

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

Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Members Present

**Andy Pease**, Member, City Council

**Matt Horn**, Vice Chairperson, Member, City Staff

**Christine Mulholland**, Member, City At-Large

**Dave Romero**, Alternate, City At-Large

**Wayne Peterson**, Chairperson, Member, County At-Large

**Kaila Dettman**, Member, County At-Large

1. Introductions and roll call

Wayne Peterson calls the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Quorum established.

2. Public comment

Wayne Peterson comments that he and Mladen Bandov, County Public Works, attended a meeting on April 10, 2018 with the developers of the Avila Ranch project and residents near the Buckley Road area. The developers described the project improvements including the extension of Buckley Road to Higuera Street and raising the intersection of Buckley Road and Vachell Lane about two feet. He comments that the improvements don't address the flooding or geometric (bike path) problems of the road, and that flooding occurs almost every year. He adds that the developer does not intend to fix the Buckley Road bridge, which will cause a backwater flooding condition. Dave Romero asks if this issue was addressed during the approval process. Wayne Peterson replies that it had, but the bridge was not a project requirement. Andy Pease asks if there was consensus about the problem. Wayne Peterson replies that it is a County-maintained bridge, but it is not on the replacement list. Christine Mulholland recommends adding this topic to the next agenda for discussion.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2017

Motion by: **Andy Pease**

Second by: **Christine Mulholland**

The Committee approves the December 13, 2017 meeting minutes, as amended (5-0-0).

4. Administrative

Mladen Bandov introduces the procedural items to confirm the current officers of the Committee and to consider adding this as a standing agenda item at the first meeting of each year. Committee members discuss the procedure and timing of the confirmations given that officer terms limits are not addressed in the by-laws and agree that Committee members should confirm the current officers at the end of each year for the following year. If Committee members do not approve the

current officers for the next year or changes occur regarding appointments, an election for those positions should occur at the first regular meeting of the year in February and following confirmation of their appointment by the Board of Supervisors.

Christine Mulholland moves that the Committee confirms the existing officers for the remainder of this year and until the next confirmation at the regular meeting scheduled in December and direct the Secretary to continue thereafter with confirmations of officers at the end of each year.

Motion by: **Christine Mulholland**

Second by: **Kaila Dettman**

The Committee approves (5-0-0).

#### 5. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Updates

Andy Pease reports about the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) kick-off meeting on April 18, 2018 to begin developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Christine Mulholland reports on the most recent Water Resource Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting regarding a public forum that presented information on water law.

#### 6. Mid-Higuera Bypass Project Updates

Mladen Bandov announces that the County Board of Supervisors will have a public hearing on certifying the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Mid-Higuera Bypass Project (MHBP) on August 21, 2018.

Matt Horn announces that Manny Guzman, who was the project manager, has moved to the City's construction management division. Brian Nelson, Supervising Civil Engineer, is the new project manager for the Mid-Higuera Bypass Project.

Brian Nelson reports that the City will be issuing a purchase order to Wallace Group for \$226,000 for development of final design plans for the bypass, Bianchi bridge, and re-vegetation. The design plans should be done by early next year. Dave Romero asks about sources of funding for construction and suggests phasing of the project if necessary due to lack of funding. Brian Nelson mentions that Wallace Group will be providing preliminary cost estimates soon.

Kaila Dettman discusses two upcoming state bonds that would help the project: Proposition 68 on the June primary ballot and another on the November general ballot. Wayne Peterson asks how the City could to apply. Kaila Dettman estimates that the state grant guidelines would come out next year.

#### 7. Creek Maintenance Update

Matt Horn reports on the silt removal projects, which are in the design and environmental permitting process. The primary site that is expected to be completed this year is the Perfumo Creek arm at Los Osos Valley Road and Laguna Lake. The other sites, which will likely be completed

next year, are at Tank Farm Road, 250 feet west of Orcutt and at Sacramento Street north of via Esteban. Committee members discuss further about other projects including dredging Laguna Lake.

Kaila Dettman reports that the Arundo removal efforts have been successful and did not bounce back following last year's wet winter. The Land Conservancy will be re-filing their NDPES permit for the year and reporting treatments in the waterways. Following notification with landowners in June, they will begin treatment in August through October.

#### 8. Future Meeting Agenda Items

Mladen Bandov mentions that the development of the Stormwater Resource Plan is underway, and the plan is required as a condition of grant funding for stormwater runoff capture projects.

Christine Mulholland comments on imported soil during property developments that is impacting wetlands and asks about the role of Zone 9 regarding soil deposition. Mladen Bandov indicated that he would report back on the objectives and purposes of Zone 9.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 pm