



City of Santa Barbara
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 17, 2021

TO: Creeks Restoration/Water Quality Improvement Program
Citizen Advisory Committee

FROM: Cameron Benson, Creeks Restoration/Clean Water Manager

SUBJECT: **2021 SUBCOMMITTEES**

COMMITTEE DIRECTION – FOR ACTION

The purpose of this item is for the Committee to review the existing subcommittees, identify the need for and interest in subcommittees for 2021, and for the Chair to appoint new and/or continuing members to those subcommittees. Staff recommends that the Committee maintain the Budget Subcommittee and “ad hoc” Education and Outreach Subcommittee for 2021.

DISCUSSION

Since its creation, the Creeks Advisory Committee has formed subcommittees to assist with the development of specific water quality improvement, education, and creek restoration projects and programs. With the exception of the Budget Subcommittee, the subcommittees are considered “ad hoc” because they are formed for a specific purpose and have a specific outcome and duration. Each year, Creeks Division staff and the Committee identify and determine the purpose of the subcommittee’s work for the year. The Budget Subcommittee is considered a “standing” subcommittee because it continues to exist from year to year. The Budget Subcommittee generally meets twice a year to review the proposed budget prior to Committee recommendations and City Council action.

Subcommittees provide Committee members with specific expertise or interests an opportunity to become more familiar and provide assistance with Creeks Division projects and programs. Participation in a subcommittee may require additional meetings during the work week. Each subcommittee meets with specific Creeks Division staff and meetings are held in public venues. Subcommittee membership cannot exceed three Committee members due to the Brown Act.

2021 Subcommittees and Members

Budget: The purpose of the Budget Subcommittee is to review and discuss the annual Creeks Division budget proposal prior to Committee consideration and recommendations to the City Council. This subcommittee currently meets two to three times per year. This subcommittee could also meet at mid-year if new budget appropriations are proposed. As a standing committee, meetings of this subcommittee are noticed in accordance with the Brown Act.

2020 Subcommittee Members: Lori Gaskin, Penny Owens, Lee Moldaver.

Staff: Cameron Benson

Education and Outreach "ad hoc": The purpose of the Education and Outreach Subcommittee is to guide the development of an updated Public Education Plan.

2020 "ad hoc" Subcommittee Members: Penny Owens, Betsy Weber, Sofia Silva.

Staff: Liz Smith

cc: Jill E. Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director