

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

Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Members Present

Wayne Peterson, Chairperson, Member, County At-Large  
Andy Pease, Member, City Council  
Matt Horn, Vice Chairperson, Member, City Staff  
Christine Mulholland, Member, City At-Large  
Dave Romero, Alternate, City At-Large  
Jon Hall, Alternate, County At-Large

1. Introductions and roll call

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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes - October 10, 2018

Motion by: **Andy Pease**  
Second by: **Wayne Peterson**

The Committee approves the October 10, 2018 meeting minutes (4-0-1), as amended.

3. Committee membership, re-affirmations, and upcoming appointments

Mladen Bandov described the expiration dates and mid-term replacements of six Committee membership terms and upcoming appointments. Flood Control District Staff will take the appointments to the next Board of Supervisor's meeting for approval. Janet Andrews expressed her desire to apply for the County At-Large Alternate position. There are 2 vacancies for the County At-Large alternate members.

4. 2019 Meeting Schedule

Staff presented the meeting schedule for the 2019 calendar year.

5. Reports

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

Dick Tzou, County of San Luis Obispo, updates the Committee on the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin (SLOVGB) as it relates to SGMA. Two basin boundary modifications were submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in the middle of 2018. The draft basin boundary modifications were released in November 2018. DWR awarded a grant to the County that included the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the SLOVGB. The funds will be combined with contributions from the County and the City. The County recently completed the interview and selection process for the consultant that will develop the GSP. The next step is for the selected consultant to be approved by the Board in early 2019. The development of the GSP will begin once the Board approves the selected consultant. The deadline for the GSP is 2022

and the consultant will be able to use information from a previous study that has already been completed for SLOVGB. There is a meeting today, December 12, 2018 with the Groundwater Sustainability Commission that was formed for purpose of overseeing the and includes stakeholders from the County, City, and others within SLOVGB. Dick also provided an update on SGMA for other groundwater basins, outside of the purview of this Committee. Courtney Howard, County of San Luis Obispo, addressed comments about the Harvard Management Company and stated the Harvard Management Company is subject to SGMA GSP activities pertaining to the basins that their properties overlie. An export ordinance is in place in county areas that prevents the removal of pumped groundwater outside of the basin of origin.

- Mid-Higuera Bypass Project Updates

Brian Nelson, City of San Luis Obispo, reports that the project consultant, Wallace Group, submitted the 30% design in October. The City has met with the consultant and provided comments about the 30% design. It is anticipated that the 60% design will be submitted by the end of January 2019. The 60% design will include finalizing bypass channel routes and revised benching locations to minimize tree removals to limit CEQA mitigation requirements. Brian and City Biologist Freddy Otte performed a site visit to verify bypass routes. The goal is to keep any trenching outside of the rootzone. The County will begin the permitting process once the 60% design is submitted and it will provide the County with the opportunity to comment on the design. The consultant is also working on the HEC-RAS model and the scour analysis.

- Creek Maintenance Updates

Freddy Otte, City Biologist, reports that some storms have moved smaller debris around in the creek. Surveys after the storm events indicate that there is not significant debris in accumulation areas. The City remains alert of large trees adjacent to the creek. The CCCs will finish their contract at the end of December and remove accumulated debris. An area of concern is at the end of Dana Street, upstream of the confluence of Brizziolari and San Luis Obispo creeks.

Freddy Otte reports that in September 2018, the City met with Drew Munster, San Luis Obispo County resident, to review a section of his property that experiences flooding. Andy Pease, City Council Member, requested an update on the site visit at the next meeting.

- Arundo Removal Updates

Jon Hall, Land Conservancy, reports that annual Arundo treatments began treatments in October 2018 and were completed in November 2018. In 2015, 56% of mapped Arundo clumps were dead, and in 2018 it was reported that 82% of the mapped clumps were dead.

Freddy Otte reports that a large Arundo cluster just downstream of the Los Osos Valley Road bridge has been a challenge due to transient issues in this location. There is a meeting today, December 12, 2018 to discuss a game plan for this area with regards to Bob Jones Pathway extension easements, engaging with property owners, a new sewer line project, and removal of the Arundo. Dave Romero, City At-Large Alternate, suggests providing creek and Arundo updates to the City Council.

6. Update on FEMA flood mapping

Mladen Bandov, Secretary, provides an update on FEMA flood mapping efforts. County staff made a request to Stantec, FEMA Region IX contractor, to do an additional study for the frequency of flooding in the East Fork of the San Luis Obispo Creek south of Buckley Road and Vachell Lane. Any photos or videos of flooding provided by the public will be passed on to Stantec. A site walk of the properties adjacent to Buckley Road and Vachell Lane by County Staff, City Staff and property owners will be arranged.

7. Discussion on Stream Management and Maintenance Program in County areas

Mladen Bandov, Secretary, initiates the discussion on creating a scope and budget for a Stream Management and Maintenance program in County areas of Zone 9 starting the next fiscal year. The background of the discussion is that the County does not currently do any vegetation or sedimentation removal in the creek in County areas of Zone 9 except adjacent to the right of way of County facilities. A potential program would be funded by Zone 9 and would include creek assessments, identification of problem areas, and developing priorities. Areas of focus may include downstream of the city limits, specifically the Creek adjacent to the Bob Jones Pathway Extension.

Drew Munster, San Luis Obispo County resident, asked if water level and stream flow sensors on private road bridges could be beneficial for the County to understand conditions in those creeks and the County staff said yes.

County and City staff will discuss personnel options and a program description and budget at the next meeting.

8. Public Comment

Although outside of the purview of the Committee, a member of the public asked about discussing wells going dry on properties south of the area. There was no other public comment.

9. Future Agenda Items

- Buckley Road properties site visit
- Creek management program description and budget

**Wayne Peterson** adjourns the meeting at 2:50 PM