

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

**Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

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Members Attending:

Wayne Peterson, County At-Large (Chair)  
Christine Mulholland, City At-Large  
Michelle Shoresman, City Council  
Shelsie Moore, City Staff

Non-Voting Members and Guests Attending:

Brendan Clark, County of San Luis Obispo (Secretary)  
Josh Porter, County of San Luis Obispo  
Troy Barnhart, County of San Luis Obispo  
Jenny Williamson, County of San Luis Obispo  
Freddy Otte, City of San Luis Obispo  
Lucia Pohlman, City of San Luis Obispo  
Kathleen Gonzalez, Central Coast Water Board

**1. Introductions and roll call**

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

**2. Approval of December 13, 2023 meeting minutes**

W. Peterson introduces the item and asks for questions or comments from the Committee.

C. Mulholland provides a brief update regarding property owner outreach efforts as mentioned in the December minutes.

C. Mulholland moves to approve the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes.

M. Shoresman seconded the motion.

Motion passes (4-0-0).

**3. Open Discussion of 2023-24 Storm Season**

W. Peterson introduces the item and Committee Members/staff provide brief updates on activities and projects related to the 2023-2024 storm season.

**4. Waterway Management Plan Update**

W. Peterson introduces the item and B. Clark provides a presentation on the Waterway Management Plan update.

C. Mulholland asks about camera installation and expanding the steam gauge monitoring network. B. Clark responds.

W. Peterson asks if this will help identify the needs of new/future projects and provide ongoing modeling for future forecasting to identify upcoming issues. B. Clark responds.

## **5. Review and Discuss the Committee Bylaws**

W. Peterson introduces the item and B. Clark provides an overview of the Committee Bylaws.

Committee Members and staff discuss the frequency of the meetings and the impacts of members missing three or more meetings.

Committee Members and staff discuss updating Article III, Section III to include all current public communication options in the Committee Bylaws.

Committee Members and staff discuss various updates to the Bylaws language in Article II and Article III.

M. Shoresman suggests providing track changes/redlines to the document.

B. Clark suggests that the County of SLO Public Works Director should have the power to appoint the Committee's Secretary position as needed and this language should be reflected in the Bylaws document.

## **6. Ongoing Updates**

### **a. Mid-Higuera Bypass Project**

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

M. Shoresman asks about the progress and costs related to the project. S. Moore responds.

### **b. Creek Maintenance**

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

M. Shoresman asks if Prefumo Creek maintenance is complete. F. Otte responds.

W. Peterson asks about debris removal in the San Luis Obispo creek channel by S. Higuera Street. F. Otte responds.

### **c. Avila Beach First Street Drainage Study**

B. Clark provides a verbal update on the Avila Beach First Street Drainage Study.

J. Porter provides additional details on survey data from the consultant.

## **7. Public comment**

K. Gonzalez comments on the WMP update and the quantifiable/specific goals for projects, and how it demonstrates a more watershed-wide perspective. B. Clark responds.

## **8. Future agenda items**

B. Clark comments on efforts to agendaize a Creek Lands Conservation study update. F. Otte responds.

C. Mulholland asks if there are opportunities in our watershed to bring in the Beaver Brigade. Committee Members and staff discuss historic beaver habitat/activities throughout the County and opportunities to invest in pools/dams in the SLO Creek watershed.

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

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:53 PM**