

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

May 28, 2015  
3:00 PM

Rolling Hills HR Training Center  
Corning, CA

Chairman John Nock called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Self-introductions were made. The meeting convened as committee of the whole as a quorum was not 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	(Steve Lambert)	<u>John Nock</u>	
Shasta	<u>Leonard Moty</u>	<u>Glenn Hawes</u>	
Sutter	(Barbara LeVake)	(Brian Fedora)	
Tehama	(Burt Bundy)	(Brendon Flynn)	
Yolo	<u>Jeanette Wrysinski</u>	<u>Lynnel Pollock</u>	
Resources Agency	(Vacant)		

CA Department of Water Resources DWR)	<u>Mike Berry</u>
CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	(Sandy Morey)
Central Valley Flood Control Board	(Emma Suarez)
US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	(Jan Knight)
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	(Mark Cowan)
Bureau of Reclamation	(Don Reck)
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	<u>Jennifer Mata</u>
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: Ryan Miller, CSUC Geographical Information Center (GIC); CSUC Economists Dr. Anita Chaudhry, Dr. Pete Tsournos; Josh Patten and Conner Franklin, CSUC interns; Robert Capriola, Westervelt Ecological Services; Mike Cook, River Partners and Guy Chetelat, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.

1. Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

2. Meeting Notes

The February meeting notes were tabled until the next Forum meeting.

3. Consideration of a Potential Reach for Corridor Management Planning

A report was given on the status of the stakeholder outreach for the consideration of a potential reach for a Corridor Management Plan (CMP). The summary of tasks for this report included developing and implementing an outreach strategy, documenting stakeholder interest and identifying a recommended reach(s) for a plan.

The initial outreach strategy was completed May 30, 2013. The task was modified to align and participate in the Regional Flood Management Plan (RFMP) meetings and workgroups, coordinate with the RFMP Administrative Committee on how to build from their plan and work with agencies and NGOs to identify habitat elements to bundle into multi-benefit projects.

Two reaches are being recommended to carry forward in to the plan: Grimes to Princeton and Butte Basin Overflow. Both reaches could move forward; the plan is not limited to one reach. Maps of these reaches were distributed to the Board. The maps indicate existing levees and proposed levee strengthening and proposed

conceptual levees. The Board provided comments. The CMP Committee will meet and this item will be on the August agenda for concurrence with staff recommendation.

The update of efforts to resolve concerns of landowners and Butte County, at the confluence of Big Chico Creek and the Sacramento River, was provided to the board.

#### 4. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee appointed Glenn Hawes to be the second member of the Safe Harbor Administrative Committee. He now serves with Leonard Moty.

The Sacramento River Forum name change was approved by Board at its February meeting and is now complete as we have received notification that the amended Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State.

Potential funding proposals are being reviewed and discussed by the Committee and the Executive Director in an effort to secure future funding consistent with the Forum's Mission Statement. Some potential projects and programs being pursued include: Private Lands Restoration Partnership, Side Channels Project, actions to resolve issues at the Big Chico Creek Day Use Area, Handbook Update and looking at the Draft Guidelines for possible projects proposal of Proposition 1 funding.

#### 5. Presentation by the CSU, Chico Economic Analysis Team

Dr. Pete Tsournos gave the presentation of the work to date of Estimating the Value of Recreation on the Sacramento River: Analysis of the results of CDFW Creel Survey were used to develop the Travel Cost Method involves costs and time that people incur during a recreational trip to a natural resource site which can be used to infer the value of that site and the willingness to pay. Data was available from CDFW as to where anglers fish, targeted species and catch and release, hours spent fishing and the zip code of the angler's residence. As travel cost increases, as it does with distance from the site, the smaller the number of trips made annually. Also, income, tastes and preferences also determine the number of trips taken and the willingness to pay.

Methods of estimation involved finding out how many visitors there are and how far they are traveling. The Survey of Anglers (CDFW Creel Survey provided basic information about anglers necessary for travel cost estimation. The Survey of All Recreational Visitors performed by project interns provided wider information about all visitors, including hunters, boaters, campers, etc. Also considered was US Census information regarding median incomes in anglers' home zip codes, along with other demographic data. The study is presented as six sections of the river, from RM60 to RM281. The Estimated Annual Value to Anglers (2007-2011) for all sections was \$12,858,041, which is most likely a conservative estimate and only covered fishing based on single destination trips less than 600 miles. The survey found that incomes of recreational visitors are higher than the averages in their zip codes. Detailed charts and maps were provided.

The Economic Analysis Team consists of Dr. Pete Tsournos, Dr. Anita Chaudhry, Ryan Miller, Connor Franklin and Josh Patten.

#### 6. Board Member Reports

Jeanette Wrynski reported that Westside Sac IRWM has nearly completed a DWR IRWM Implementation Grant PSP application. It would fund several projects in Lake, Solano and Napa counties.

Trish Ladd reported the Colusa State Park Recreation Master Plan is being circulated internally by the department. Public review will be available in the fall.

Lynnel Pollock is retiring as Executive Director of the Cache Creek Conservancy this month. She will remain on the Forum board as the Yolo County Landowner Representative.

Mike Cook, River Partners, reported they are in the process of acquiring 25acs of walnuts and restoring for habitat flood control on the left, east side of the river, near Moulton Weir. Contiguous 125acs of walnuts floods on the west side of the river.

Robert Capriola, Westervelt Ecological Services, reported agency comments and permitting is on track for next year on Bullocks Bend.

#### 7. Executive Director Report

Jane reported on DWR NRO work on Woodson Bridge/Kopta Slough. It is likely that funding for completion of all aspects (CEQA determination, restoration, rock removal, land ownership transfer) of this project will end. The Feasibility Study will be completed, but all other work will be contingent upon identifying any future funding that

becomes available.

There is no known public activity on the M&T/Llano Seco Fish Screen Facility at this time. It is understood that the consultant and agency staff are working to complete the project description.

Additional items from the Executive Director were discussed during the Executive Committee report. Please see Item 4. Executive Committee.

11. Correspondence and items of interest

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

12. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, at Granzella's Inn Conference Room, in Williams.