

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ZONE 1/1A ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Approved Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, December 9th, 2025

Meeting materials can be viewed at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Zone1-1A>

Members Attending: Gary Kobara (Chair) Charlie Lackie Dianna Lackie Greg Cobb Linda Austin	Staff and Guests Attending: Karen White, Community Member Tim Crawford, Community Member Jane Crawford, Community Member Alejandra Celio, County Public Works AJ Maul, County Public Works Joey Steil, County Public Works Jenny Williamson, County Public Works
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1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee Members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

2. Announcements

Committee Member Vacancies: (1) Large Property Owner

- Interested parties can submit a completed [application for appointment](#) to jsteil@co.slo.ca.us

2026 Meeting Dates

- March 17, June 16, September 15, and December 8

Website Updates

- Updated [project descriptions, plans and reports](#) section, [mailing list signup](#), [flood safety information](#), and AG Creek specific levees/flooding reporting at: <https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/contact-us>

3. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes: Tuesday, March 18, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE: Greg Cobb				
SECOND BY: Linda Austin				
MOTION CARRIES	AYES: 4	NOES: 0	ABSTAIN: 1	ABSENT: 0

4. Ongoing Updates

a) Storm Response Efforts

County staff provided verbal and written updates.

b) Annual Workplan Efforts

County staff provided verbal and written updates.

Greg Cobb commented that flooding in the community near Meadow Creek Lagoon

beginning in July was unprecedented and raised concerns that the flap gates may be impeding flow and are partially clogged, noting that the best method for releasing water is to fully open the gates and clear the overgrown brush in the culvert area that is concerning many residents.

County staff noted recent maintenance efforts and the specific requirements/restraints associated with the work permits.

Greg Cobb commented that the County's website makes it difficult to contact staff directly as there is no direct contact information listed.

County staff will pass this feedback along and will distribute a staff contact list to Committee Members.

Greg Cobb comments on the deteriorating conditions in the Meadow Creek area and asks for an update on the status and scope of the restoration project. Will the project get an extension?

County staff noted that a presentation on the alternatives analysis had previously been provided to the Committee and that a future update would be requested. Staff also noted that an alternative has been selected, the consultant is working on a 30% design, and that regulatory agencies are aware of the timeline and are allowing the project to proceed on the current schedule.

Linda Austin Commented on flooding/backflow issues in the culvert located at Lakeside and Juanita Avenues and the current conditions of the Meadow Creek Lagoon area, and asked if the recent breaching of the sandbar made an impact in decreasing water levels near Meadow Creek.

County Staff replied that the November storms created enough flow to help breach through the sand and help with drainage in both creeks.

Linda Austin asked if the tules also be removed from the creek?

County staff noted that they are working with environmental staff on options for the removal or management of tule growth.

c) Emergency Response Plan

County staff provided verbal and written updates.

d) Other Flood Protection Planning Efforts

County staff provided verbal and written updates.

e) Meadow Creek Lagoon

County staff provided verbal and written updates.

Dianna Lackie commented that there appears to be a lack of action related to the project, especially when it comes to removing sediment from the creek.

Karen White asked how far north will the restoration project go?

County Staff noted that the area of focus will be predominantly behind the flap gates and provided a brief summary of the previously proposed alternatives. A further update can be provided at a future meeting.

Greg Cobb responded that the criteria for the project was only going up 8 acres behind the flap gates.

Karen White asked if the finalized project report be shared online?

The report is available to review here:

<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/public-works/forms-documents/committees-programs/flood-control-zones/zone-1-1a-arroyo-grande-creek-channel/plans-reports/2026-meadow-creek-restoration-alternatives-analysis-and-conceptual-design-report>

Linda Austin asked if the connectivity with the saltwater coming into the lagoon will help control the weeds and reeds.

County Staff replied that the work is meant to create connectivity between the lagoons for fish passage as required by the RPA from the WMP.

f) Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWPP) – Property Buyout Option

County staff provide a verbal update on the status of the EWPP and the next steps.

Linda Austin asked if property that was purchased will remain as is, or will it be developed.

County staff replied that there are currently no plans to develop the property; however, the flood protection study funded through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant will consider the property for potential opportunities identified through the study.

Linda Austin: Can the tullees also be removed from the creek?

County Staff: At this time the tullees cannot be removed due to not having the permitting. Staff are working with Environmental to correct this and working on options for removal or management of the tulle growth.

5. Public Comment

County staff noted that an open recruitment process has started to replace the previous Supervising Engineer for Zone 1/1A.

Charlie Lackie asked if there is a map of where the levee overtopped, and did it correspond with where the modeling predicted it would overtop? Can you provide this map? And do you have an idea of where it could overtop next time?

County staff replied yes, we have a map we can provide and that the model did correspond with where the levee overtopped.

Charlie Lackie informed County staff of a flap gate installed on the recently purchased property and advised staff to look into it to be sure it is closed if it is still there.

County staff confirmed that the flap gate remains located on the property and that a maintenance plan is currently in place for the property, the flap gate, and the culvert.

Charlie Lackie asked how the County came up with the projects to address repairs at the levee and would have liked an opportunity to provide input on repair options.

County staff described the projects, including the TRM and breach site stabilization projects, which are intended to reduce the risk of future failures, and noted that a consulting team assisted in preparing the project design.

Greg Cobb asked if maintenance crews were regularly clearing out the retention basin installed at 13th Street.

County staff were unaware of which agency is responsible for maintenance at that location.

Karen White asked about the process of finding member who may be interested in filling committee vacancies. Do they have to own at least 5 acres to be considered?

County staff notes that the Zone 1/1A website has been updated to include the [application for appointment](#) which can be filled out and submitted to jsteil@co.slo.ca.us. The Committee requires a majority of members to be large property owners who own 5 or more acres. The current vacancy is for one large property owner as is open to interested parties in the Zone.

6. Open Forum (Questions/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items)

- County Staff will request an update on the status of the Meadow Creek Lagoon restoration project at a future meeting.
- Karen White asked if a report on winter rain season can be provided. County staff will include a report on rain totals in the next agenda packet.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:57 PM