

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

**Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

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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

Non-Voting Members and Guests Attending:

Brendan Clark, County of San Luis Obispo (Secretary)  
Troy Barnhart, County of San Luis Obispo  
Joey Steil, County of San Luis Obispo  
Freddy Otte, City of San Luis Obispo  
Lucia Pohlman, City of San Luis Obispo

**1. Introductions and roll call**

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

**2. Approval of April 10, 2024 meeting minutes**

W. Peterson introduces the item and asks for edits or additions from the Committee.

M. Shoresman moves to approve the April 10, 2024 meeting minutes.

C. Mulholland seconds the motion.

Motion passes (4-0-0).

**3. Review and Discuss the Committee Bylaws**

W. Peterson introduces the item and B. Clark provides an overview of proposed updates to the Committee Bylaws, as discussed during the April Committee meeting.

Committee Members review the Bylaws page by page with staff and discuss areas where additional edits may be needed. A number of topics were discussed regarding terminology and definitions, appointments, replacements, residency requirements, meeting frequency, attendance, and others.

A redlined or updated version of the Bylaws will be compiled by the Committee Secretary and will be brought before the Committee for review and approval at a future meeting.

**4. Waterway Management Plan Updates:**

a. Review and Discuss Proposed Amendments to the Zone 9 Reimbursement Agreement between the District and the City

W. Peterson introduces the item and B. Clark provides an overview of proposed amendments to the Zone 9 Reimbursement Agreement between the District and the City.

Committee Members concur that the amendments appear reasonable and straightforward. If substantial changes are made by counsel during the review process, the Committee requests that staff bring those changes back for review.

C. Mulholland moves to recommend the proposed amendments to the Zone 9 Reimbursement Agreement to the District Board of Supervisors, subject to review by County and City attorneys.

M. Shoresman seconds the motion.

Motion passes (4-0-0).

b. Open Discussion on WMP Update

B. Clark provides an update on a DWR grant opportunity to enhance and integrate our local rain and stream gage network. The City and County have compiled a list of desired rain and stream gage locations and efforts are moving forward to pursue the grant opportunity for new stream gages.

W. Peterson asks if all of the data will go into a software program to enhance predictive flood modeling efforts. And also, does the program have capacity to include private data; if so, will data quality be an issue? B. Clark responds.

F. Otte asks about the funding and timeframe of the grant. T. Barnhart responds.

**5. Ongoing Updates**

a. Mid-Higuera Bypass Project

B. Nelson provides a verbal update on the Mid-Higuera Bypass Project.

b. Creek Maintenance

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

(M. Shoresman exits the meeting at 3:03 PM)

C. Mulholland asks if there are opportunities in the watershed to incorporate beaver dam analogs. L. Pohlman and F. Otte respond.

c. Avila Beach First Street Drainage Study

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

**6. Public comment**

C. Mulholland comments that today is the 169<sup>th</sup> birthday of William Mulholland.

**7. Future agenda items**

None discussed.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:13 PM**