

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 9, 2021** using **GoToMeeting** by accessing doing the following:

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AGENDA

1. Introductions and roll call
2. Approval of February 10, 2021 meeting minutes
3. Committee Membership update
4. Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Presentation
5. Ongoing Updates
 - a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)
 - b. Mid-Higuera Bypass Project
 - c. Creek Maintenance
 - d. Arundo Removal
 - e. East Fork Limited 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, August 11, 2021 at 1:30 PM

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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, February 10, 2021

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
Steph Wald, Member, County- At-Large
Janet Andrews, Alternate, County-At-Large (non-voting)

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 9, 2020

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

The Committee approves the December 9, 2020 meeting minutes as amended (5-0-0).

3. Committee Membership

Sarah Crable, County Public Works, notifies the committee that staff has put the committee membership update approval on the February 9, 2021 Board of Supervisors consent agenda.

4. Officers Elections

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

The committee approves maintaining current officers for an additional year (5-0-0).
Chairperson Wayne Peterson, Vice Chair Matt Horn, and Secretary Brendan Clark.

Reports

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

Sarah Crable, County Public Works, provides an update of the ongoing efforts of the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin Committee in the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

- Mid-Higuera Bypass Project Updates

Brian Nelson, City Engineer, reports that the City and the County has completed the review of the Consultant's (Wallace Group) 90% plans, specifications, and estimates package. The Consultant is currently working on the 95% package., The City and County held a pre-filing meeting for the 401 permit with the Regional Water Quality Control Board which included Kathleen Hicks. County staff is working to prepare a biological assessment Request for Proposals. The City is moving forward with the next steps of the grant process with California Natural Resources Agency and will be holding a virtual site visit on February 25, 2021 for CNRA. Brian requested the attendance of Committee Chairperson Wayne Peterson or City-at-Large alternate, Dave Romero as a show of support during the virtual site visit.

Brian discussed the project budget spreadsheet provided in the agenda packet to clarify the basis for project costs.

- Creek Maintenance Updates

Freddy Otte, City Biologist, updates the committee on the performance of the San Luis Obispo Creek following the atmospheric river storm event at the end of January. All of the creek and bridge surveys and subsequent preventative maintenance ensured that the creek performed well during the storm. Creek maintenance and silt removal activities completed in Prefumo Creek the previous year helped prepare for the 14 inches of rain the area received over 3 days. Following the storm, other areas of cleanup were identified to remove debris.

- Arundo Removal Updates

Kaila Dettman, The Land Conservancy, updates the committee that arundo removal has concluded for the year. There are still a few clumps that are present but were not able to be revisited due to concerns with COVID and safety near homeless encampments. Kaila also explains that they are currently working on the reporting for the NPDES requirements for monitoring.

- East Fork of San Luis Obispo Creek Limited Study updates

Sarah Crable, County Public Works, updates the committee that Schaaf and Wheeler has been selected as the consultant and the kickoff meeting was held on February 10. The consultant plans to conclude the study in October 2021 and the project schedule will be provided in the next agenda packet. The committee provided feedback on upcoming city and county projects that will be useful for the consultant to include in their model.

Wayne Peterson expresses concern of the design of the Avila Ranch detention basins not draining with a week of no rain and Freddy responded that he will discuss this post construction requirements matter with City Public Works inspector.

Kathy Borland, Preserve the SLO Life, explains concerns about the groundwater level in the area and her observations of water taking months to percolate into the soil in the area. Freddy explains that he will look into it and get back to her.

5. Public Comment

Wayne Peterson reports that he was invited to a property in Davis Canyon over concerns of erosion and flooding. Wayne explains that Davis Canyon is a tributary to See Canyon, which is a tributary to San Luis Obispo Creek. Wayne explains that PG&E trimmed trees that were problematic to their power lines and PG&E and dumped the debris in the creek. The debris backed up the creek and eroded the creek bank and flooded the property owner's road, limiting road access. Wayne and Sarah Crable provided the property owner with contacts.

