

**Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Board of Directors Meeting
Summary**

December 9, 2010
3:00pm

Willows City Hall
Willows, CA

Chair Brendon Flynn called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., followed by self-introductions. It was determined there was a quorum of voting members present (underlined). Names listed in parentheses represent absences.

<u>County</u>	<u>Public Interest</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Agency (non-voting)</u>
Butte	<u>Steve Lambert</u>	<u>Shirley Lewis</u>	
Colusa	<u>Gary Evans</u>	<u>Walt Seaver</u>	
Glenn	Vacant	Vacant	
Shasta	<u>Glenn Hawes</u>	<u>Dan Gover</u>	
Sutter	<u>James Gallagher</u>	(Brian Fedora)	
Tehama	<u>Ron Warner</u>	<u>Brendon Flynn</u>	
Yolo	<u>Lynnel Pollock</u>	<u>Marc Faye</u>	
Resources Agency	<u>Jim McKevitt</u>		

DWR			Curtis Anderson
DFG			Sandy Morey
Central Valley Flood Control Board			(Lady Bug Doherty)
USFWS			Jan Knight
USACE			Mike Dietl
Bureau of Reclamation			(Buford Holt)

SRCAF: Manager Jane Dolan, Resource Conservation Assistant Rob Irwin and Administrative Assistant Ellen Gentry.

Other identified attendees: Tom McCubbins, TCRCD; John Merz, SRPT; Les Heringer, Alternate for Shirley Lewis, M&T/Llano Seco Ranch; Leonard Moty, Alternate for Glenn Hawes; Tom Parker, Colusa County Counsel.

1. Unscheduled Matters

There were no unscheduled matters.

2. Consent Calendar

Lynnel Pollock moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Ron Warner. Jim McKevitt amended the September 16 notes, page three, second paragraph, following the third sentence, to read: "Jim questioned what others thought was the implication of declaring M&T Pumping Plant and City of Chico Outfall facilities a hard point, and if that means we're locking it into an on-site alternative, even if the off-site alternative proved to be the more practicable alternative. The response was no, it does not lock it into an on-site alternative." Jim also amended page 3, fourth paragraph, last sentence, to read, "Jim noted that the environmental review must include determining the best alternative for protection." Motion carried as amended.

3. Report of Executive Committee of Selection of Manager

Brendon reviewed the selection process followed by the SRCAF Hiring Committee. The candidate selected was then approved by the Executive Committee. The SRCAF Manager position was extended to and accepted by Jane Dolan. Jane began working October 18 at 60% until her term as Butte County Supervisor ends in December. A Special Board meeting (closed) was held November 10 to discuss the decision. The Hiring Committee, with the approval of the Executive Committee, approved Jane Dolan as the SRCAF Manager/Executive Director.

4. Board Member Reports

Lynnel Pollock reported on the Bay Delta Plan. The Fremont weir is to be notched to increase flows. As a Forum, she recommended taking this under consideration as it moves forward. Yolo County is opposed to the plan as written.

Curtis Anderson reported DWR Deputy Director, Jerry Johns is retiring from 38 years of State service. Dale Hoffman-Floerke has been appointed as the acting Deputy Director of Delta and Statewide Water Management, and Stein Buer as the acting Deputy Director of Integrated Water Management.

5. Bylaws amendment to conform to AB1223 (chaptered Jan. 2010)

It was moved by Glenn Hawes, seconded by Jim McKeivitt, that the term “ex-officio” will be replaced by “non-voting” for agency representatives on the SRCAF Board. All references in the Bylaws will be amended. Final copies will be submitted to the Board.

6. Manager Report

Jane Dolan reported letters to have been sent to the County Board of Supervisors to advise that appointments need to be made for terms ending December 31, 2010. Also, D&O Insurance is being secured for the Board through Great American. A Staff Report was made available regarding coordination, information and outreach activities. The staff office location and remodel has been finalized. Third quarter financial reports for the Working Landscapes and Directed Action grants are distributed in Board folders. Grants were scheduled to end March 31, 2011, but Jane has completed the request for a time extension through December 2011. Approval is expected. Extension beyond 2011 could be explored as needed.

Brendon Flynn sent a letter on behalf of the SRCAF Board regarding the approval of a motion designating as a Hard Point the facilities located at RM192.5: M&T/Llano Seco Ranches Pumping Plant, the City of Chico Water Pollution Control Plant Outfall and Diffuser installed in 1961 and the City of Chico Water Pollution Control Plant Outfall and Diffuser installed in 2010. Discussions with principals to develop strategy to move forward are being held. A copy of the letter was provided in Board folders.

Jane met with DFG and USFWS to explore the Safe Harbor Agreement in order to create flexibility and locate and fund legal assistance for the Board to receive a legal review of this agreement. Jane will investigate who might be available and bring back proposals to obtain legal assistance; however, funding is needed to engage counsel. Jane is planning to hold discussions with various county RCDs to gauge interest in participation. She is hoping to meet with county representatives to create an acceptable program. It is not a requirement that SRCAF implement a SHA, but work toward activities that are acceptable and productive for landowners.

Having served on the Financial Capacity Committee, John Merz asked about Committee discussions regarding public/private financial support. Jim reported the Committee met last September and that several members are gathering information. Staff will bring information forward.

7. Board meeting schedule for 2011

It is unlikely there will be a Board meeting in January. Staff will survey Board members to determine the 2011 Board meeting schedule, and time is needed to include new county appointments made in January.

8. Technical Advisory Committee Report

Rob Irwin gave an overview on TAC activities. At the October 5 TAC, Michael Rogner, River Partners, introduced the Battle Creek Wildlife Area (Tompkins Parcel) Riparian Restoration project; Mary Marshall, USBR, gave a project update on the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration; and Debbie Spangler, DWR, gave a project update on the CA Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM). December 6 the TAC heard a project update from Michael Rogner, River Partners, on the Willow Bend Restoration, wherein the Central Valley Flood Control Board staff denied an encroachment permit application in early December; an overview of the Redding Island project by Mike Berry, DFG; and a program overview on the Flood Protection Corridor Program by Earl Nelson, DWR.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence was provided in Board folders, including: a letter of resignation from Leigh McDaniel and Don Anderson as the Glenn County representatives to the SRCAF Board; a letter from the Glenn County Board of Supervisors withdrawing Glenn County from the SRCAF; and a letter from the Butte County Farm Bureau in support of the hiring of Jane Dolan.

10. Adjourn to Closed Session for personnel matters

The public portion of the meeting adjourned at 4:00, for a closed session meeting to discuss personnel. At the conclusion, Chairman Brendon Flynn reported that a motion, to ratify the hiring of Jane Dolan as the Manager/Executive Director of the SRCAF, passed by a majority vote.

11. Reconvene.

After the conclusion of the closed session held to discuss personnel, Chairman Brendon Flynn reported that a motion to ratify the hiring of Jane Dolan as the Manager/Executive Director was passed by a majority vote.

12. Adjourn