

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

July 24, 2014  
3:00pm

Granzella's Banquet Room  
Williams, CA

Chair John Nock called the meeting to order at 3:00PM. Self-introductions were made. Board status was reported to be 10 voting members, 7 members 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>	
Shasta	<u>Leonard Moty</u>	(Glenn Hawes)	
Sutter	(James Gallagher)	<u>Brian Fedora</u>	
Tehama	<u>Burt Bundy</u>	(Brendon Flynn)	
Yolo	<u>Jeanette Wrynski</u>	<u>Lynnel Pollock</u>	
Resources Agency	(Vacant)		
DWR			<u>Mary Randall</u>
CDFG			(Sandy Morey)
Central Valley Flood Control Board			(Emma Suarez)
USFWS			(Jan Knight)
USACE			(Mark Cowan)
Bureau of Reclamation			(Don Reck)
Bureau of Land Management			(Jim Kenna)
US Forest Service			(Eduardo Olmedo)
CA Department of Parks and Recreation			<u>Trish Ladd</u>

Forum staff: Executive Director Jane Dolan, Program Manager Susan Strachan, Resource Conservationist Rob Irwin and Administrative Assistant Ellen Gentry.

Other attendees: Cheryl Essex, CA Department of Parks and Recreation; Aaron Wright, CA Department of Parks and Recreation.

1. Announcements

There were no announcements made at this time.

2. Meeting Notes

Lynnel Pollock moved, seconded by Burt Bundy, to accept the April 24, 2014, which was chaired by John Nock. Motion carried.

3. Project and Resources Committee (PARC)

The PARC update was given. Five additional responses have been received since the April 24, 2014 meeting. Leonard Moty moved, seconded by Lynnel Pollock, to approve the current nominees as members of the PARC. Motion carried.

The additional nominees include:

Terri Gaines, Program Manager II, CA Dept. of Water Resources, FESSRO

Jeff Sutton, General Manager, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority

Kelly Moroney, Refuge Manager, Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge

Mike Landini, President, Glenn County RCD

Kim Carsell, Acting Chief, Flood & Storm Risk Mgmt., US Army Corps of Engineers

Corridor Management Plan Investigation Committee (CMP Committee)

Four board members, one member from each of the four river reaches were recommended for this committee:

Reach 1 (Shasta and part of Tehama County) –Burt Bundy

Reach 2 (Butte and Glenn and part of Tehama County) –John Nock

Reach 3 (Colusa, Sutter and portions of Glenn and Butte County) –Brian Fedora

Reach 4 (Yolo and portions of Sutter and Colusa County) –Lynnel Pollock

Leonard Moty moved, seconded by Jeanette Wrynsinski, to approve the board member appointments as recommended. Motion carried.

4. Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

Susan Strachan gave an update on the Investigation of Consideration of a Corridor Management Plan, for a reach of the Sacramento River (the identification of which has yet to be determined). A PowerPoint of the History and Status was reviewed beginning in the fall of 2011 and ending May 2014. The update included a timeline of the Forum funding contract, the interface with Regional Flood Management Program (RFMP), the adjustment of Forum work to coordinate with RFMP, a revised approach and the resulting Working Draft concept paper and its proposed revision today.

The Forum is working with DWR's FloodSAFE Environmental Stewardship and Statewide Resources Office (FESSRO), and has participated in flood groups, focus groups and attended heavily in the process of the Regional Plan formation. In April the RFMP plan was released. In May the Forum presented their Working Draft paper. The Draft outlines aspects of a potential CMP strategy, framework, main components and activities that will take place in this effort.

The Forum is funded to provide outreach to stakeholders along the Upper Sacramento River, investigate interest, prepare a description of the process to develop a CMP and to identify a reach of the river. The Agenda item today is to review and consider adopting a revised working draft of this concept paper, which incorporates comments received. Susan reviewed the changes individually.

The board suggested reviewing the new draft and old draft simultaneously. Leonard Moty moved, seconded by Burt Bundy to adopt the Draft as presented. Motion carried.

