized for project delivery under Job Order Contracting in accordance with Public Contract Code 20128.5; and find one project exempt from Section 21000 et seq. of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA), various locations. All Districts.
- 19 Submittal of a resolution amending the Traffic Regulations Code to establish an all-way stop intersection at the intersection of San Luis Bay Drive at Ontario Road in Avila Beach. District 3.

Consent Agenda - Public Works Sitting as Flood Control District:

- 20 Request to appoint Janet Andrews, as an alternate to the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 9 Advisory Committee. Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Presentations:

- 21 Submittal of a resolution proclaiming the third Saturday in June 2019 as "Juneteenth Day" in San Luis Obispo County. All Districts.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Sarah Crable, Water Resources Engineer
DATE: June 12, 2019
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #4: New Secretary Appointment

Background

Historically that San Luis Obispo County Public Works staff has served as Secretary for the Zone 9 Advisory Committee (Committee). In more recent years, the Committee Secretary has been a staff member from the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department. The current Committee Secretary is Mladen Bandov, who has served as secretary since December 13, 2017.

Discussion

Recent staffing changes in the Public Works Department will require that Mladen Bandov transition out of the Committee Secretary position after the June 12, 2019 meeting to focus on his new role within the Department. Brendan Clark, a new Supervising Engineer has transitioned into Mladen's previous role is the most appropriate staff member to server as Committee Secretary. John Diodati, Interim Public Works Director, addressed a letter of support to the Committee Chairperson, Wayne Peterson, for Brendan Clark to serve as Committee Secretary (see below).



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
Department of Public Works
John Diodati, *Interim Director*

May 28, 2019

Chairperson Zone 9 Advisory Committee
Attn: Wayne Peterson



Subject: Letter of Support of Brendan Clark as New Zone 9 Advisory Committee Secretary

Dear Mr. Peterson:

With recent changes in the Department of Public Works, Brendan Clark is the most appropriate staff member to serve as Secretary of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee. He currently is the Supervisor of the Regional Unit which serves as the liaison of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee.

Brendan Clark, Supervising Engineer

BClark@co.slo.ca.us

(805) 788-2316

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Diodati", written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

JOHN DIODATI
Interim Public Works Director

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TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Dick Tzou, Water Resources Engineer, County of San Luis Obispo

DATE: June 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5a: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Updates

Discussion

The Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is currently being developed for the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin. Here are the GSP development highlights and key activities that are underway:

- **April 10, 2019** – A Commission Special Meeting was held to kick-off the GSP development efforts. The Commission approved an alternative approach to establishing a Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) based on recommendations from the SAC formation working group. Commission meetings will be used as an open forum for all interest stakeholders to participate. The development of a robust communication and engagement (C&E) plan will include encouraging interested stakeholders and community members to get involved through public workshops, meetings, outreach literature, online portal, and surveys.
- **June 12, 2019** - A Groundwater Sustainability Commission (Commission) regular meeting will be held with the following GSP related agenda items:
 - Selection of an integrated surface water and groundwater flow model.
 - Presentation of a Stakeholder Communication and Engagement Plan.
 - Groundwater communication portal debut.
- For additional San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin information, please visit: **www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin**

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Brian Nelson, Supervising Engineer, City of San Luis Obispo
Keith Miller, Environmental Division Manager, County of San Luis Obispo

DATE: June 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5b: Mid-Higuera Bypass Project Updates

Discussion

The City and County have returned plan review comments on the 60% Mid-Higuera Bypass plans to the Wallace Group. The consultant is reviewing the County and City comments and is continuing to work on the project specifications. A design review meeting will be held to discuss the design progress and align the design components with the permitting requirements. Ongoing design work includes preparing details for roadway and utility tie-ins and temporary irrigation connections, as well development of the Bianchi Bridge replacement plans. The County will begin completing the background documents for the permit applications once the 60% plans have been finalized. These documents include:

- Biological Assessment
- Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP)
- Dewatering Plan (text description to accompany the plans).

The County will confirm that the building proposed to be demolished near Bench 4 (formerly Wally's bike warehouse) is not historic. That analysis was not included in the EIR.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Freddy Otte, City Biologist, City of San Luis Obispo
DATE: June 12, 2019
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5c: Creek Maintenance Updates

Discussion

The City has hired two flood control technicians to help Freddy Otte out with the Flood Control Program. Their focus right now is surveying certain sections of the creek and removing English ivy that can smother trees. There are four specific locations: Old Garden Creek at Broad and Murray St., SLO Creek across from SLO Highschool, SLO Creek at Johnson and Pismo St and Stenner Creek at Murray and Santa Rosa Street. Another big effort will be to document where palm trees and other non-native species are located in the creek so that the City can have an inventory to solicit time from the California Conservation Corps (Prop 68 program) to come out and remove the invasive species. Equipment was also purchased for the technicians as well.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Jon Hall, Land Conservancy, County of San Luis Obispo
DATE: June 12, 2019
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5d: Arundo Removal Updates

