

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting (TAC) Notes – August 1, 2006

Chair - Ajay Singh

Acting Vice Chair – Beverley Anderson-Abbs

TAC Chair Ajay Singh opened the meeting with self introductions. The following were in attendance: Gregg Werner, Tom McCubbins, John Merz, Bruce Ross, Dan Efseaff, Tricia Bratcher, Jeff Sutton, Roxanne Yonn, Ernie Ohlin, Burt Bundy, and Ellen Gentry.

Announcements

Stacy Cepello has taken a new position in the Oroville Field Division on FERC license implementation efforts. Beverley Anderson-Abbs will temporarily serve as the TAC's Acting Vice Chair until the SRCAF Board replaces that position.

The Sacramento River Preservation Trust announced a celebration of the Trust's 22nd anniversary. They will be having a Members and Friends Picnic on Saturday, August 12, at Tehama County River Park at Woodson Bridge. Festivities will begin at 8AM and include a jet boat tour, a tour of nearby riparian habitat and related restoration sites, an interpretive hike, a catered BBQ lunch, displays, items for sale, and other low-impact activities.

Activity Reports

Roxanne Yonn, Manager, URS Corp. Public Affairs, is the consultant to DWR for the 2006 Emergency Levee Repairs Project. Roxanne gave a PowerPoint presentation and distributed a packet on the 29 identified critical erosion sites being repaired in Colusa, Sacramento, Solano, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties. Repairs are expected to be completed by November 2006 and cost approximately \$150 million. For more information email leveerepair@water.ca.gov or go to www.levees.water.ca.gov. You can also go to www.water.ca.gov for water conditions.

Colusa Subreach Planning will be holding their 2nd Recreation Public Input Meeting tomorrow at 6:30PM, at Colusa Industrial Properties, to direct the development of two recreation plans for public properties in the Colusa Subreach. EDAW was chosen by the Advisory Workgroup to develop a master plan for the Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area and a plan for public access and use of the 1200+ acres of public land in the Colusa Subreach. The City of Colusa has also filed for a new boat ramp - a project which has been requested to come before the TAC for review. Integration of the boat ramp with camping, hiking trails, mitigation for campground expansion, and other activities will be included in the conceptual plan for discussion at tomorrow's meeting. Interim results are expected in the fall. The final master plan will be used by State Parks and the local community as a guide for detailed planning. The next Public Input Meeting will be scheduled for October.

Family Water Alliance (FWA) received funding from Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) for a cooperative project between FWA and Reclamation Districts 307/999 to construct a retrievable, self-cleaning fish screen at the Sacramento River water intake one mile north of Clarksburg within Yolo County. The proposed project is consistent with the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Anadromous Fish Screen Program. The project, from Proposition 40 funds being administered by the WCB, is proposed to benefit threatened and endangered fish species by screening a 42" district water intake siphon carrying 70-100 cfs. The diverted water supplies both of

these Reclamation Districts, including 33 farms on approximately 25,000 farmable acres. Total cost for this project is approximately \$636,784 with contributions from WCB, CVPIA and Reclamation Districts.

Current Projects/Updates

Hamilton City (RM199) – The flood control project and habitat restoration has been combined and will upgrade the level of protection for Hamilton City and farmers in the area. Authorization of the project is in both the House and Senate versions of WRDA, and is anticipated to be passed this fall. Funding is in the core budget for engineering and development; funding is in this year's budget for surveys and core borings. Contacts and communications with local landowners are being done now through SRCAF. Swainson Hawk and VELB surveys have been completed and foundation borings will be started by mid-August. Soil sampling will take place where restoration is planned. There will be an assessment for maintenance of a new levee. The estimated cost for the project is \$60 million. Construction is targeted for 2008. A workgroup meeting is targeted for September.

New Projects or Proposal Review

Shasta Ranch Mining and Reclamation Plan Project (RM 279) – is a request for approval for a Use Permit and Reclamation Plan to mine alluvial sand and gravel near the Sacramento River (2.5 miles SE of Anderson) in Shasta County. The project site encompasses 947 acres, of which 268 acres will be mined for aggregate material. The draft EIR is available for review and comment until August 31 at: <http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/Departments/Resourcegmt/drm/index.htm> Written comments are encouraged at: Shasta County Dept. of Resource Mgmt., Planning Div., 1855 Placer St., Ste. 103, Redding, CA 96001, ATTN: Bill Walker, Senior Planner.

Working Landscapes – An indication of possible funding has been given with a reduction in the budget request. The public comment period for the grant is extended until August 18. All submitted proposals and selection panel comments may be reviewed using the following link: http://www.delta.dfg.ca.gov/erp/grants_opportunities.asp The PSP can be reviewed at <http://www.sacramentoriver.ca.gov/publications/2005-PSPS/LandIncent.pdf> A PowerPoint was presented regarding the grant, including landowner incentives to encourage riparian restoration and natural river processes on working landscapes, developing a programmatic safe harbor program for incidental take of endangered species, assisting landowners in accessing incentive programs to encourage conservation, and the SRCAF Work Schedule.

Cross Boundary Issues Sub-Committee Update

TAC Chair Ajay Singh will give the Cross Boundary Issues Update at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date and Location

The next TAC meeting was set for September 12. Dan Efseaff offered to give a safe harbor presentation at that time. The next CSP Advisory Workgroup Meeting is set for September 11.