

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, October 14, 2020** using **GoToMeeting** by accessing doing the following:

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AGENDA

1. Introductions and roll call
2. Approval of June 10, 2020 meeting minutes
3. Reports
 - a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) updates
 - b. Mid-Higuera Bypass Project updates
 - c. Creek maintenance updates
 - d. Arundo removal updates
 - e. East Fork of San Luis Obispo Creek RFP updates
4. Endorsement of City of San Luis Obispo Annual Work Plan – Fiscal Year 2021/22
5. 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.
6. Future agenda items

Next Regular Meeting

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“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, June 10, 2020

Members Present

Wayne Peterson, Chairperson, County At-Large
Matt Horn, Vice Chairperson, Member, City Staff
Brian Nelson, Alternate, City Staff (non-voting)
Carlyn Christianson, Member, City Council
Christine Mulholland, Member, City At-Large
Kaila Dettman, Member, County-At-Large
Janet Andrews, Alternate, County-At-Large (non-voting)
Steph Wald, Member, County-At-Large

1. Introductions and roll call

Wayne Peterson calls the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Quorum established.
Introductions of attendees.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2019

Motion by: **Christine Mulholland**
Second by: **Carlyn Christianson**

The Committee approves the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes as amended (5-0-0).

3. Officer Elections

- Committee Chairperson

Motion by: **Christine Mulholland**
Second by: **Carlyn Christianson**

The Committee approves Wayne Peterson to serve as Chairperson (5-0-0).

- Committee Vice Chairperson

Motion by: **Carlyn Christianson**
Second by: **Christine Mulholland**

The Committee approves Matt Horn to serve as Vice Chairperson (5-0-0).

- Committee Secretary

Motion by: **Christine Christianson**

Second by: **Janet Andrews**

The Committee approves Brendan Clark to serve as Secretary (5-0-0).

4. Reports

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

Brendan Clark, Secretary, informs the Committee about the June 10, 2020 San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin workshop for Chapter 6: Water Budget of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan taking place at 3:30.

- Mid-Higuera Bypass Project Updates

Brian Nelson, City Engineer, updates the Committee about the 90% design deliverable set to be submitted by the Consultant in June 2020. The City is currently applying for a \$6 million California Natural Resources Agency Urban Flood Protection grant opportunity. The City expects to receive grant award notice in Fall 2020. The City reports that discussions with the Madonna family regarding property access will be pursued once project funding is secured.

- Creek Maintenance Updates

Freddy Otte, City Biologist, provides an update about creek maintenance activities. A few downed trees were removed by tree contractors. Freddy reports that winter storm events did not present any significant issues. It is anticipated that flood control technicians will resume work in Winter 2020.

- Arundo Removal Updates

Kaila Dettman, Land Conservancy, provides the update on the annual arundo treatments that will begin in August 2020. Freddy Otte, City Biologist, informs the committee that removal of large stand of arundo at Los Osos Valley Road will be addressed in conjunction with the Calle Joaquin Sewer Line Project in September 2021.

5. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Presentation by County Finance

Jana Eteddgue, County Finance, presents the form Schedule 15 for the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Zone 9 budget. Jana notes that the \$60,000 loan to Zone 1 was repaid in Fiscal Year 19/20 and there are no impending loans. Jana notes that reserves were increased by \$134,462. Jana reports that the County Board of Supervisors Budget Hearing took place the week of June 8, 2020 and the final budget will be approved in September 2020. Jana reports that Covid-19 related changes in budget projections will not affect Fiscal Year

2020/21 budget but will likely affect Fiscal Year 2021/22 budget due to a decrease in revenues.

6. East Fork of San Luis Obispo Creek RFP Schedule Update

Sarah Crable, County Public Works, presents the anticipated Request for Proposals schedule for the East Fork study. Wayne Peterson and a City Staff member will participate in the proposal review process.

7. Public Comment

No public comment

8. Future Agenda Items

East Fork RFP update

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:25 PM.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Dick Tzou, Water Resources Engineer, County Public Works

DATE: October 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #3a: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Updates

Update

San Luis Obispo Basin is designated as a high priority basin. The County and City of San Luis Obispo as GSAs in the basin are developing a GSP for the SLO Basin and coordinating as the Groundwater Sustainability Commission (GSC) with other basin partners.

