



Marsh Creek Watershed Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2026

4:00pm- 5:30pm

Start Time: 4:01pm

Attendees: David Sondergeld (MCWC Board Chair), Ivette Rivero (CCRCD), Zoë Fung (CCRCD), Amber Milano (CCAC Fellow), Kristin Tam (CCAC Fellow), Miranda Shuba (CCAC Fellow), Ryan Schultz (CCAC Fellow), Paul Lindeman, Chris Lim (CCRCD), Larry Leong (CCCFCF), Christina, Brant Wilson (City of Brentwood), Mina Boozarpour (Earth Team)

Agenda Item: Introductions/Announcements

- Ivette opened up the meeting with a round of introductions. She then transitioned into sharing a few announcements. She highlighted a recent creek cleanup event at Upper Sand Creek Basin where 18 people attended and together picked up 112 lbs of trash from the creek. It was also noted that the group found a few dead animals in the creek, including a beaver which was reported to CWP. Ivette also shared an update on the Oakley Day of Service creek cleanup which involved over 50 participants collecting over 200 pounds of trash along a stretch of Marsh Creek from Cypress Road to Delta Road. Paul noted that there was a section of the creek near Cypress Road that had a lot of trash and would potentially be a good spot for someone to adopt.
- David shared an update on the virtual creek cleanup he hosts in the upper watershed and mentioned that 15 people joined in this year. He also noted an increase in beer cans found during cleanups.
- Amber shared details on their upcoming Fire Mitigation Meeting & Fire Education Garden Planting Event on May 9th from 10am-3pm. The event will include presentations from Zoë Fung and Joe Boyden to discuss wildfire preparedness and Michelle Rinehart to discuss Measure X. There will also be a fire demonstration garden planting at the Laurel Court Community Garden afterwards.

Agenda Item: Approve Meeting Minutes

- [012726_MCWC Meeting Minutes](#)
- [022426_MCWC Meeting Minutes](#)
- Ivette transitioned the meeting to discuss board business. David motioned to approve past meeting minutes. Paul seconded. Ivette will work to add the meeting minutes to the MCWC webpage along with recent photos of events and workdays.

Agenda Item: Presentation by Zoë Fung: Marsh Creek Fire Resilience Project

- Ivette introduced Zoë Fung, Wildfire Conservation Coordinator with the CCRCD, who will be giving a presentation on an upcoming fire resilience project in Marsh Creek.
- Zoë began by sharing that the East Contra Costa Fire Restoration Project (ECCFRP) will span 16,000 acres across four major public landowners, including Contra Costa Water District, Contra Costa Flood Control District, East Bay Regional Park District, and California State Parks. The project is part of CAL FIRE's California Vegetation

Treatment Program (CalVTP) which helps streamline CEQA permitting for wildfire resilience projects. Zoë explained that the project focuses on ecological restoration and fuel reduction efforts, with implementation planned for approximately 950 acres using prescribed burning. The project aims to reduce wildfire risk while promoting ecological benefits through controlled burns beginning in spring 2027, followed by bi-annual burns over the next three years (six total burn windows). The project team is currently working on completing the Project Specific Analysis (PSA) by June 2026. Following completion of the PSA, they will begin to identify potential burn plots and develop the burn plan. The first prescribed burn is currently scheduled for May-June 2027, with a second burn anticipated in Fall 2027. Zoë shared that the burn plan will be written by a California Certified Burn Boss, with burn permits and smoke management plans requiring approval from CAL FIRE and BAAQMD respectively. Formal notifications regarding burn windows and anticipated smoke impacts will be distributed by CCRCD, CAL FIRE, and ConFire prior to implementation. Additional goals of the ECCFRP include invasive species control (such as yellow star thistle and barbed goat grass), habitat enhancement, and providing opportunities for local fire departments and land managers to train in prescribed fire practices.

Agenda Item: Review MCWC Plan

- The group then transitioned to reviewing the MCWC Action Plan. Ivette shared updates on the signage committee project and provided an overview of the committee's goals to increase signage throughout the watershed. Proposed signage types include educational, historical, and regulatory/reporting signage related to issues such as illegal dumping and poaching. Ivette explained that the first step of the project will be conducting a signage inventory throughout the watershed. She shared that CCRCD's four CCAC Fellows will help begin gathering signage data in the coming weeks. The inventory will document existing signage locations, identify damaged or missing signs, note which agencies manage each sign, and help identify gaps where additional signage may be needed.
- David added that he also plans to document signage along the upper watershed through a bike inventory and welcomed others interested in joining him. Ivette will coordinate with the Fellows to begin recording signage data over the next few weeks.
- Paul then shared updates on the proposed Adopt-a-Creek program. David added that the Council would like to move forward with scheduling meetings with the FCD and EBRPD to gather feedback on the Council's proposed program structure, guidelines, permitting considerations, and creek access. Ivette will work on coordinating those meetings and inviting the Board. She also shared that she plans to draft a slideshow presentation highlighting the proposed program and key discussion points.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting(s)

- Ivette concluded the meeting by announcing that the next MCWC meeting will be held virtually on May 26th. Earth Team will be attending to present updates on their Three Creeks Parkway Water Quality Monitoring Project and share key findings and observations from their work.

Adjourn: 5:19pm

The mission of the Marsh Creek Watershed Council is to connect and inspire people and communities to collaborate, organize, and facilitate stewardship of a healthy, thriving watershed.

Learn more about the Marsh Creek Watershed Council at this link:

<https://www.ccrd.org/marsh-creek-watershed-council>.

For questions regarding the MCWC or to suggest agenda items, please email Ivette Rivero at irivero@ccrd.org.