

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Responsible for matters of stewardship of the District's property including: Urban Water Management Plans; Water Conservation Programs; Classis Watershed Education Grants; Watershed Management; Resource Management and other environmental related matter.

<u>NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN</u> that the San Lorenzo Valley Water District has called a special meeting of the Environmental Committee to be held on **Wednesday**, February 3, 2021, 1:00 pm via video/teleconference.

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## AGENDA

- 1. Convene Meeting/Roll Call
- 2. Oral Communications

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Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address each scheduled item prior to Committee action. The Chairperson of the Committee may establish a time limit for members of the public to address the Committee on agendized items.

- A. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR Discussion and possible action by the Environmental Committee regarding the election of the Committee Chair.
- B. SET DAY AND TIME FOR COMMITTEE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS Discussion and possible action by the Environmental Committee regarding regularly scheduled meeting time and day.
- C. PREPARE A MULTI-MONTH CALENDAR Discussion by the Environmental Committee regarding the preparation of a multimonth calendar to look-ahead at least 3 months including update on current projects previously discussed in committee.
- 4. Old Business: None *Members of the public will be given the opportunity to address each scheduled item prior to Committee action. The Chairperson of the Committee may establish a time limit for members of the public to address the Committee on agendized items.*
- 5. Informational Material: Here is a link <u>https://www.slvwd.com/node/289/minutes/2020</u> to previous Environmental Committee meeting minutes.
- 6. Adjournment

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Executed at Boulder Creek, California, on January 29, 2021.

Holly B. Hossack, District Secretary San Lorenzo Valley Water District

# 2021 SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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 BoD MEETINGS 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH 5:30PM

 ADMINISTRATION 2nd Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Fultz, Mahood, Bounds, DeJesus, Dolson

 BUDGET & FINANCE
 Henry, Mahood, Hill, Lund, Winegarden

 ENGINEERING 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Smolley, To, Ladd, Lande, Murphy

 ENVIRONMENTAL
 Fultz, To, Herbst, Layng, O'Connor

 FACILITIES 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 3:00 p.m. Armstrong, Guiney, Lande, Rintoul, Sprenger, Thomas, Unger

 LADOC Bi-Annually-4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Hagen, LoBalbo, Norton

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS**

#### CONJUNCTIVE USE GRANT

- <u>Fisheries assessment</u> complete & presented at 2020 Environmental Committee meeting
- Water right changes in beginning stages
- Draft Conjunctive Use Plan underway (90% awaiting CEQA direction)
- CEQA in process
- Informational public meeting planned for March 2021

# SANDHILLS HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

District is preparing a Habitat Conservation Plan to mitigate the impacts to listed species in sandhills habitat which result from the District's Capital Improvement Projects. This approach will greatly reduce the timeline and cost for project permitting compared to preparing individual HCPs for each project or site. Estimated completion date for review Spring 2021.

The <u>Olympia Conservation Area Management Plan</u> was submitted for District review on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and is available for public review. This kicked-off the start of the removal of French Broom, Portuguese Broom, and other invasive in the Olympia Conservation Area—a 6.3-acre conservation area.

Completing invasive removal outside of the Olympia Conservation Area is currently not part of the District's permitted "take" through the FWS. Once the Habitat Conservation Plan is complete, the District will be able to pursue invasive removal in extended sandhill habitat areas outside of the conservation area.

#### **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY (IPMP)**

In 2020 the Board of Director's approved the <u>District's IPMP</u>. The policy's purpose is to define the intent and procedures of future usage of pesticides, herbicides, and rodenticides on District properties. In 2021 the Committee and BOD will be asked to review the District's complete list of hazardous products, establish guidelines for pest control, and review of any usage of herbicide on District property.

#### WATER RIGHTS & PETITIONS

The District is currently pursuing two water right petitions through the State Water Resources Control Board.

#### URBAN WATER MANGEMENT PLAN (UWMP)

The UWMP is a public planning document required of urban water suppliers every five years to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water demands.

