



Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Monday, May 16, 2022 6:00 pm
MINUTES – Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order 6:04

Present were:

Commission Members: Kurt Balasek, Eric Jepsen, Kate Laddish, Carol Scianna and Patrick Wall (joined 6:30)

Liaison members: Bill Biasi (City Council), Kristine DeGuerre (City) and Max Stevenson (StreamKeeper)

Others: Kathleen Tropa (City Manager)

Absent: Dennis Kilkenny, Chris Rose (Solano RCD- Resource Conservation District & Planning Commission), Phil Stevens (PCC-Putah Creek Council)

Motion to approve Agenda by Kate seconded Carol – Unanimously Approved.

Motion to approve April minutes by Kate seconded Carol - Unanimously Approved

Public Comments

None

Presentations

Discussion Items

1. LPCCC- Streamkeeper Update- Max Stevenson
A Western Pond Turtle was observed laying eggs in Nature Park. PCC is following up with Melanie Truan to determine if nest site needs protection. Max shared drought information slides. Lake Berryessa is 2/3 full now, it is considered one of the more reliable lakes. It's ratio of storage vs. demand is good. Max encouraged the City to investigate their water rights and possibilities for expanding them or selling to others possibly. The details of the Nishikawa Restoration Project were shared, this project is in the UCD Preserve, beginning at Pedrick Rd. Bridge and heading east for 4 miles. The project is similar to the restoration efforts in Winters Nature Park, which will increase velocity and cool water for better fish habitat.
2. Putah Creek Updates-
Kate shared that there is a Creek Speak zoom presentation scheduled for May 19, the topic is "Management of California Cold Water Streams". There are 3 open positions at PCC.



3. Solano RCD Update- Chris
No update available, they are busy with budget work per Kurt.
4. Approved Draft Workplan Update- Kurt
Kurt will be presenting Workplan to Council for discussion on May 17th.
5. Update on City Tree Policy- Kurt & Carol
Patrick volunteered to work with Carol on reviewing tree related City policies and documents.
6. Air Quality Monitoring Update- Kate & Patrick
Kate has left a message with YSAQMD staff person and will be following up.
7. Update- Water Master Plan- Kristine
Council approved moving forward with Water Master Plan update work at their April 19 meeting, work is expected to be completed in 9 months.
8. Future Meeting Topics-
 - Climate Action Commission Update to be added as standing item. Patrick stated that they had their first meeting. Introductions, selecting a meeting day and other items were discussed. Their meetings will be the 2nd Monday of each month at 6pm.
 - Salmon
 - Drought Related Issue
 - Council Presentations

Chair adjourned meeting at 7:05 pm.

Next Meeting is June 20th

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Member