

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

August 27, 2015
3:00 PM

Granzella's Inn
Williams, CA

Chairman John Nock called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Self-introductions were made. Forum Board (the Board) status was reported to be 10 voting members, 7 members present at the meeting and a quorum was 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>	(Glenn Hawes)	
Sutter	(Barbara LeVake)	<u>Brian Fedora</u>	
Tehama	<u>Burt Bundy</u>	<u>Brendon Flynn</u>	
Yolo	<u>Jeanette Wrysinski</u>	<u>Lynnel Pollock</u>	
Resources Agency	(Vacant)		

CA Department of Water Resources (DWR)	<u>Aric Lester</u>
CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	<u>Sandy Morey</u>
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)	(Jennifer Mata)
US Forest Service	(Eduardo Olmedo)
CA Department of Parks and Recreation	(Trish Ladd)

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

Other attendees: Mark Young, Westervelt Ecological Services; Mike Cook, River Partners and Chris Scheuring, Attorney At Law

1. Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

2. Meeting Notes

Jeanette Wrysinski moved, seconded by Lynnel Pollock, to accept the February 26 and May 28, 2015 meeting notes. Motion carried.

3. Consideration of a Potential Reach for Corridor Management Planning

Reports were given at the February and May board meetings and to the CMP committee investigating reaches on the Sacramento River for a CMP.

Two reaches are being considered, Grimes to Princeton and Butte Basin Overflow to Llano Seco. Forum staff and the committee will work with stakeholders to develop detailed information on each of these project components. The next phase will identify a technical scope of work, including tasks, timelines and products. The Forum will continue outreach with stakeholders to identify milestones where stakeholder input will be sought and develop a strategy for such input. The Forum will then work with stakeholders and regulatory agencies to identify a scope for permitting the bundled projects in each of the reaches.

Lynnel Pollock moved, seconded by Burt Bundy, to approve the report as direction for the next phase of the effort to develop a CMP. Motion carried.

4. Side Channels Restoration Project

Staff has continued to investigate restoration and reconnection of side channel projects in Tehama County, and have formed a partnership with Tehama County RCD, River Partners, Bureau of Reclamation and the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District. Additional partners include CSU Chico Geographical Information Center, CSU Chico, and DWR Northern Region Office.

The Bureau has been funding side channel planning work in Shasta County. The Forum has been developing a proposal and budget for both Bureau funding and Department of Fish and Wildlife Prop 1 funding. Staff believes we can submit a competitive proposal under the habitat restoration category. The Proposal Solicitation Notice for a Prop 1 application is due September 16.

Leonard Moty moved, seconded by Burt Bundy, to approve and endorse the efforts to achieve funding for the Side Channels Project. Motion carried

5. Update of Kopta Slough Project

DWR's FESSRO budget was cut by 30%. As a result, priorities changed and funding for the Kopta Slough Project was no longer available. DWR has completed the feasibility study, an administrative draft environmental document, biological assessment, hydraulic modeling, geomorphic assessment and meander modeling for the project. Continuation of funding for the project has again become important in order to move the project forward.

A considerable effort by many parties was made to ascertain if a Prop 1 Proposal could be developed and submitted to seek funding to finish the work. After meetings with the Flood Control Board, Tehama County, TNC, DWR and consultants, it was determined to not be possible for a September 16 proposal. However, an alliance was made with state agencies for this long standing issue to go forward. There will be another solicitation for Prop 1 available July 1, 2016. A planning grant can then be made which the county will support and which will confirm continuation of the project.

Burt Bundy moved, seconded by Jeanette Wrysinski, for the Forum to continue to working with the involved partners to move this project forward. Motion carried.

6. Carriere Property Acquisition

Michael Cook, River Partners Northern CA Regional Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the board on the Carriere Property Acquisition. The property, at RM160 in Colusa County, was sold by Borges of California, Inc. and is adjacent to the North of River Partners' Willow Bend property, directly across the river from CDFW's Stegeman Unit and upstream of Moulton Weir. It is on the wet side of the levee and regularly experiences flood inundation. The property totals 25.3acs, 19.3acs of walnuts and 5.9 of open ground. There is also a functioning 30hp submersible pump. After restoration the property will be gifted to USFWS which will be 7-10 years out for long term management. Willow Bend, 187acs will be restored high quality riparian habitat in a 5-7 year timeline and also transferred upon completion. Michael will bring back more detail, at the December board meeting, after outreach with neighboring properties, models and information on impacts to the levee.

7. Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee will bring a recommendation to the board for a Resource Representative. There will be a brief Closed Session following today's meeting for voting members.

8. Executive Director Report

Jane reported an intense series of meetings regarding the M&T/Llano Seco Fish Screen Facility are planned for February and March 2016.

The Regional Flood Management Program for Upper Sacramento finished identifying flood issues. RFMP listening tours are planned beginning September 1. Greg Farley is the Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program Lead. Funding is available for projects that reduce flood risks for small communities and to assist with 100-year flood protection. Small communities are 10,000 people or less. There should be contracts by December.

9. 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.

10. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, at the Human Resources Training Center of Rolling Hills, Corning.

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