

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY  
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
ZONE 9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017**

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Attendance as follows:

Members Present: Wayne Peterson (Chair), Matt Horn (Vice Chair), Andy Pease, Christine Mulholland; Quorum present.

Others Present: David Romero, Manny Guzman - Alternate Members; Keith Miller, Ray Dienzo, Scott Duffield - County of SLO; Freddy Otte, Bob Hill - City of SLO

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm

- 1) Introductions – Introductions were made. Scott Duffield reviewed the updated Committee roster which includes: Andy Pease and Aaron Gomez – SLO City Council new appointees; Matt Horn – SLO City Staff new appointee; Kaila Dettman and Jon Hall – County At-large reappointed and new appointee respectively. It was noted that Janet Andrews did not respond to requests if she wanted to continue as a member, and as such there is a new vacancy for a County At-large member.
- 2) Public Comments – None.
- 3) Review Meeting Minutes December 14, 2016 – The meeting minutes for the December 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Wayne Peterson requested an amendment to Item No. 3 stating that Matt Horn was nominated to be vice chair subject to his pending appointment to the Committee by the City Council as City staff representative. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended, motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 4) SLO County Real-Time Water Data Presentation – Ray Dienzo presented the features and navigation of the new Water Resources Division website. There was also discussion of the County's surface water instrumentation and options for flood alert systems and communication.
- 5) Creek Maintenance Updates – Freddy Otte reported on creek maintenance and stated that generally the creeks have done very well especially given all the rain this year. There was some minor flooding near the Spanish Oaks and Goldenrod area due to recent storm events; however, it was addressed with help from the CCC. Freddy reported some trees down in Stenner Creek that made it to City property and

were subsequently removed, as well as a large tree discovered wedged under Marsh Street bridge. That tree was also removed. Freddy Otte also reported on stream channel maintenance activities such as silt removal, to reduce flooding risks. An update on the permitting process was also discussed.

- 6) Mid-Higuera Project Updates – Manny Guzman reported that an updated proposal was received from Wallace Group for final design and that additional surveys may need to be considered. The Committee requested a presentation on the status of the project at the next meeting.
- 7) Consider Endorsement of Mid Higuera Project Supplemental EIR – Keith Miller noted that comments on the Draft EIR were reviewed and responses were drafted. The Committee briefly discussed the process of certifying the EIR. It was requested that the presentation on the status of the project as discussed in No. 6 include discussion on the elements of the EIR and how they fit in with the design. The committee thought it was premature to endorse the EIR before then. Scott Duffield and Matt Horn indicated that the District and the City will work together and develop a process to move forward to certify the EIR and approve the project.
- 8) 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. Christine Mulholland and Wayne Peterson both stated that there has been some public concern about SGMA implementation and citizen participation in the process. The possibility of inviting various representatives from eligible entities involved in forming Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) to the next Committee meeting was discussed.
- 9) Future Meeting Topics – Invite Carolyn Berg or staff to give a detailed update on SGMA; Mid-Higuera Bypass Project update presentation; Zone 9 reserves budget update.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 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 April 12, 2017.

/s/ Scott Duffield

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SCOTT DUFFIELD, Public Works Staff