

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ZONE 9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Final Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

Attendance as follows:

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

Others Present: David Romero, Manny Guzman - Alternate Members; Keith Miller, Carolyn Berg, Scott Duffield - County of SLO; Freddy Otte, Bob Hill - City of SLO; Paula Richter - RWQCB.

Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm

- 1) Introductions – Introductions were made.
- 2) Public Comments – Christine Mulholland informed the Committee of a water related documentary movie called “Water & Power: A California Heist”.
- 3) Review Meeting Minutes February 8, 2017 – The meeting minutes for the February 8, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Christine Mulholland noticed a spelling error in item No. 1 that was noted and corrected. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected, motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 4) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Updates – Carolyn Berg gave an update on countywide SGMA efforts and a detailed update specific to the San Luis Obispo Valley Basin. There was much discussion on the Board of Supervisors decision to modify the SGMA policy regarding funding of planning phase efforts. Differing perspectives were represented and discussed. There was also some concern that the Board did not engage the advisory committees enough, especially the Water Resources Advisory Committee, before making the policy change decision. Updates for this item will continue as an ongoing agenda item.
- 5) Creek Maintenance Updates – Freddy Otte reported on creek maintenance and reiterated that generally the creeks have done very well given all the rain this year. There were some minor issues in the Goldenrod area; however, it was addressed with help from the CCC. Freddy reported there were several debris dams in the same area, which facilitated the maintenance efforts.

- 6) Mid-Higuera Project Updates – Manny Guzman gave a presentation and update on the status of the project. Manny outlined what has been completed and the next steps. Essentially the next steps are to complete the geotechnical investigation, topographical survey, and final the design plans, specifications, and estimate. The Supplemental EIR also needs to be certified and the project be approved by the Board of Supervisors before environmental permits could be obtained. Keith Miller stated we are ready to do that as soon as the Committee is ready, and that it would take a minimum of two months to get it on the Board's agenda. A packet containing the comments received by the County on the EIR, and draft responses was handed out at the meeting. The Committee requested an item on the next agenda to consider endorsement of the EIR. The City will also meet with Committee members if they would like to review the design plans in more detail, and the City will also coordinate a site visit for those interested.

- 7) Zone 9 Budget Updates – Scott Duffield provided a handout of a copy of the approved FY 2016/17 Special Districts Budget highlighting the Zone 9 reserves. There is currently \$3,355,455 in reserves this budget year. Scott also stated the full request from the City is in the proposed FY 2017/18 budget request.

- 8) Future Meeting Topics – Provide a copy of the Resolution/Agreement establishing Zone 9; Place an item on the next meeting agenda to consider endorsement of the EIR for the Mid-Higuera Bypass Project.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by Scott Duffield, County Public Works staff