

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ZONE 9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Final Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

Attendance as follows:

Members Present: Christine Mulholland, David Romero (Alternate), Manny Guzman, Wayne Peterson, Kaila Dettman; Quorum present.

Others Present: Scott Duffield - County of SLO; Freddy Otte, Bob Hill, Matt Horn - City of SLO; Jon Hall - Land Conservancy; Paula Richter - RWQCB

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm

- 1) Introductions – Introductions were made.
- 2) Public Comments – None.
- 3) Committee Officers Election/Appointments – A motion was made that Wayne Peterson continue as Chairperson; motion was seconded and approved unanimously. A motion was made that Matt Horn be elected as Vice Chairperson once his pending his appointment by the City Council as the City representative on the Zone 9 Committee becomes official; motion was seconded and approved unanimously. A motion was made that Scott Duffield be appointed as the Secretary; motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 4) Committee Membership Status – Scott Duffield reviewed the current membership and terms. It was noted that the City Council member and alternate, and two of the three County At-large member’s terms will expire at the end of this year. The City Clerk has been in contact with the County and will forward the new City Council member information once they are appointed. Member Dettman indicated she will apply to continue as a County At-large member. Jon Hall has applied to be and will be recommended as the alternate. Scott will reach out to Janet Andrews to inquire about her interest in continuing as the other County At-large member whose term will also expire at the end of this year.
- 5) Review Meeting Minutes August 10, 2016 and October 12, 2016 – The meeting minutes for the August 10, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes without correction, motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting minutes for the October 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes without correction, motion

was seconded and approved unanimously. A motion was also made to approve the June 8, 2016 meeting minutes that were previously received and filed due to not having a quorum at the time of receipt. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- 6) Information regarding Crowd Hydrology - Crowd Hydrology is a citizen science program sponsored by the Central Coast Salmon Enhancement. Freddy Otte reported briefly on this item and stated that there is a current effort to install a monitoring station in the Mission Plaza area, and a potential future effort at a Pennington Creek location.
- 7) Creek Maintenance Updates - Freddy Otte and Bob Hill reported on general creek maintenance and stated the annual tree program is underway with work in Perfumo and San Luis Obispo creeks. The subject of trees falling in and across creeks on private property was discussed. The Committee expressed that this situation could become a bigger issue if those trees impact the creek with flooding, erosion, etc. and requested that the City consider the private property responsibility and access. The City will re-engage the City Attorney's office for the legality of accessing private property, financial implications, etc. and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. Jon Hall gave an update of the arundo removal program and led a general discussion about creek maintenance and non-native blackberry vegetation within the creeks.
- 8) Mid-Higuera Project Update - Matt Horn and Manny Guzman reported on this item. A contract amendment for the design engineer is in process. The plans are currently at 30% design. The comment period for the EIR has closed. Christine Mulholland stated that there could be cooperative watershed management opportunities available to help with funding for the project. The Committee was also interested in the process for finalizing the EIR; Committee endorsement, City Council approval, Board of Supervisor's approval, etc. Endorsement by the Committee will be on the agenda for the February meeting and Keith Miller will also be invited to talk about this item.
- 9) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update - Scott Duffield provided an update on the efforts to date and stated staff continues to coordinate working group and public meetings. Scott also reported that the Board of Supervisors approved the contract with a local firm to perform the groundwater basin characterization study for the SLO Valley basin. Staff is targeting the end of 2017 for completion of the study which could lead to a groundwater model effort in the

future. The County is targeting March 2017 to present the Board of Supervisors with another update on SGMA efforts.

10) Work Plan for FY 2017/18 – Matt Horn presented the FY 2017/18 work plan request (budget request) that the City will then submit to the County. The work plan request included \$93,000 for general creek maintenance, \$102,000 for silt removal projects, and \$226,000 for the Mid-Higuera Bypass project. There was discussion and the Committee recommended that the channel tree removal line item portion of the general creek maintenance (\$20,000) be amended to \$40,000. This was the only recommended change.

The total FY 2017/18 work plan request as amended is \$441,000. A motion was made to endorse the FY 2017/18 work plan request as amended. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Future Meeting Topics - It was requested by the Committee that the next meeting include an item for endorsement of the Mid-Higuera Bypass EIR.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Scott Duffield, County Public Works staff

The San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 9 Advisory Committee approved these minutes as amended on February 8, 2017.

/s/ Scott Duffield

SCOTT DUFFIELD, Public Works Staff