

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

April 26, 2012
3:00pm

Willows City Hall
Willows, CA

Vice Chair Lynnel Pollock called the meeting to order at 3:00PM. Names underlined indicate present; names in parentheses represent absences. Self-introductions were made.

<u>County</u>	<u>Public Interest</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Agency (non-voting)</u>
Butte	<u>Steve Lambert</u>	<u>John Nock</u>	
Colusa	Vacant	Vacant	
Glenn	Vacant	Vacant	
Shasta	<u>Glenn Hawes</u>	Vacant	
Sutter	<u>James Gallagher</u>	<u>Brian Fedora</u>	
Tehama	<u>Ron Warner</u>	(Brendon Flynn)	
Yolo	<u>Lynnel Pollock</u>	<u>Marc Faye</u>	
Resources Agency	<u>Jim McKeivitt</u>		
DWR			<u>Aric Lester</u>
DFG			<u>Sandy Morey</u>
Central Valley Flood Control Board			(Emma Suarez)
USFWS			(Jan Knight)
USACE			(Mark Cowan)
Bureau of Reclamation			(Don Reck)
Bureau of Land Management			(Mike Pool)
US Forest Service			(Eduardo Olmedo)
Dept. of Parks and Recreation			(Mike Fehling)
SRCAF: Manager Jane Dolan, Resource Conservation Assistant Rob Irwin and Administrative Assistant Ellen Gentry.			

Other attendees: Walt Seaver, Colusa Indian Community Council; Bill Menke, Glenn Colusa Irrigation District; Denise Rist, State Dept. of Parks and Recreation.

1. Announcements

Status of Board: There are ten voting members of the Board. Dan Gover, Shasta County Landowner Representative, has moved and therefore resigned from the Board. The county then appointed Richard Gover as the landowner representative, but because of previous commitments he has been unable to immediately accept. This position is vacant at present. Walt Seaver, Board Chair selected for 2012, stepped down from the Board and this position because Colusa County Board of Supervisors voted not to participate. Walt was thanked for his dedicated service to the SRCAF and was encouraged to remain engaged, which he indicated he wished to do.

Recognition of Ron Warner: Vice Chair Lynnel Pollock presented a framed photograph of the Tehama Water Tower to Ron Warner, in appreciation of his work while serving as the 2011 Board Chair.

2. Meeting Notes

Marc Faye moved, seconded by Ron Warner, to accept the December 15, 2011 meeting notes. Motion carried.

Glenn Hawes moved, seconded by Ron Warner, to accept the February 23, 2012 meeting notes. Jim McKeivitt and Marc Faye abstained. Motion carried.

3. Bylaws Revision

Jane Dolan noted that this agenda item had been revised. The proposed bylaws revision before the Board are proposed changes to style and format, the addition of article and section titles, section numbering, pagination

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and spacing, addition of wording to clarify practices regarding conducting Executive Session and delegating duties to staff, the addition of a table of contents and an appendix for information of bylaws actions.

Glenn Hawes moved, seconded by Ron Warner, to adopt the resolution approving the revisions of the bylaws. Motion carried.

4. Confirmation of the 2012 Board Chair

As a result of the Colusa County Board of Supervisors decision to not participate, Colusa landowner Director Walt Seaver has had to step down from the board. Walt was elected 2012 Board Chair. Therefore the position of 2012 Board Chair is now vacant. The board can appoint a chair, or Vice Chair Lynnel Pollock can handle these duties. Lynnel preferred to remain as vice chair, but offered to serve as needed. The board acknowledged the desire and offer that both Colusa and Glenn counties participate. There was not an action to select a 2012 Board Chair; the Vice Chair will act in this position until a Board Chair is determined.

5. Strategic Plan Workshop

The Board previously agreed to hold a workshop to review and discuss updating the Strategic Plan, and to contact John Blacklock to provide facilitation for this process. Jane reported that a contract with John Blacklock has now been executed. Possible dates in June were suggested as available dates. Jane will further poll the board to finalize the exact date and will work with John Blacklock on location and workshop logistics. A report of the workshop will be on the June agenda.

6. Board Reports

Tehama County invited the group to the 100th anniversary of the Corning Fire Department. A parade is planned from 11-12:30 this Saturday. That same day an antique trailer show will be held at Woodson Bridge.

Shasta County reported Shasta Lake is almost full, and hopes the beautiful spring weather continues for a while.

Butte County reported M&T Ranch is working with DFG on an application of a Private Lands Management Program to provide for the take of deer and add habitat. Sandy Morey added that they have to meet requirements prior to the permit going before the Fish & Game Commission. The board authorized Jane to make contact, seek information and write a letter of support from the Forum.

