

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zone 9 Advisory Committee will hold a Regular Meeting at **1:30 PM** on **Wednesday, December 9, 2020** using **GoToMeeting** by accessing doing the following:

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AGENDA

1. Introductions and roll call
2. Approval of October 14, 2020 meeting minutes
3. Committee membership and re-affirmations
4. Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule
5. CDFW Grant Application Discussion
6. Reports
 - a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) updates
 - b. Mid-Higuera Bypass Project updates
 - c. Creek maintenance updates
 - d. Arundo removal updates
 - e. East Fork of San Luis Obispo Creek RFP updates
7. Public comment
At this time, the public may address the Committee on any item not appearing on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.
8. Future agenda items

Next Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 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

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Meeting Minutes (DRAFT) – Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Members Present

Wayne Peterson, Chairperson, County At-Large
Matt Horn, Vice Chairperson, Member, City Staff
Brian Nelson, Alternate, City Staff (non-voting)
Carlyn Christianson, Member, City Council
Christine Mulholland, Member, City At-Large
Jon Hall, Member, County-At-Large
Janet Andrews, Alternate, County-At-Large (non-voting)

1. Introductions and roll call

Wayne Peterson calls the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Quorum established.
Introductions of attendees.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2020

Motion by: **Carlyn Christianson**
Second by: **Christine Mulholland**

The Committee approves the June 10, 2020 meeting minutes as amended (4-0-0).

3. Reports

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

Sarah Crable, County Public Works, updates the Committee about the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin efforts to date. The Groundwater Sustainability Commission met on September 9, 2020 to review the draft monitoring network, draft monitoring wells, and draft sustainable management criteria. On October 1, 2020, Public Workshop #3 was held to engage stakeholders and the Draft Chapter 8 – Monitoring Network will be available in Fall 2020.

- Mid-Higuera Bypass Project Updates

Brian Nelson, City Engineer, provides an update about the 90% design plans, specifications and estimates that were completed by the consultant, Wallace Group. These are being reviewed internally by the City's Construction Manager. The current Marsh Street Bridge Project is serving as a good template for providing feedback to the Consultant. The estimated total project cost at construction is \$7.3

million and the City is being proactive in searching for grant opportunities. The City applied for a California Natural Resources Agency Grant that could provide up to \$6 million in funding. The City is currently preparing a package for DWR's Coastal Watershed Flood Risk Reduction Grant to help fund the project with a 50% match.

- Creek Maintenance Updates

Freddy Otte, City Biologist, provides an update on completed creek maintenance activities that will include an upcoming Bob Jones Trail cleanup and flood control improvement project from Prado to Los Osos Valley Road, commencing next week. Freddy notes that tree contractor Bunyon Brothers Tree Service is on call for winter with \$20,000 set aside. Freddy also reports that two silt removal projects were completed this year. Approximately 1,300 cu. yd. of sediment was removed from the Prefumo Creek arm immediately downstream of the golf course. Approximately 200 cu. yd. of sediment was removed from Prefumo Creek, downstream of Madonna Road.

- Arundo Removal Updates

Jon Hall explains that the Land Conservancy is renewing their 5-year access agreements and still have access through the creek for the season. Jon explains that significant transient populations have been unsafe for staff to access and survey arundo in certain sections of the creek. Although these areas are historically surveyed every year, Jon is confident that a one-year lapse in access will not be problematic since any remaining small populations of Arundo is not likely to set seed in that time.

- East Fork of San Luis Obispo Creek RFP updates

Sarah Crable, County Public Works, reports that seven consultants submitted proposals for the East Fork RFP that closed on October 9, 2020. She will work with Wayne Peterson and Richard Burde from the City to review and rank the proposals.

4. Endorsement of City of San Luis Obispo Annual Work Plan – Fiscal Year 2021/22

Brian Nelson updates the Committee on details of the Annual Work:

- The vegetation maintenance budget request is unchanged
- The sediment removal projects had a rollover unused balance of \$230,000 that will be combined with the requested additional \$130,000 that will be used to expand the silt removal locations and complete up to five projects next year.

- Mid Higuera bypass is at 90% design and they are nearly done. They have asked for some contingency that has not been used yet. The additional \$40,000 will be used to initiate talks with neighboring property owners regarding access agreements.

Freddy Otte updates the Committee that the City Community Development Director, Michael Codron, informed him of a protentional redevelopment proposal for a new mixed-use development near Wally's Bike Shop. This development proposal may be leveraged to address removal of properties overhanging the creek in this vicinity which would be beneficial for the Mid Higuera Bypass project.

Motion by: **Wayne Peterson**

Second by: **Carlyn Christianson**

The Committee Endorses the City of San Luis Obispo's Annual Work Plan (4-0-1).

5. Public Comment

Christine Mulholland expresses concerns about using Bunyon Brothers Tree Service for tree removal activities. Freddy Otte assures Christine that all tree removal activities are directed and overseen by himself.

