

Alhambra Watershed Council (AWC) Meeting
June 21, 2023
6:30-8:00pm

Decision Meeting Minutes:

City of Martinez Engineers Updates:

- Lower Alhambra Creek Watershed Management Plan (LACWMP) is a “living document”.
 - Things will need to be reviewed as the years progress including the frequency of meetings with the AWC.
 - More training sessions with City staff.
 - Is this in the City budget?
 - Some ongoing maintenance for the creek is included in City Budget.
 - Previously appealed to the City Council seeking some level support from Measure X (General Fund Augmentation), who was generally supportive but could not commit for future councils.
 - Currently working with the County to get the stream gauge installed (funded program).
- Upstream from the Lower Alhambra Creek, is the washout that produced a lot of the siltation at the extension of Haven St., replanted willow poles there.
 - They seem to be doing well so far.
 - 5-year monitoring requirement, so LSA will continue to monitor the willows.
- Trimming
 - Tree between Ward and Main needs to be addressed
- Is the City starting the desilting project this year?
 - Permitting will take at least a year, so probably not this year
 - Planning process should start pretty quickly to start project in 2024
 - In the early fall, expect to connect to discuss the planning/permitting process for the desilting [**Check in for the September Council Meeting**]
 - Primarily looking at the vegetation plan

Discussion Item: Lower Alhambra Creek Watershed Management Plan (LACWMP) ([Link](#))

- AWC Guide to the LACWMP ([Link](#))
 - Doug will draft a timeline section into this document.
 - Victoria will draft a definitions/terms section into this document.
 - AWC will add a section on the role of AWC/FoAC moving forward after working this out further with the City.
- LACWMP Restoration Plan (requested by Riley)
 - Mitch and Victoria are still working on getting clarification on what Riley is looking for.

Discussion Item: Meeting Schedule

- The first Tuesday in July is July 4th.

- Due to the holiday and the fact that July is 1.5 weeks from this meeting, the group has decided to cancel their July meeting and meet in August instead. AWC does not typically meet in August.
- The first Tuesday in August is August 1st. There is an event happening in Martinez on this date, thus AWC will meet on the **Second Tuesday in August at the typical time (August 8th at 6:30pm).**
- The September meeting (September 5th) will be a joint meeting between AWC and the Friends of Alhambra Creek (FoAC) to discuss the [Thriving Earth Exchange](#) Community Science Program and potential projects in the Alhambra Creek Watershed.