

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

September 27, 2012  
3:00pm

Willows City Hall  
Willows, CA

Vice Chair Lynnel Pollock called the meeting to order at 3:00PM. Self-introductions were made. Board status was reported to be ten members at the present time, six present at the meeting and a quorum established. Names underlined indicate present; names 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>John Nock</u>	
Colusa	Vacant	Vacant	
Glenn	Vacant	Vacant	
Shasta	(Glenn Hawes)	Vacant	
Sutter	(Stan Cleveland)	(Brian Fedora)	
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>
CDFG			<u>Sandy Morey</u>
Central Valley Flood Control Board			(Emma Suarez)
USFWS			(Jan Knight)
USACE			<u>Mark Cowan</u>
Bureau of Reclamation			(Don Reck)
Bureau of Land Management			(Mike Pool)
US Forest Service			(Eduardo Olmedo)
CA Department of Parks and Recreation			(Mike Fehling)
SRCAF: Executive Director Jane Dolan, Administrative Assistant Ellen Gentry and Resource Conservation Assistant Rob Irwin.			

Other attendees: John Blacklock, Consultant; Chris Scheuring, Attorney at Law; Pat Kittle, interested party.

1. Announcements

Pat Kittle stated he was sorry to see that Colusa County was no longer involved in SRCAF, and hoped they would return to the board. Representing the recreation part of the Colusa subreach, Pat expressed his appreciation of the board's support, and looks forward to meeting with the group next year by giving an update on the park's completion.

2. Meeting Notes

Marc Faye moved, seconded by Ron Warner, to accept the June 28, 2012 meeting notes. Motion carried.

3. Next Board Meeting

Ron Warner moved, seconded by Jim McKeivitt to schedule the next board meeting for December 6. Motion carried. Ron Warner reported he will bring his 2013 replacement to the December meeting.

4. Receipt of Grant

The current funding ends sometime in October; an exact date depends on expenditures. Closeout requirements for the existing grant are being prepared. Prop. 1E funding has been secured for a new, three year grant. The granting agency is the division of the FloodSAFE Environmental Stewardship and Statewide Resources Office (FESSRO). The contract with CSUC Research Foundation will continue, as will the in-kind services provided by the DWR Northern Region Office.

John Nock moved, seconded by Marc Faye, to accept the new grant. Motion carried.

#### 5. Strategic Plan

Jane Dolan reviewed the simplified, three page Strategic Plan. Two board workshops were held to refine wording. An operation plan will occur later.

Consultant John Blacklock reported the document is clear, concise and to the point. The key will be the operational plan, which will include details. He encouraged the board to move forward. Board expectations are being met in the new, draft plan. Blacklock stated he enjoyed the opportunity to assist the board and the board thanked him for his services.

John Nock moved, seconded by Jim McKeivitt, to adopt the Strategic Plan as presented. Motion carried.

#### 6. Programmatic Safe Harbor Agreement (PSHA)

Consultant Chris Scheuring gave a review of the document and changes that have been made as directed by the board. Additional changes were noted:

Page 2, date

Page 3, footnote is part of previous page

Page 14, #8, leave the word "with"

Page 49, Attachment 5 change(s) and any other changes or suggestions will be submitted by email to either Jane Dolan or Chris Scheuring. Jane will provide the board with those addresses.

The USFWS portion, the base of this document, is completed. SRCAF staff is awaiting comments from DFG, which will also need a 30 day comment period. Sandy Morey stated that once they get the appropriate wording, they need a legal review before publishing. She added that the first voluntary program went well. She did not expect this one to take long, but had no specific timeframe.

Scheuring was thanked for helping with the process and will bring the next draft to the December board meeting.

#### 7. Board Reports

Tehama County reported that Supervisor George Russell passed away yesterday. A special election will be held for this Tehama County District 2 Supervisor position.

USACE reported a six months continued resolution, in lieu of a federal budget. The type of funding is limited to what was received in the previous year. It is hoped Hamilton City will be funded, but the authorization to proceed is held up. Until elections and resolutions, USACE will work with the community to finally get funding. Jane added that the grant takes care of the local share, a major hurdle.

The Sutter Pilot project is the last survivor of USACE's initiative. November 2 the team will present a recommended plan to the project team. Other pilot projects are not to this point.

There are various projects and studies in Northern California. USACE General Walsh initiated a new edict which requires studies be done in a maximum of three years. Most are being done in two; this is a significant time improvement.

The Lower Cache Creek flood control study is ready to proceed in the next couple of months. Completing studies is mandated. Lower Cache Creek is one of the top six projects for the state. Charles Wilson is the project manager; lead planner is Kim Carsell. Lynnel requested information regarding scoping meetings, etc., be sent to Jane. Updates will continue.

Mark Cowan reported they will conduct an initial meeting in the near future for the Central Valley Integrated Flood Management Study (the federal government companion to the State Flood Plan). The Corp's interest in the Bay Delta is ongoing regarding public safety, environmental restoration and water conveyance. The Sac Bank Study had reductions as well, but is still underway. As of October, the new program manager is Nicole Ortega.

Jim McKeivitt asked about the status of the levee litigation. Mark reported there are no specifics available regarding vegetation on levees, due to the current litigation.

DFG reported they were involved in a round table. An administrative record is being prepared, but will take until May to complete. Part of the visioning project includes a name change to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

DWR reported FloodSAFE Environmental Stewardship released a Kopta Slough Request for Proposal (RFP) that is due next week, October 2. They are sending a letter to USACE to formally request a partnership regarding the Kopta Slough project.

#### 8. Executive Director's Report

Second quarter Fiscal Reports were distributed. The current grants and existing funding is estimated to end late October. Close out reports are underway, which will provide ground work for the new grant as well the Strategic Plan. The former TAC will be transitioning to a technical review. New grant funding has been awarded for three years, commencing with the end of the current funding.

M&T notices of preparation have been made. The short term environmental assessment includes two gravel removals in the future, as necessary. The technical memorandum of long term feasibility study is expected by the end of the calendar year. A facilitator has been hired and a meeting will occur after harvest season.

Ron Warner asked about activity in front of the Red Bluff Fish Screen. Aric Lester, DWR, noted that according to William Vanderwaal, Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, there will be no dredging in the main river corridor, however; behind the screen there will be. A tour of the side channel being constructed on the Sacramento River, across from the new fish screen and pump, was held September 26. The side channel is being constructed as mitigation for the loss of recreation from the construction of the pump and fish screen facility.

#### 9. Correspondence

A list of items of correspondence, meetings, announcements and other items of interest is provided to board members. Copies of each item are in a folder that is distributed at the meeting or review. Copies of any item are available upon request. Items include information regarding M&T/Llano Seco Fish Screen and Pumping Facility public scoping meeting Sept. 27; NSV IRWM public outreach workshops; Glenn County Groundwater Reliability and Recharge Pilot Program meeting October 3; "Taking a Closer Look at Delta Planning" meeting October 11; Return of the Salmon Festival October 20; Hamilton City Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project grant award public hearing notice; Initial Mid-Sacramento Regional Flood Plan meeting; and various news articles.

#### 10. Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for December 6, 3-5:00PM, at Willows City Hall.