

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

October 27, 2016
3:00 PM

Rolling Hills HR Training Center
Corning, CA

Forum Board Chair John Nock called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Self-introductions were made. Forum Board status is now 11 appointed voting members and 10 advisory members; 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	<u>Richard Price</u>	<u>John Nock</u>	
Shasta	<u>Leonard Moty</u>	<u>Glenn Hawes</u>	
Sutter	(Barbara LeVake)	(Brian Fedora)	
Tehama	<u>Burt Bundy</u>	(Brendon Flynn)	
Yolo	<u>Jeanette Wrysinski</u>	<u>Lynnel Pollock</u>	
Resources Agency	<u>John Brennan</u>		

Department of Water Resources DWR)	<u>Mike Berry</u>
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	(Sandy Morey)
Central Valley Flood Control Board (CVFPB)	(Emma Suarez)
US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	(Jan Knight)
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	<u>Mark Cowan</u>
US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)	(Paul Zedonis)
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	Jennifer Mata
US Forest Service (USFS)	(Eduardo Olmedo)
Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)	(Trish Ladd)
Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)	<u>Elizabeth Hubert</u>

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

Other attendees: Guy Chetelat, Regional Water Board; Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance; Chester Anderson and Harmony Gugino, Western Shasta RCD; Mike Cook, River Partners.

1. Meeting Notes

Leonard Moty moved, seconded by Jeanette Wrysinski, to approve the August 25, 2016 meeting notes. Motion carried.

2. 2017 Board Meeting Schedule

The board meeting schedule for 2017 will be finalized and approved at the December meeting. It will likely have the same rotation of meeting locations between Corning and Williams and keep to the five meetings in the months of February, May, August, October and December. Rolling Hills provides us our meeting space without charge, but Granzella's rental, which has been nominal, is greatly increasing. Nadine Bailey suggested we might want to contact Sites Joint Powers Authority, whose offices are now located in the old Wells Fargo Building, Maxwell. She offered to send contact information. Other suggestions included the Thunder Hills Raceway meeting room, on 162 West of Willows. The new schedule of 2017 meeting dates will be discussed and a recommendation will come from the Executive Committee to be approved at the December meeting.

3. Nomination Process for Board Officers and Board member terms

The Executive Committee has been delegated to act as the nominating committee for Officers for 2017-2018 –

Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer. The officers, along with one agency representative form the Executive Committee. Any suggestions or comments may be made directly to Leonard, John or Jeanette. The bylaws state that the Chair and Vice Chair positions are to be a landowner and a public interest representative; however nothing precludes reelection. Board member terms are four years. Board members up for appointment or reappointment are: Butte Public Interest, Shasta Landowner, Sutter Landowner, Tehama Public Interest and Yolo Landowner positions. All other Board terms continue to December 31, 2018.

4. Sacramento River Salmonid Stranding Reduction and Floodplain Habitat Restoration Project at the Willow Bend Preserve

Mike Cook, River Partners, gave a PowerPoint presentation of their project located in Colusa County at RM 158.5-160(Left). It involves fish habitat restoration on 175 acres that is owned and managed by River Partners and is inside the levee. It is land that regularly floods from December to March. This project is one of 17 NOAA funding proposals that were awarded and it is to improve species recovery and support sustainable fisheries. It will be a three year plan and is expected to be completed by August 2019. For more project details, contact mcook@riverpartners.org.

Mark Cowan, USACE, responded to question of the similarity to that of the Bullock Bend project is a backwater with a current at low velocity letting water into the site slowly, which is unique. He also added that the Hamilton City project bid for habitat for restoration inside the new setback levee, sponsored by RD 2140, has been awarded. He will keep us updated.

5. Upper Sacramento River Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Program, Shasta County

Harmony Gugino, Project Manager of Western Shasta Resource Conservation District, provided information and a PowerPoint on Fish Spawning and Rearing projects in Shasta County. There are 13 proposed project sites (up potentially to 15 projects) in Shasta County involving such actions as Gravel Augmentation, Side Channel Restoration, Gravel and Side Channel, and Rearing Structures. Keswick and Market St. gravel augmentation are complete. Side Channel Restoration is in the construction phase for Kapusta 1a, but is now on hold, and Cypress Avenue-North. Anderson River Park side channel restoration is in a planning phase. The Gravel and Side Channel at Cypress Avenue-South is in the planning phase, as is the rearing structure at North Tobiasson, which is a Pilot Project. For project details please contact harmony@westernshastarc.org.

6. Tehama County Side Channels Reconnection Project

Jane Dolan and Rob Irwin, Forum, gave a presentation of the start-up and provided a PowerPoint on the USBR Cooperative Agreement. The Tehama County Side Channels Reconnection Project has many partners and the agreement with USBR funds the work of these partners and provides funding to the Forum staff at one-half time, and also provides for an additional half-time position. The project is to conduct research, planning, outreach, survey, CEQA, design, permitting, construction and monitoring. Channel reconnection and revegetation will allow year-round low flows adequate for juvenile salmonid rearing at four potential sites in Tehama County: Lake California (2016), Rio Vista (2017), Rancho Breisgau (2018) and East Sand Slough (2019). A Map Book has been prepared, which will be augmented as the project proceeds providing much information for each site, including aerial photos, topography, LIDAR maps and ownership of each site and of adjoining lands. Partners include: grant administrative by CSU, Chico Research Foundation, Co-Project Director GIC, CSU Chico faculty and interns, RCD of Tehama County, DWR Northern Region Office, GCID and River Partners. Other partners owning the land of each site include BLM, USFWS, USFS, City of Red Bluff and State Lands.

7. Correspondence and items of interest

A list of items of correspondence, meetings, announcements and other items of interest is available at this meeting. Copies of all items are in a folder that can be reviewed. Copies of any item are available upon request.

8. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 3:00-4:30PM, at is expected to be held at Granzella's Hotel Conference Room, in Williams.