

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

MEETING CANCELED

The Flood Control Zone 9 Advisory Committee meeting that was scheduled for April 14, 2021 is canceled.

Ongoing updates attached below.

Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 1:30 PM

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“The purpose of the Zone 9 Advisory Committee: SECTION 1: To advise the County Board of Supervisors concerning all policy decisions relating to Zone 9. The Committee shall determine the needs, desires, and financial capabilities of the property owners in Zone 9 and, upon deliberation, shall convey to the Board of Supervisors their recommendations with respect to the objectives of said zone. SECTION 2: To recommend to the Board of Supervisors specific programs to alleviate and control flood damage within Zone 9 with recognition of the ecological and aesthetic values of the programs. Further, to recommend to the Board of Supervisors other programs within Zone 9 concerning the objects and purposes of the Flood Control District Act. SECTION 3: To recommend methods of financing programs for Zone 9.” – Excerpts from the By-Laws adopted March 1, 2011

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Dick Tzou, Water Resources Engineer, County Public Works
DATE: April 7, 2021
SUBJECT: Ongoing Update: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Update

A continuation of the regular virtual GSC meeting on February 17, 2021 was held **March 1, 2021** to complete the discussions in the agenda. The topics presented and discussed were:

- Presented potential projects and management actions for further vetting and prioritization.

A regular virtual GSC meeting was held **March 31, 2021**. The topics presented and discussed were:

- Presented the preliminary model results of the proposed projects to achieve sustainability as related to the recommended sustainable management criteria.
- Presented and discussed the recommended sustainable management criteria.
- Presented various concepts as to how State Water Project water may be delivered and utilized as an alternative source to supplement SLO Basin water supply.

A continuation of the regular virtual GSC meeting on March 31, 2021 was held **on April 7, 2021** to complete the discussions in the agenda. The continued topics presented and discussed were:

- Presented, discussed, and received input from GSC members and the public on the recommended sustainable management criteria.

Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the basin specific efforts by attending workshops and meetings of the GSC for the San Luis Obispo Basin.

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Visit the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin SGMA website for mailing list and updates:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/slobasin>

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Brian Nelson, Acting City Engineer, City of San Luis Obispo
Blaize Uva, Environmental Specialist, County Public Works

DATE: April 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Ongoing Update: Mid-Higuera Bypass Project

Update

- Grant Funding Applications
 - CNRA Grant (\$6,000,000): In February, the City presented a virtual tour of the project site, its benefits, and scope to CNRA as a part of step 2 of the grant application process. This allowed CNRA to ask detailed questions regarding the project, in preparation of further review from the grant committee. We expect to hear back in early summer (May/June) if the project is proceeding to step 3.
 - DWR Grant (\$6,078,707): The City submitted this grant in November 2020, and has yet to hear back from the grant committee. An update from DWR is expected in April/May.
- Project Design
 - Wallace Group is reviewing the City's comments on the 90% on plans, specifications, and estimates and making additional revisions.
 - Details that remain to be finalized include: permitting, Utility B letters, final project report (HEC-RAS)
 - City staff are preparing for negotiations with impacted properties (Madonna Properties & Todd R. Family Trust).
- Environmental
 - Draft Biological Agreement (BA) for steelhead: Rincon Consultants has prepared a Draft BA for steelhead and provided it to Public Works Environmental (PW Env) on 3/17. The Draft BA is currently under review by PW Env staff and is a required attachment for the permits.
 - Programmatic Biological Opinion for CA red legged frog (CRLF): PW Env staff is reviewing the Army Corps of Engineers existing Programmatic Biological Opinion for CRLF to determine if this agreement document can be used in support of the project. If no, a BA for CRLF would need to be prepared by PW Env staff.
 - Impact Calculations: Wallace Group has provided finalized Impact Area Calculations and plans. These calculations help determine permit fees, restoration ratios, and are an integral part of the permit applications. Permit applications are underway by PW Env.
 - Diversion & Dewatering Plan (DDP): It has been determined that the DDP is a Wallace Group task, and a request has been made to Wallace Group to prepare a report style DDP from existing D/D schematics that are shown in the design plans.

- Habitat Mitigation Monitoring Plan (HMMP): The HMMP draft is currently being prepared by PW Env staff. PW Env staff are coordinating in-house, appropriately timed botanical surveys of the project area to determine existing baseline conditions for vegetation. Botanical surveys conducted in support of the project's Environmental Impact Report are 10+ years old. Surveys will be conducted as soon as possible.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Freddy Otte, Biologist, City of San Luis Obispo

DATE: April 7, 2021

SUBJECT: Ongoing Update: Creek Maintenance

Update

The City has been active in reviewing the creeks and identifying where debris jams has accumulated. The City has worked on 4 or 5 debris jams in the mainstem SLO Creek upstream of Los Osos Valley Road and there is a major one in Prefumo Creek right behind Vista Lago Park that the City tried to cut a channel through, but it is mostly all little floating sticks etc that accumulated along a 50-foot section of the creek. It is a total barrier to fish and the City Biologist will work with Public Works as we will be doing silt removal at this location again this year in October so it will be removed. Dead and down trees have been removed from the creeks in various locations and follow-up surveys have been completed to ensure everything is clean. I plan to focus on Prefumo Creek in the next year above and below Laguna Lake due to the near miss we had with the Atmospheric River.

The City has funding for goats to be deployed in the creek as well for the next fiscal year, so we are working on updating our CDFW permit right now too.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Sarah Crable, Water Resources Engineer, County Public Works
DATE: April 7, 2021
SUBJECT: Ongoing Update: East Fork Limited Study

Update

The consultant, Schaaf and Wheeler, is currently completing the existing conditions assessment and has set up a preliminary model based on data provided by the County and the City. Surveying has been completed for all cross sections and bridges/culverts located in the public right-of-way. County staff will be contacting property owners to secure right-of-entry permits to complete surveying of the East Fork on private property where necessary for model development.

A project schedule is provided below. This schedule is subject to change.