Yolo County reported having attended a hearing in Woodland for the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP). Yolo County interests and many others are hoping for revisions to this Plan. DWR presented the Public Draft of the 2012 CVFPP and the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) began with the Draft Plan Presentation at the January 27 CVFPB meeting. The CVFPB has held four Public Hearings and there will be further meetings and workshops. The Plan is to be adopted by July 1, 2012 as required by state statute. For information on the hearing schedule and public and agency comments, visit the CVFPB website.

John Nock said the concern is with ag land conversion and the need to take additional land for expanded flood bypasses and additions of substantial habitat. He said it is in the purview of the Forum to express concern on those issues, to support riparian habitat done well on the river corridor. Tehama and Sutter counties have sent letters expressing concerns regarding the flood plan. Brian Fedora offered to give Lynnel a copy of the Sutter County letter. Sutter County asked if SRCAF can also write a letter as they have concerns that CVFPP is not conducive to agriculture. Since Jane is on the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, it was determined that Lynnel would write the letter on behalf of the Forum. The letter would express general concern, asking that future regional process fully take local input into consideration, but without taking a specific position on the plan itself. Marc Faye suggested the letter include dredging for waterways, which to date hasn't been considered. John Nock moved, seconded by Brian Fedora, to authorize and send a letter. Motion carried with one no vote; Jim McKeVitt was opposed to sending the letter without having seen it.

Sandy Morey reported the Fish and Game Commission adopted ocean and inland salmon fishing regulations for 2012 at its April meeting. Longer seasons and increased fishing opportunities are expected. Excellent ocean and inland salmon seasons lie ahead. On all central valley rivers, the daily possession limit is two Chinook salmon.

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The Sacramento River is open August 1 through December 16 from Deschutes Road Bridge (near Anderson) downstream to 500 feet upstream from Red Bluff Diversion Dam; open July 16 through December 16 from 150 feet below the Lower Red Bluff (Sycamore) boat ramp to Hwy 113 Bridge (near Knights Landing); and open July 16 through December 16 from Hwy 113 Bridge downstream to the Carquinez Bridge.

Aric Lester reported that DWR is working to define the CVFPP regional planning and the department is concerned with the process too. A preliminary Kopta Slough meeting held on April 12th was facilitated by Jane. This meeting was to get project partners together. The proposal is to complete the Feasibility Study and possibly see construction within two years, with funding from Prop 1E flood corridor. Aspects include mitigation, restoration, flood protection for facilities (bridges), as well as multiple objective projects. It is hoped there will be similar projects that consider multiple benefits. This is an example of what other projects can look like. Aric Lester reported that Oroville is within 20ft of full.

7. Manager's Report

The first quarter, Quarterly Fiscal Reports for the Directed Action and the Working Landscapes grants were distributed. These reports reflect the amended budget. Expenses are in line with the revisions and budget. The reports show totals and breakdowns of expenses by all nine tasks.

The Executive Committee is acting as a Budget Committee to work with Jane to seek funding opportunities. Jane is currently investigating possible state agencies interest in seeing implementation of a Voluntary Local Program (VLP), the state program with DFG; and a Programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement (PSHA), the federal program with USFWS. This would be implementation of the PSHA, according to the Administrative Policy adopted by the Board in December. Jane is working with DFG to incorporate into the agreement the aspects of the VLP.

The long-range solutions report for RM192.5 is still being written. A date of its completion and release is unknown. The CEQA/NEPA process, for a potential short-term need for two future gravel removals and time extension of the rock toe on the west bank, will likely begin this spring. If gravel removal is needed in 2012, it is unlikely the environmental process can be completed in time. The CEQA/NEPA process for both the long-term and the short-term alternatives will involve public meetings, outreach, hearings, comments, etc. Funding for these efforts is due to amendments of existing grants to allow a re-budgeting of funding.

Ron Warner asked about dredging in association with the Red Bluff Pump Station and Fish Screen and what was going to happen with that gravel. Aric Lester reported the dredging for the new pumping plant will primarily be in the forebay of the new pumping plant. Spoils from that dredging will be settled out in the three settling ponds that are currently on the other side of Red Bank Creek. Reclamation and TCCA have no intentions or need to dredge Red Bank Creek.

Landowners in Butte County and adjoining landowners of a State Parks/TNC project, to remove an orchard and provide habitat restoration at the Singh Unit, have raised concerns about and have written letters about allowing maintenance flood flows and questioning the grant. Jane reported cordial conversations with Michael Fehling regarding the Singh Unit and the Peterson Unit. Discussions are ongoing.

8. Correspondence

A list of items regarding correspondence and announcements is available to board members. Copies of each item are in a folder for review. Copies of any item are available upon request. Items include information regarding the Hamilton City Project, Agricultural Floodplain Management Alliance, Pine Creek Boat Ramp, Shasta Lake Water Resource Investigation, State of the Sacramento River Watershed Forum, watershed Management Workshops, etc.

9. Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for June 28, 3-5:00PM, at Willows City Hall.