6. Future Agenda Items

Continue updates.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:22 PM.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Sarah Crable, Water Resources Engineer, County Public Works
DATE: February 10, 2021
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #3: Committee Membership Update

Update

| Representing | Member | Alternate | Term Expires |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| City Council | Carlyn Christianson | Jan Marx | 12/31/2024 |
| City Staff | Brian Nelson | Manny Guzman | 12/31/2022 |
| City At-Large | Christine Mulholland | Dave Romero | 12/31/2022 |
| County At-Large #1 | Kaila Dettman | Jonathan Hall | 12/31/2024 |
| County At-Large #2 | Wayne Peterson | Janet Andrews | 12/31/2022 |
| County At-Large #3 | Stephnie Wald | <i>vacant</i> | 12/31/2024 |

Agenda Item #4: Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Presentation

STATE CONTROLLER
COUNTY BUDGET ACT
(2010)

COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DISTRICT BUDGET FORM
SCHEDULE 15

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 2021-22

| 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 2019-20 (2) | ACTUAL ... ESTIMATED ... X REVENUE 2020-21 (3) | ESTIMATES REQUEST ... X RECOM'D ... 2021-22 (4) | ESTIMATE APPROVED 2021-22 (5) | FUND IDENTIFICATION OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND (6) | | |
| (1) | | | | | | | | |
| FUND BALANCE AVAILABLE | | | | 3,978 | | SPECIAL DISTRICT NON-ENTERPRISE | | |
| CANCELLED RESERVES | | | | 13,393 | | | | |
| PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION | | 634,346 | 661,431 | 686,814 | | FLOOD CONTROL ZONE 9 PROVIDES FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM FOR WATERSHED AREA OF SAN LUIS CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES | | |
| HOMEOWNERS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF | | 3,682 | 3,655 | 3,660 | | | | |
| INTEREST | | 91,692 | 33,931 | 30,000 | | | | |
| OTHER | | 8,496 | 4,248 | 0 | | | | |
| (6000000) | | 60,000 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| TRANSFER FROM FC GENERAL (1300000000) | | | | | | | | |
| CURRENT FINANCING | | 798,216 | 703,265 | 720,474 | 0 | | | |
| TOTAL FINANCING SOURCES | | 798,216 | 703,265 | 737,845 | 0 | | | |
| SUMMARY OF FINANCING REQUIREMENTS | | | | | | | | |
| SUMMARY OF FINANCING REQUIREMENTS | | ACTUAL COST 2019-20 (8) | ACTUAL ... ESTIMATED ... X COST 2020-21 (9) | ESTIMATES REQUEST ... X RECOM'D ... 2021-22 (10) | ESTIMATE APPROVED 2021-22 (11) | FUND IDENTIFICATION OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND (12) | | |
| (7) | | | | | | | | |
| (5XXXXX) | | | | | | Mid Higuera Project line items are subject to a signed MOU (*) The 21-22 requested amount in columns 10 represent new funding which will be adjusted in the Final Budget to include variances from the prior year. | | |
| STREAM DATA MANAGEMENT 455R270141 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| PRECIPITATION DATA MANAGEMENT 455R270142 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| GENERAL & ADVISORY GROUP COOR 455R277602 | 41,801 | 56,089 | 63,528 | | | | | |
| CONTRIB. TO ISF FOR NEW EQUIP 455R277604 | | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| MAINT RCRDNG DATA GAUGES 455R277612 | 12,169 | 14,156 | 12,007 | | | | | |
| COUNTY WIDE OVERHEAD 455R277620 | 9,728 | 10,924 | 9,523 | | | | | |
| TAX COLLECTION FEE (SB2557) 455R277625 | 8,913 | 10,982 | 10,969 | | | | | |
| MID-HIGUERA PROJ-ENVIRONMENTAL (*)455R277627 | 1,550 | 101,744 | 137,701 | | | | | |
| MID-HIGUERA PROJ-FINAL ENG/DESIC (*)455R277629 | 116,492 | 256,976 | 41,760 | | | | | |
| SILT REMOVAL (*)455R277820 | 95,416 | 316,695 | 138,284 | | | | | |
| STREAM BED VEG MAINTENANE 455R277821 | 91,180 | 163,735 | 164,906 | | | | | |
| COUNTY AREA VEG MAINTENANCE 455R277822 | 0 | 58,882 | 86,152 | | | | | |
| WATERWAY MANAGEMENT PLAN 455R277823 | 10,410 | 96,660 | 73,015 | | | | | |
| TRANSFER TO FCZ GENERAL (6010005) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING COSTS (5500030) | 387,659 | 1,086,843 | 737,845 | 0 | | | | |
| TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY, DEBT SERVICE AND O & M | 387,659 | 1,086,843 | 737,845 | 0 | | | | |
| INCREASE IN DESIGNATED RESERVES | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| INCREASE IN GENERAL RESERVE | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTAL INCREASE IN RESERVES | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| TOTAL BUDGET REQUIREMENTS | 387,659 | 1,086,843 | 737,845 | 0 | | | | |

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

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

DATE: June 9, 2021

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

Update

A regular virtual GSC meeting was held **May 5, 2021**. The topics presented and discussed were as follow:

- Review of GSP approval process.
- A summary of the draft GSP Chapter 8: Sustainable Management Criteria and consideration to recommend it to the GSAs to receive and file and release it for public comment.
- Proposed projects and management actions and cost estimates.
- Introduction to the Implementation Plan.