- The next GSC meeting is **December 9, 2020**.
- **September 9, 2020** – A virtual special GSC meeting was held on September 9, 2020. The project team presented preliminary draft monitoring network, draft representative monitoring wells, and draft sustainable management criteria. The project team will continue to refine the draft sustainable management criteria in the next public workshop on October 1st. A draft Data Management Plan was also presented. The GSC recommended the draft Data Management Plan to be received and filed by the Board of Supervisors and City Council and released for public review and comments. The comment period for the draft Data Management Plan closes on October 31, 2020.
- **October 1, 2020** – The Public Workshop#3 was held to continue to engage the public and stakeholders regarding further refinements on details of the sustainable management criteria and alternatives and their rationales.
- Other Upcoming GSP Sections/Chapters and/or Milestones in Fall 2020:
 - Draft Chapter 8 - Monitoring Network

For additional information, please contact:

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Visit the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin SGMA website for mailing list and updates:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin>

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Brian Nelson, Supervising Civil Engineer, City of San Luis Obispo
DATE: October 14, 2020
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #3b: Mid-Higuera Bypass Project Updates

Update

The design consultant delivered the full 90% project plans and specifications package in Mid-August. City staff are routing that deliverable for internal review, and have also sent it to County staff to begin the environmental permitting process.

City Staff recently submitted a concept proposal for a Department of Water Resources (DWR) Coastal Watershed Flood Risk Reduction Grant, with total Proposition 1 available program funding amount of \$27 million, available until 2024. This grant would require a 50% matching contribution, with possible reductions under certain project conditions. Feedback from DWR was positive, and staff are beginning work on a full grant proposal, due to DWR on November 20th. As a reminder, staff also applied for a California Natural Resources Agency Grant (CNRA) in April and have yet to hear back from that agency.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Sarah Crable, Water Resources Engineer, County Public Works

DATE: October 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #3e: East Fork of San Luis Obispo Creek RFP Updates

Update

The County released the East Fork Request for Proposals (RFP) on September 9, 2020 on the County Public Purchase Bid/RFP website. County staff received and responded to six minor questions from consultants regarding the study.

An updated schedule for securing a consultant through the Request for Proposal process (RFP) is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1: East Fork Limited Study – Approximate RFP schedule

Item	Date	Status
Committee Comments on Draft Scope Due to District	November 1, 2019	Complete
District Integrate Comments	November 8, 2019	Complete
Final Scope Approval by Committee	December 11, 2019	Complete
RFP Release to Public	September 9, 2020	Complete
Consultant Proposals Due	October 9, 2020	Complete
Proposal Review Panel	Estimated November 2020	
Consultant Selection	Estimated November 2020	
Contract Execution	Estimated December 2020	

Agenda Item #4: Endorsement of City of San Luis Obispo Annual Work Plan - Fiscal Year 2021/22



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Date: October 1, 2020
To: Brenden Clark, Water Resources Engineer – County of San Luis Obispo
From: Matt Horn, Public Works Director - City of San Luis Obispo
Subject: 2021-2022 Zone 9 Budget Request

Based on the current status and future needs to continue making progress on several projects, the City is requesting the following funding from Zone 9 for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year.

Project Name	Requested FY 2021/22
General Creek Maintenance	\$130,500
Silt Removal	\$130,000
Mid Higuera Bypass	\$40,000
Total	\$300,500

General Creek Maintenance

\$130,500 to fund ongoing general creek maintenance which includes channel clearing, including removal of trees, vegetation, and arundo from creeks. Funding is planned to be used as follows:

1. Contract Labor - Channel Clearing: \$51,500
2. Channel Tree Removals: \$46,000
3. Vegetation Disposal: \$ 5,000
4. Arundo Removal: \$28,000

Silt Removal

Existing funding to support Silt Removal is approximately \$230,000. Available funding remains high due to lower than expected design and construction costs for prior projects. As a result, these remaining funds will support design and permitting work for 2021 silt removal locations.

Typically, silt removal projects address 1-2 locations per year. Existing funds, in addition to the request of \$130,000, will support an expansion of the program in 2021 and fund design, permitting, and construction at up to five creek locations. Currently, the following locations are prioritized:

1. Prefumo ARM – Prefumo Creek at LOVR
2. Unnamed Tributary to Acacia Creek - Sacramento at Ricardo Court
3. Sydney Creek – East of Railroad Safety crossing, south of Sinsheimer Park
4. Prefumo Creek – South of Madonna at Laguna Lake outfall
5. San Luis Creek Bypass channel at LOVR and HWY 101

Mid Higuera Bypass

\$40,000 is requested for the Mid Higuera Bypass project for consultant work to negotiate with adjacent property owners regarding project right of way, construction access, and demolition of the “pinch-point” structure at 306 Higuera Street.