Kathy Borland, member of the public, inquires about plans for vegetation maintenance activities in the creek on the Avila Ranch development private property. Freddy Otte notes that he will review the property ownership to see what access is possible to survey the creek condition. Freddy also notes that the County is currently working with the City to update the existing vegetation maintenance agreement.

Kathy Borland inquires about testing of water quality in the creek that may be affected by the transient populations living in the creek. Freddy Otte explains that in 2019, the City collected fecal coliform samples along the creek, and of the 175 samples, only 6 were of human origin. The City is currently collecting round 2 water quality samples near transient encampments and results are pending.

6. Future Agenda Items

- Reaffirmations
- Meeting calendar
- CDFW Watershed Management Plan grant application discussion

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:26 PM.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Sarah Crable, Water Resources Engineer, County Public Works
DATE: December 9, 2020
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #3: Committee membership and re-affirmations

Discussion

| Representing | Member | Alternate | Term Expires |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| City Council | Carlyn Christianson | Aaron Gomez | 12/31/2020 |
| City Staff | Matt Horn | Brian Nelson | 12/31/2022 |
| City At-Large | Christine Mulholland | Dave Romero | 12/31/2022 |
| County At-Large #1 | Kaila Dettman | Jonathan Hall | 12/31/2020 |
| County At-Large #2 | Wayne Peterson | Janet Andrews | 12/31/2022 |
| County At-Large #3 | Stephnie Wald | <i>vacant</i> | 12/31/2020 |

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Sarah Crable, Water Resources Engineer, County Public Works

DATE: December 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #4: Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule

Update

All meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
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2021 Regular Meeting Schedule

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| January | February 10, 2021 | March |
|--|--|---|
| No Meeting | GoToMeeting 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM <i>Confirm or update membership Confirm or elect officers</i> | No Meeting |
| April 14, 2021 | May | June 19, 2021 |
| GoToMeeting 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM | No Meeting | GoToMeeting 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM |
| July | August 11, 2021 | September |
| No Meeting | GoToMeeting 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM | No Meeting |
| October 13, 2021 | November | December 8, 2021 |
| GoToMeeting 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM <i>Endorse Annual Work Plan</i> | No Meeting | GoToMeeting 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM <i>Membership re-affirmations Approve next year meeting schedule</i> |

Website: <https://slocounty.ca.gov/pw/zone9>

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Dick Tzou, Water Resources Engineer, County Public Works

DATE: December 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6a: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Updates

Update

The next San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Sustainability Commission (GSC) meeting is scheduled on **December 9, 2020 at 3:30 pm**. The topics discussed will be: a presentation on conservation measures at Mutual Water Companies; the GSC considers recommending Draft GSP Chapter 7: Monitoring Network to be received and filed by the GSAs and released for public comment; a presentation on responses to comments on draft sustainable management criteria and Chapter 6 - Water Budget; a presentation on the concept level projects and management actions and draft project criteria to achieve sustainability.

For additional information, please contact:

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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, Supervising Civil Engineer, City of San Luis Obispo
Keith Miller, Environmental Manager, County Public Works

DATE: December 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6b: Mid-Higuera Bypass Project Updates

Update

The City has completed review of the 90% project plans, specifications, and estimates for the Mid-Higuera Bypass project and returned those comments to the design consultant. The design consultant will work on bringing the contract documents package to a 95% completion level. City staff will begin consultant work to negotiate property impacts and temporary construction access agreements with the affected adjacent properties.

District Staff is currently in the process of drafting permit applications, a Hazardous Materials Management Plan, and strategizing with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the necessary technical documents.

On November 20th, City Staff submitted a proposal to the Department of Water Resources for the Coastal Watershed Flood Risk Reduction Grant Program for a total grant request of \$6.1 Million. As a reminder, staff also applied for a California Natural Resources Agency Grant (CNRA) in April and have yet to hear back from that agency. The total estimated project cost is \$9.5 million.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Freddy Otte, Biologist, City of San Luis Obispo
DATE: December 9, 2020
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6c: Creek Maintenance Updates

Update

We have completed our creek assessment and have started on the cleanup work from that list. Also, we have cleaned up along the Bob Jones Trail from Prado to LOVR in the creek, Stenner/SLO Creek confluence is next, Prefumo Creek work and Stenner Creek at Lizzie St are on the list.