The Board of Directors approved the District Manager to execute a joint contract with Water Systems Consulting (WSC) in November 2020. Staff began providing data to WSC after the project's kick-off in December 2020. Drafts of the plan's sections throughout the project will be brought to the Board of Directors or the Environmental Committee.

#### CZU FIRE RESTORATION

During the 2020 CZU Lightning Fire Complex the District lost infrastructure in its northern reaches. In the coming year environmental permitting will need to be completed on projects as restoration for infrastructure begins. Decisions on management of burned watershed land will also be brought to the Committee for consideration.

In February 2021 the Environmental Planner and the District's forester will be working to submit the Timber Tax filings for all tree work completed in 2020.

More related CZU projects updates to be expected throughout 2021.

#### FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Prior to the CZU fires staff were working to prepare a Fire Management Plan through partnership with Panorama Environmental INC. The plan will improve mapping, road access for fire personnel, improve communications with Fire Prevention Agencies, and give direction on fire hardening/forest management.

The draft plan outline is complete and Panorama will be presenting at the BOD's February 18th, 2021 meeting. Once the plan is completed and approved, staff will begin implementation under the direction of the Board and Committee.

#### **GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- CAL OES Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Resiliency Allocation (up to \$500,000)
- California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) (70% cost share on planning documents/90% cost share on implementation)
- Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)
  - 2019 Water Master Plan
  - Outreach
  - Meter change out (pending)
- Currently advertising <u>Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consulting grant writer</u> Please share!

#### **CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT**

<u>Fall Creek Fish Ladder Project</u> CEQA: Notice of Exemption - Complete

CDFW 1600 permit - Complete

Central Coast Water Quality Control Board's Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification - Complete

*County Riparian Exception Application* – submitted (estimated completion date February 2021)

NFMS/Army Core of Engineers – pending receipt and approval of Biological Opinion

Construction planned for April 2021 if all permits received and NOE excepted.

#### Lyon Treatment Plan Access Road Slide (FEMA funded)

Initial feasibility study complete. District & Rincon (consultant) would like to revisit alternative designs after the fire. Rincon plans to involve permitting agencies throughout process to select the best design for repair.

Swim Tanks Replacement (Redwood Park Tank) CEQA analysis complete. Construction in 2021.

#### 5 Pipeline Project

Construction started for California & Hillside. Quail Hollow pipeline IS-MND to be approved at the February 4<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting with construction in 2021.

#### Blair & Brookdale Tank Recoating

District to decide if consultant needed to complete CEQA analysis & other permitting as needed. Awaiting operations decisions on projects.

#### **Probation Tank**

Construction completed in 2020. Restoration implementation began in June 2020. Jodi McGraw submitted the annual restoration report to FWS on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

#### Lompico Tanks

Permitting completed in 2019. Construction in process. Currently ecologists on site to monitor restoration. Restoration plan and annual report submitted to FWS on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

<u>Felton Heights Tank</u> Awaiting operational direction

<u>Blue Ridge Tank</u> Awaiting operational direction

#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH - CHATTERBOX PR**

Chatterbox is working with staff on outreach through daily updates, distributing information to press, social media sites, and print sources.

In 2020 the District had the following stats for its social media pages:

Aggregate data pulled from Facebook, Twitter and Instagram between 1/1/20-11/18/20



#### 2021 Overview and Prioritization

Examples of January Outreach as of 1/12/2021: Annual 2019/2020 review mailer (District wide) (grant funded) New Board of Directors information District Facts, Answers, Questions (FAQ) Water Quality & CZU Fire Probation Tank (storage/CIP post) Community Tap for DND/DNB areas Emergency main line repair How to participate in a public meeting UC Berkeley Research Newsletter sign-up 811 – "call before you dig"

#### Upcoming:

- Zayante surplus watershed land
- Drought stage determination
- Balance Hydrologics operational & ecological gauging 21/22
- PG&E Conservation Easement
- Felton Library/Kirby beautification project
- Solar panel maintenance
- GHG/Carbon Inventory
- Watershed education
- AmeriCorps co-sponsorship