



Natural Resources Commission Meeting
Monday, September 19., 2022 6:00 pm
MINUTES – Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order 6:02

Present were:

Commission Members: Kurt Balasek, Eric Jepsen, Kate Laddish, Carol Scianna and Patrick Wall

Liaison members: Bill Biasi (City Council), Kristine DeGuerre (City) and Max Stevenson (StreamKeeper), Michaila Collins (PCC-Putah Creek Council)

Others: Jacob Hoffman (Winters Express), Megan Buche (City Engineer), Kathleen Trepa (City Manager)

Absent: Dennis Kilkenny and Chris Rose (Solano RCD- Resource Conservation District & Planning Commission)

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

Motion to approve August minutes by Kate seconded Patrick - Unanimously Approved

Public Comments

None

Presentations- None

Discussion Items

1. PG&E Gas Line- Trestle Bridge Update- Kristine & City Engineer, Megan Buche
The 4-inch gas line is proposed to be upsized and mounted where the existing 2-inch line is located on the west side of the trestle bridge. *Motion to recommend approval of this project to City Council was made by Carol, seconded by Eric- Unanimously approved*
2. LPCCC- Streamkeeper Update- Max Stevenson
Max provided update on creek flows from Winters (25 cfs) to Yolo bypass. There was no flow at Rd. 106A two weeks ago, however recent rains have this section flowing again. Max also showed us the route that salmon use coming in from S.F. Bay to Winters. He explained that pulse flows are used in the spring to help juveniles move downstream to the ocean and in the fall to attract the salmon back into Putah Creek. Hopefully fall pulse flows will happen around Oct. 24th this year. Coordination with farmers to remove check dam will allow salmon passage into Putah Creek. In addition, a fence at Wallace Weir will need to be installed to keep salmon from going up this dead end. Scarification (aka gravel enhancements) will be taking place near Railroad car bridge in town and several other locations along the creek. Notice to the public was recommended via City Managers update or other options. SCWA equipment will only be in the creek in town for a few hours.



3. Putah Creek Updates- Michaila
Recent Coastal Clean up efforts had 15 volunteers along Putah Creek Rd. and in the Nature Park; 235 lbs. of trash was collected. There were also efforts in the Davis South Fork Preserve. Ongoing nursery events continue on Wednesdays as well as Stewardship and Creek Explorer programs on Saturdays.
4. Solano RCD Update-
Update from Kurt regarding ongoing Arundo removal and fire safe work, there is also Solano Park improvement work.
5. Climate Action Commission Update- Patrick
At their recent meeting appointments were made- Chair- Ken Britten and Vice Chair- David Springer. They have proposed a draft workplan to go to Council in November with 2 top priorities: 1) Researching grant funding and incentives programs and 2) Public information dissemination and engagement. Work groups for these priorities were assigned. Developing a resource library was also discussed which NRC also supported.
6. Update on City Tree Policy- Patrick & Carol
The proposed updated list and the Sacramento Tree Foundation Shady 80 was sent out to members for review. There were no questions on proposed changes. Patrick was asked to invite Melanie (Arborist who made tree list update suggestions) to our next meeting. City Manager recommended that the City's on call arborist should also review proposed changes to list. Further discussion on Street Trees for our October meeting.
7. CalFire Urban Forest
Grant Funding will be opening soon. These funds could be a possible source for Urban Forest Management Planning. Good opportunity to collaborate with CAC (Climate Action Commission)
8. Air Quality Monitoring Update- Kate & Patrick
Kate spoke with Paul Hensleigh at YSAQMD (Yolo Solano Air Management District) he will be sharing a presentation at our October meeting. Would be good to provide questions for him ahead of time.
9. Review Work Plan-
Discussion about creating running list of topics of interest to accompany agenda, Kate volunteered to get a spreadsheet started. For example bat education and outreach could be added to the list. A reminder that we should do annual update for Council
10. Salmon Festival – Kristine & Carol
NRC does not have the capacity to put together an information booth to join Salmon Festival on Nov. 5th. Request for volunteers to help at the event would be greatly appreciated. Hours are 11-4, set up begins at 8am. Suggestions for agencies the Salmon Festival Committee may want to invite were shared
11. Future Meeting Topics-All



- YSGA- State has approved a bill that requires well permits to be reviewed by appropriate GSA
- Fire Wise Practices and Designs
- YSGA, new wells and drought update
- Site Coverage Revisions- NRC may be asked to work on developing mitigation credits and options for residents wanting to expand their site coverage. We will work with the City Planner on this project.

Chair adjourned meeting at 7:47 pm.

Next Meeting is October 17th

Kurt Balasek, Chairman

Carol Scianna, Member