



Winters Putah Creek Committee Meeting
City Council Chambers
318 First Street
Monday, January 13, 2014 6:00 pm
MINUTES

Present were:

Committee members: Balasek, Biasi, Brown , Kilkenny and Larsen

Liaison members: Anderson, Neu, Rose and Scianna

Others: see attached list

Absent: Castro and Nickelson

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Motion to approve Agenda made by Kilkenny, seconded by Biasi- approved

Motion to approve Minutes made by Kilkenny, seconded by Balasek- approved

Public Comments

None

Discussion Items

1. PGE Training Center Update-

Discussion was led by Ben Woodside, landscape architect

Clarification was made on purpose and requirements of east storm water diversion channel and southern detention ponds. Both of these areas are designed to handle a 100-year flood event, so these areas will be dry most of the time.

100' East Diversion Channel- designed to handle drainage north of PGE project, initial design included as part of City's drainage master plan:

- East side will have a 10' meandering paved trail with gravel shoulders totaling a 24' buffer area, plantings to include trees and native plantings. A fence will be installed behind homes. WPCC would prefer rustic style instead of chain link
- West side 12' crushed rock maintenance road with trees planted on PGE side of area. Plantings within the channel will be native grasses.

As build-out north of town dictates, this diversion channel will be revised to handle increased flows, and the PGE project design will allow for these later improvements.

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Southern Pond Area- designed to handle PGE project and NE corner of property flows which will keep drainage flows onsite. There will also be an interim pipe running south of the ponds carrying water from Eastern Channel to current outflow near Hwy 505. The ponds have been moved north closer to the PGE property leaving 30' from top of bank to edge of ponds. WPCC suggested ponds be placed at mid-terrace rather than top of bank level.

- 10' paved trail which is a continuation of current northbank trail. The new trail will continue north at end of property with turnaround about 100' north of main trail.
- Ponds include 3' of water quality element, standing water in the ponds will be a rare event and for only a short time, generally dissipating within 72 hours.
- There will also be several bio-swales and permeable pavement in the hardscape areas of project to assist in filtering storm run-off before it enters the ponds and ultimately the creek.
- Center attendees will have access to the trail at both north and south ends.

2. North Bank Improvement /Nature Trail Update – Carol

Clarification on cracking and responsibilities of ongoing maintenance, City to chip seal remaining cracks.

3. Latest Parkway Grant and Restoration Project Update – Rich Marovich

Thomas Pate, SCWA engineer shared plans for phase 3 project and explained that there will not be enough interchange flow between new channel and off channel pond to keep the pond water quality maintenance free. The consensus from members was to forego the off channel water body and fill the area. Other suggestions from members:

- Create an accessible lower trail (this would not be a paved trail) to facilitate getting folks close to creek.
- Grade around trees as much as possible including berm area
- Limit compaction to facilitate re-vegetation

4. Off Channel Water Body Update - Dennis Kilkenny – See above

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- 5. Putah Creek Council Update –none
- 6. Solano RCD Update – none

Action Items

None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05

Next meeting: March 17, 2014

Agenda items:

- PGE Training Center Update
- Parkway projects grant/restoration Update
- Northbank Trail Improvements /Update
- Off Channel Water Body Update
- PCC Update
- Solano RCD Update

Action item –

- Parkway project recommendation

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Env. Services Mgr.

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