5. Habitat Mapping and Economic Analysis Project

A Status Update was provided on the contract executed in May 2014. The tasks of the project are as follows: Habitat Mapping and Lane Use Change, Economic Analysis of Agricultural and property tax changes, Recreational Value, and Ecosystem services.

Three CSU, Chico economists have completed a draft survey questionnaire for information on current land use, flood history and attitudes and interest in participating in restoration. The economists are: Dr. Anita Chaudhry, Assistant Professor; Dr. Pete Tsournos, Professor; and Dr. Jacob Brimlow, Associate Professor. The survey is expected to be sent this fall.

6. Board Member Reports

Cheryl Essex, CA Department of Parks and Recreation, gave a presentation on the Preferred Alternative Summary of the Colusa-Sacramento River State Recreation Area General Plan, as prepared for public input. The plan builds on the Colusa Subreach process, which produced a Park Master Plan in 2007. The Draft Preferred Plan is generally consistent with the Master Plan. Cheryl requested a letter of support from the Forum.

Cheryl reviewed information on the park, management zones, park history, and recreation and interpretive opportunities recommended for expansion. Three alternatives were prepared; minor, moderate and high recreation use plans. High Recreation Use Concept plans were prepared, as preferred by the planning team, workshop participants and the Colusa City Council. The final Plan will be at a management zone level of detail, to provide for river meander.

Details of the Summary and additional information will be provided on their website at [www.parks.ca.gov/ColusaGP](http://www.parks.ca.gov/ColusaGP) and on the SRCAF website at [www.sacramentoriver.org/SRCAF](http://www.sacramentoriver.org/SRCAF).

Leonard Moty reported he and Jane had a meeting scheduled with the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Reclamation to encourage them to participate in the Forum board.

Jeanette Wrynski reported the city of Winters got approval to use waste water for ag irrigation purposes. Also, there is a recent reactivation of county membership of ag, looking at ag housing issues and conservation mitigation.

Aaron Wright, CA Department of Parks and Recreation, was introduced as the Supervising Ranger of Clear Lake. Trish Ladd said State Parks is excited to have him here. She reported on the 400 year old oak tree that fell on a structure at Ide Adobe Park.

Mary Randall reviewed the information sheet that was provided in board packets. Her report included Drought Information, Drought Funding, Water-Energy Grants, Urban Streams Grants, Urban Flood Risk Reduction Program, CA Financing Coordinating Committee Funding Fair, The BDCP Plan and associated Draft EIR/EIS, Water Transfers, CA Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM and the DWR Survey on Ways to Assist Water Agencies. Information on these and other projects can be found at [www.water.ca.gov](http://www.water.ca.gov), or contact Mary directly at [Mary.Randall@water.ca.gov](mailto:Mary.Randall@water.ca.gov).

Lynnel Pollock reported Yolo County is closely following the Bay Delta Plan, particularly that which pertains to their conservation area 2.

The Board noted the Executive Committee is moving forward with the review of the Executive Director, and invited board members to provide comments in specific areas. Also, the Executive Committee will be considering By Law changes, suggested by the attorney, which will be brought forward at the September board meeting for adoption.

The Board also acknowledged the resignation of Jim McKeivitt, Public Interest Representative, Resources Agency. The Board expressed its deep appreciation for the many years Jim dedicated, along with his commitment to the organization and its work. No replacement has been appointed to date.

7. Executive Director's Report

Jane reported staff is working on the next newsletter which should be out early September. Staff is also hoping to launch their new website at that time. The Forum continues to provide outreach and coordination for the Kopta Slough Project and continues to work to resolve county and landowner concerns with the Peterson Unit and the Singh Unit restoration project. The M&T short term project CEQA/NEPA is completed; the long term solution is under study.

8. Correspondence and items of interest

A list of items of correspondence, meetings, announcements and other items of interest is distributed to the board. Copies of each item are in a folder that is distributed at the meeting for review. Copies of any item are available upon request.

9. Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for September 25, 3-5:00PM, at Rolling Hills Human Resources Training Center, Corning.