Discussion

Currently Arundo removal activities are concluded for the season and will resume mid-September 2019. Landowner outreach will begin in August 2019.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Lisa Mendez, Public Works Finance, County of San Luis Obispo

DATE: June 12, 2019

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6: Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget Presentation

Discussion

At the October 10, 2018 Zone 9 Advisory Committee meeting, the Advisory Committee endorsed the City of San Luis Obispo's Annual Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2019/20. On April 10, 2019, the Advisory Committee approved the Fiscal Year 2019/20 budget update, which included additional budget for 1) a vegetation management program in county areas and 2) a limited study of the East Branch of San Luis Obispo Creek. County Public Works Finance staff is presenting the proposed upcoming fiscal year budget to the Advisory Committee for questions and comments (see below).

FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 9
(SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT)
DISTRICT BUDGET DETAIL

GOVERNING BOARD:
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS...X
OTHER APPOINTED.....
OTHER ELECTED.....

BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

FUND	ASSESSED VALUATION AND DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE SUMMARY							
	ASSESSED VALUATION		DELINQUENCY		MEANS OF FINANCING VOTER APPROVED DEBT			
	SECURED	UNSECURED	SECURED	UNSECURED	SECURED	UNSECURED	TOTAL	TAX RATE
1302000000 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 9								
SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL FINANCING SOURCES (ESTIMATED REVENUE, OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, AND RESIDUAL EQUITY TRANSFERS)								
SUMMARIZATION BY SOURCE		ACTUAL REVENUES 2017-18 (2)	ACTUAL ESTIMATED REVENUE 2018-19 (3)	ESTIMATES REQUEST RECOM'D 2019-20 (4)	ESTIMATE APPROVED 2019-20 (5)	FUND IDENTIFICATION OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND (6)		
(1)						(5)		
FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE					42,848	SPECIAL DISTRICT NON-ENTERPRISE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 9 PROVIDES FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM FOR WATERSHED AREA OF SAN LUIS CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES		
CANCELLED RESERVES					0			
PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION		566,363	590,687	590,687				
HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF		3,661	3,649	3,649				
INTEREST		54,553	56,190	46,153				
OTHER		0	0	0				
(5000000) TRANSFER FROM FC GENERAL (1300000000)		0	0	60,000				
CURRENT FINANCING		624,577	650,526	700,489	0			
TOTAL FINANCING SOURCES		624,577	650,526	743,337	0			
SUMMARY OF FINANCING REQUIREMENTS								
SUMMARY OF FINANCING REQUIREMENTS		ACTUAL COST 2017-18 (8)	ACTUAL ESTIMATED COST 2018-19 (9)	ESTIMATES REQUEST RECOM'D 2019-20 (10)	ESTIMATE APPROVED 2019-20 (11)	FUND IDENTIFICATION OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND (12)		
(7)						(12)		
(5XXXXXX)						DESIGNATED RESERVES: INCREASE FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS \$201,269 Mid Higuera Project line items are subject to a signed MOU (*) The 19-20 requested amount in columns 10 represent new funding which will be adjusted in the Final Budget to include		
STREAM DATA MANAGEMENT	455R270141	169	2,027	1,275				
PRECIPITATION DATA MANAGEMENT	455R270142	112	1,216	1,275				
GENERAL & ADVISORY GROUP COOR	455R277602	23,215	35,211	44,760				
CONTRIB. TO ISF FOR NEW EQUIP	455R277604	0	0	0				
MAINT RCRDNG DATA GAUGES	455R277612	10,344	3,937	5,216				
COUNTY WIDE OVERHEAD	455R277620	5,021	7,387	6,653				
TAX COLLECTION FEE (SB2557)	455R277625	8,399	9,930	9,984				
MID-HIGUERA PROJ-ENVIRONMENTAL	(*)455R277627	17,145	111,985	0				
MID-HIGUERA PROJ-FINAL ENG/DESIG	(*)455R277629	126,523	457,754	93,375				
SILT REMOVAL	(*)455R277820	142,333	285,868	52,440				
STREAM BED VEG MAINTENANE	455R277821	0	113,000	148,973				
COUNTY AREA VEG MAINTENANCE	455R277822	0	0	90,945				
WATERWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN	455R277823	0	0	87,172				
TRANSFER TO FCZ GENERAL (6010005)		0	0	0	0			
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	(5500030)	333,261	1,028,315	542,068	0			
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		0	0	0	0			
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY, DEBT SERVICE AND O & M		333,261	1,028,315	542,068	0			
INCREASE IN DESIGNATED RESERVES		117,068	715,612	201,269				
INCREASE IN GENERAL RESERVE		0	0	0				
TOTAL INCREASE IN RESERVES		117,068	715,612	201,269	0			
TOTAL BUDGET REQUIREMENTS		450,329	1,743,927	743,337	0			