



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF GOLETA CREEK AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

Purpose of the Project

The City of Goleta's General Plan Conservation Element Implementation Action CE-IA-3 requires a citywide Creek and Watershed Management Plan be prepared to provide detailed standards of acceptable practices for protecting the ecological function, water quality, and drainage and flood control function of Goleta's creeks and watersheds.

Purpose of the Technical Advisory Committee

The purpose of this Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is to advise and make recommendations to the City of Goleta Staff on the technical aspects of the Creek and Watershed Management Plan development. The TAC is not a formal decision-making body, but the City recognizes the importance of the TAC. The TAC will serve as technical consultants throughout the CWMP process and carefully review and discuss the CWMP as it is developed. As technical experts in a variety of disciplines related to creeks and riparian habitats, TAC members can provide guidance and additional insights into the quality and practicality of the document contents as they are developed. The meetings will also provide an additional forum for public input and greater participation from the community in the CWMP development process.

Opportunities and Challenges

The opportunities for the TAC include supporting implementation of the CWMP, generating a baseline understanding of the condition of City creeks and watersheds, identifying issue areas, and coordinating on potential solutions. Challenges for TAC members include the constraints of existing land use and development, limitations of access to funding opportunities and other resources, applicable governmental regulations, and competing interests for the waterways.

Appointments

The TAC is formed through appointments. All members of the TAC were appointed through a process, which included invitation and confirmation to the TAC. The City sought a diversity of perspectives in the selection of TAC members to ensure the process captured a variety of expertise and perspectives.

Composition of the TAC

The TAC membership comprises the following entities:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- California State Coastal Conservancy

- City of Santa Barbara
- Environmental Defense Center
- Los Padres National Forest
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Santa Barbara Audubon Society
- Santa Barbara Channelkeeper
- Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- South Coast Habitat Restoration
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- University of California at Santa Barbara, Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration
- Urban Creeks Council

Meetings

Meetings will be convened on a quarterly basis at Goleta City Hall. Additional meetings may be scheduled if deemed necessary by City staff and the TAC.

Roles and Responsibilities

The meetings will be facilitated by a member of City Staff or a Consultant for the City of Goleta. TAC members are responsible for attending meetings and providing comments and recommendations on items agendaized for the specific meeting. Action items will be summarized at the end of each meeting and meeting notes will be prepared by the City and/or its Consultants after each meeting and submitted to the TAC via email.

The Project Charter must be approved by the City and the members of the Technical Advisory Committee.