

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC) Notes – January 4, 2005

Chair – Anjanette Martin

Vice Chair – Stacy Cepello

The Vice Chair opened the meeting with self-introductions. The following were in attendance: Beverly Anderson-Abbs, Bruce Ross, Stacy Cepello, Jeff Sutton, Carol Wright, John Merz, Gregg Werner, Caroline Prose, Henry Lomelli, Greg Golet, Dan Efseaff, Michelle Stevens, Shirley Lewis, Tom Varga, Marc Faye, Les Heringer, Vickie Newlin, Kim Davis, Don Anderson, Ernie Ohlin, Mary Keller, Mark Buckley, Adam Henderson, Burt Bundy and Ellen Gentry.

### **Announcements**

Beverly Anderson-Abbs was introduced as the new SRCAF Resource Conservation Assistant and is taking on the Project Tracker, [www.srcafprojectracker.org](http://www.srcafprojectracker.org), update. Beverly can be contacted at: [banderso@water.ca.gov](mailto:banderso@water.ca.gov) or 528-7414.

John Merz announced the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow Goose Festival will be held January 28-30. Activities include a banquet and silent auction at Sierra Nevada Brewery Saturday, featuring guest speaker Robert McLandress, PH.D., President of the California Waterfowl Association; with field trips throughout the North Valley, complimented by a series of presentations and workshops. If you are interested in sponsoring or attending, contact [www.snowgoosefestival.org](http://www.snowgoosefestival.org) for more information.

Michelle Stevens reported on an Ethnobotany class that will also be held the weekend of January 28-30, in Chico, working with fiber, beads, and basket weaving.

Gregg Werner reported Colusa Subreach Planning held its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and has begun looking at specific sites. They are also initiating a telephone survey of landowners within the area. They expect to send out their first newsletter soon, hold a public meeting in February, and have their first workshop on restoration sites in March/April. It is a 2 ½ year process with a baseline analysis for eight sites. If you are interested in being notified about these meeting, let Ellen know.

### **Activities Reports**

*Tisdale Weir* – Mary Keller, Sutter County Public Works, reported the parking pad and ramp are being considered for replacement. The study is currently 60% complete. They would like to be on the next agenda to provide an update. A new, wider bridge over the Tisdale Weir is being planned as a two-year project by DWR and should also be reviewed by the TAC.

*River Partners* – Dan gave the new web address for Draft Pumping Plant Protection FS: [http://riverpartners.org/riparian/documents/Draft\\_Feasibility\\_Report\\_Llano\\_Seco\\_12-15-04\\_w\\_appendices.pdf](http://riverpartners.org/riparian/documents/Draft_Feasibility_Report_Llano_Seco_12-15-04_w_appendices.pdf) (or go to: [www.riverpartners.org/riparian/documents/RS-040428-Public\\_Meeting\\_Summary.pdf](http://www.riverpartners.org/riparian/documents/RS-040428-Public_Meeting_Summary.pdf)). Send comments (by 2/15/05) to [defseaff@riverpartners.org](mailto:defseaff@riverpartners.org). He will give a summary at the next meeting.

*CBDA* – Vickie Newlin, Sacramento Valley CBDA Coordinator, announced that the Bay Delta Authority has changed their way of handling BDPAC meetings. On an interim basis, both groups will be meeting jointly the second Wednesday and Thursday of even months at 1:00pm (Feb 9 & 10).

### **Current Projects/Updates**

*Hamilton City* – The project was included in the 2004 WRDA and approved by the Senate, but not by Congress for 2004. The proponents are confident WRDA will pass in 2005 and are working with CALFED for a state match. The COE Chief Engineer's Report was signed and will allow

continued preliminary design for the Hamilton City Project for 2005. Lack of federal authorization may affect state-side funding. Glenn County and local groups are continuing discussions on the formation of a levee district.

Woodson Bridge - John Merz asked about work to develop a trade off for property that would be suitable for mitigation. There is consensus from an interagency working group that the rock removal above Kopta Slough is appropriate for mitigation. Stacy Cepello commented that the proposal is being discussed with F&W and F&G. Ernie Ohlin noted that Tehama County was supportive of a dual purpose (rock removal/placement) project.

### **New Projects or Proposal Reviews**

ERP Monitoring- CALFED is still in the process of reviewing submitted PSPs. There will be a 30-day public comment period on accepted projects which will become public documents on their website. John Merz requested that the list be emailed when received. Dan Efseaff reported on the River Partner's proposal for CALFED Science program, led by Dr. Tom Griggs, of the 1978 MBK Engineer's Report: "The Effects of Riparian Vegetation on Flood Flow Hydraulics" that looks at a series of sites on the river for stability and at criteria with an overall approach to applicable restoration. Stacy added he is working with a group out of Canada who are putting together project indicators and effects to actual changes in fish numbers. He will keep us informed.

Colusa Boat Ramp Study - Bruce Ross, DWR, gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the replacement of the Colusa Park boat ramp. Koll Buer, retired DWR, provided the preliminary investigation including the Colusa State Park area. The river has migrated away from the existing ramp. The water source for Robert's Ditch also comes from the existing ramp area with a portable fish screen further up the channel. In looking at river geomorphology, including river meander, public land ownership, levy location, and existing riprap, it was determined that the best location was on the levee near the mouth of the current boat ramp access.

### **Cross Boundary Issues**

Mark Buckley, UCSC, gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Socially Strategic Restoration – Survey Data and Decision Models for the Sacramento River Conservation Area." His conclusions: 1) Strategic approach can improve restoration success when landowners have recourse, 2) interactions among farmers can matter, 3) proactive strategic decision making is more beneficial to all than reactive strategic decision making, 4) cooperative outcomes are most efficient, although they require institution building and possibly value transfers, 5) geographical and property level considerations can be useful, and 6) extensive case level information is necessary. Contact Mark at [mbuckley@ucsc.edu](mailto:mbuckley@ucsc.edu) for more information, or Stacy for a copy of the PowerPoint.

### **Next Meeting Date and Location**

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, February 1, 9:30am, at Willows City Hall.