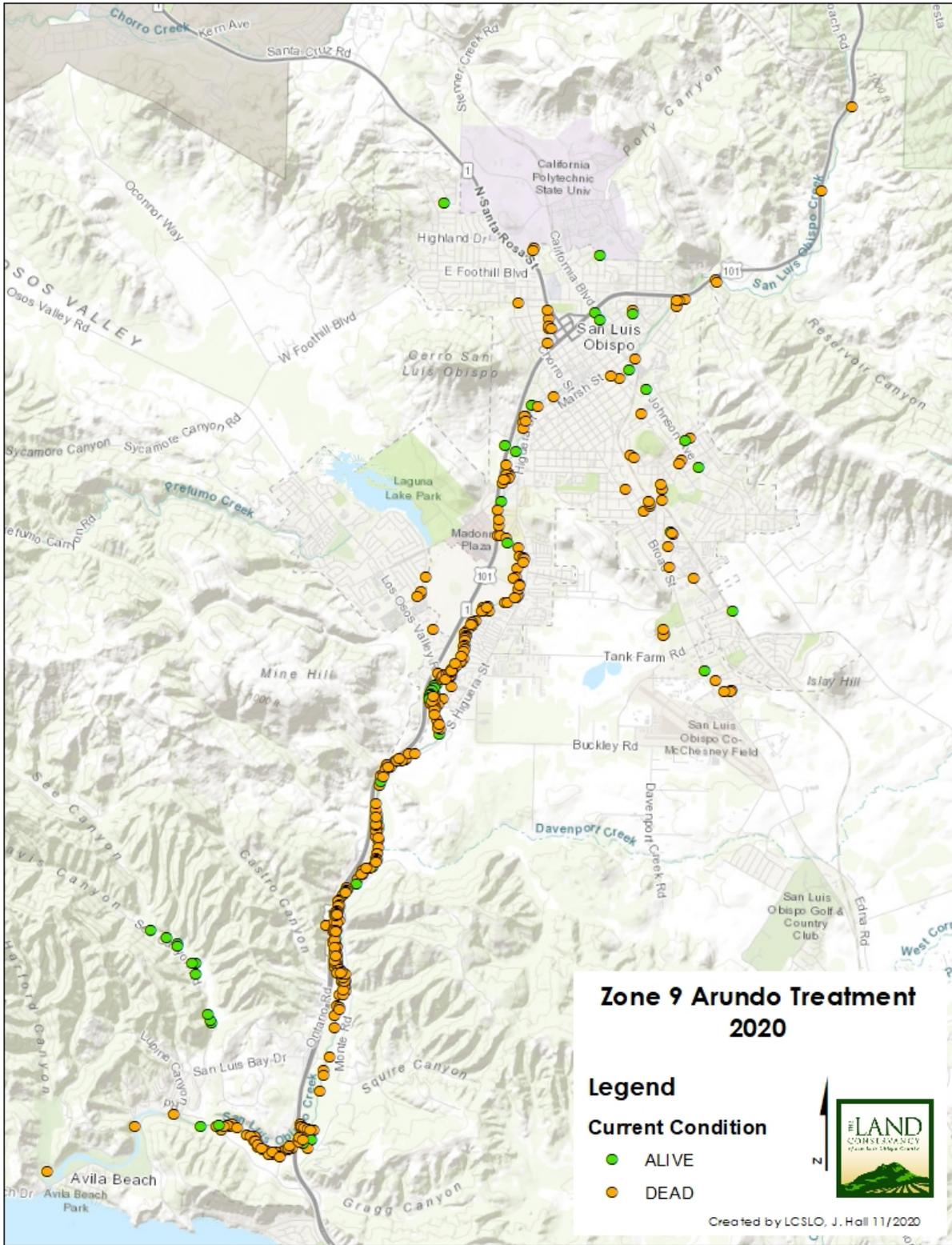
The City Attorney and County Council are currently working on the draft agreement that will allow City staff to carry out vegetation maintenance activities throughout the entire San Luis Obispo Creek watershed.

TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee
FROM: Jon Hall, Land Conservancy
DATE: December 9, 2020
SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6d: Mid-Higuera Bypass Project Updates

Update

Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*) control work is complete for the year. The entire watershed was surveyed and treated, except for the section between Prado Road and Los Osos Valley Road which was too dangerous to send staff this year due to extensive homeless populations, the Covid pandemic and lack of availability from SLO County Sheriff and SLO City Rangers to provide protection.

The current status after the 2020 survey is 467 total populations in the watershed. 409 of those are now dead and 58 are still alive. We are now at 88% of populations dead and 12% populations remaining alive. Locations of the populations can be found on the attached maps.



TO: Zone 9 Advisory Committee

FROM: Sarah Crable, Water Resources Engineer, County Public Works

DATE: December 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #6e: East Fork of San Luis Obispo Creek RFP Updates

Update

An updated schedule for securing a consultant through the Request for Proposal process (RFP) is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1: *East Fork Limited Study – Approximate RFP schedule*

| Item | Date | Status |
|---|------------------------|---------------|
| Committee Comments on Draft Scope Due to District | November 1, 2019 | Complete |
| District Integrate Comments | November 8, 2019 | Complete |
| Final Scope Approval by Committee | December 11, 2019 | Complete |
| RFP Release to Public | September 9, 2020 | Complete |
| Consultant Proposals Due | October 9, 2020 | Complete |
| Proposal Review Panel | November 2020 | Complete |
| Consultant Selection | November 12, 2020 | Complete |
| Contract Execution | Estimated January 2021 | |