A continuation of the regular virtual GSC meeting on **May 5, 2021** was held **May 20, 2021** to complete the discussions in the agenda. The primary topic presented and discussed was about introducing the content of the Implementation Plan.

On **June 21, 2021**, the GSC will consider recommending draft Chapter 9 – Projects and Management Actions and Chapter 10 – Implementation Plan to the GSAs to receive and file and to be released for public comment.

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, Acting City Engineer, City of San Luis Obispo
Blaize Uva, Environmental Specialist, County Public Works

DATE: June 9, 2021

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

Update

- Grant Funding Applications
 - CNRA Grant (\$6,000,000) – In February, the City presented a virtual tour of the project site, its benefits, and scope to CNRA as a part of step 2 of the grant application process. This allowed CNRA to ask detailed questions regarding the project, in preparation of further review from the grant committee. Draft funding recommendations are expected this summer.
 - DWR Grant (\$6,078,707) – The City submitted this grant in November 2020, and has yet to hear back from the grant committee. Draft funding recommendations are expected this week.
- Project Design
 - Wallace Group is reviewing the City's comments on the 90% specifications and making additional revisions.
 - Details that remain to be finalized include: permitting, Utility B letters, final project report (HEC-RAS)
 - Right of Way consultant Hamner-Jewell has begun the appraisal process for the two properties that will be directly impacted by the proposed design. This includes:
 - A proposed property swap between the City of SLO and Madonna Properties, near Bianchi Lane.
 - The removal of a structure at risk of bank failure owned by the Todd R. Trust.
 - Hamner-Jewell is sending out Notices of Decision to Appraise to the property owners describing the appraisal process, offering to answer questions, and clarifying that this does not constitute an offer to purchase.
- Project Permitting
 - *Draft Biological Agreement (BA) for steelhead*: Draft BA is currently under review by SLO City. After review the report will be finalized and included in permit applications.
 - *Army Corps approval to streamline 404 Permit*: The Army Corps of Engineers concurred that the 404 permit can be streamlined by use of existing Nationwide Permits and Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO) for CA Red Legged Frog (CRLF). We will proceed with Formal Concurrence for the CRLF PBO which will give approved biologists the authority to move/relocate CRLF if found during construction. This eliminates the need for PW Env to prepare a BA for CRLF and will ultimately reduce delays if CRLF is found during the construction phase.

- *Diversion & Dewatering Plan (DDP)*: It has been determined that the DDP Guidelines will be provided to the construction contractor to complete prior to construction. The Guidelines will be included in the permit applications.
- *Habitat Mitigation Monitoring Plan (HMMP)*: The HMMP draft is currently being prepared by PW Env staff. PW completed in-house, appropriately timed botanical surveys of the project area to establish existing baseline conditions for vegetation. Baseline Condition report preparation is underway, this will be part of a blended document that provides jurisdictional area determinations.
- Permit applications are underway by the Public Works Environmental Division.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Freddy Otte, Biologist, City of San Luis Obispo

DATE: June 9, 2021

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5c: Creek Maintenance Updates

Update

The City creek maintenance work has ramped back up significantly from the winter season and is still active in reviewing different sections of San Luis Obispo Creek and the tributaries. Minor work from contractors either chipping material or removing downed trees or large branches.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Jon Hall, Land Conservancy
DATE: June 9, 2021
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5d: Arundo Removal Updates

Update

The Land Conservancy and City of SLO have applied for a Partners Wetland Grant through US Fish and Wildlife Service for \$25,000 to remove Arundo populations immediately downstream of Los Osos Valley Road Bridge. This grant will supplement the yearly Zone 9 funding to help us tackle the largest remaining Arundo stand in the Watershed. If funded, work on that project will begin in Fall.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Sarah Crable, Water Resources Engineer, County Public Works
DATE: June 9, 2021
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #5e: East Fork Limited Study Updates

Update

Permissions from almost all property owners for surveying has been secured. The remaining property owners have been noticed a second time. Securing permissions in these areas of the East Fork is important to obtain data that will assist with a more accurate hydraulic and hydrologic model for the study.