

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

December 8, 2016
3:00 PM

Sites Joint Powers Authority Office
Maxwell, 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)	(Mike Berry)
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: Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance; Mark Young, Westervelt Ecological Services.

1. Meeting Notes

Leonard Moty moved, seconded by Richard Price, to approve the October 27, 2016 meeting notes.
Motion carried.

2. 2017 Board Meeting Schedule

The board's recommended meeting schedule for 2017 is as follows: February 22, May 24, August 23, October 25 and December 13. The meetings will be on Wednesdays, and not Thursday as in prior years. The start time will be the regular time, 3-5PM; locations will rotate to places that will be close to I-5. Glenn Hawes moved, seconded by Leonard Moty, to adopt the proposed meetings schedule of five meetings in 2017, with the change in meeting day to the 4th Wednesday of the month. Motion carried.

3. Nomination and Election of Board Officers

The Executive Committee, acting as the Nominating Committee, nominated the following officers for the two-year term of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018:

Chair Leonard Moty, Shasta Public Interest Representative
Vice Chair Lynell Pollock, Yolo Landowner Representative
Secretary, Jeanette Wrysinski, Yolo Public Interest Representative

Sandy Morey, Advisory Agency member, CDFW

Chairman Nock asked for comment or any further nominations. Hearing none, Glenn Hawes moved, seconded by Richard Price to accept the nominations, elect the officers as proposed, noting the officers plus one Agency Advisory member Sandy Morey, all of which will serve as the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

4. Sites Joint Powers Authority Presentation

Jim Watson, General Manager of the Sites JPA gave a PowerPoint presentation on the project. The Sites Reservoir project (Sites) will be an off-stream storage facility. The reservoir has the ability to produce the seventh largest water storage in the state, for consumptive and environmental purposes. It is identified as a state wide project.

Water storage plus increased Sacramento River flows equal public benefits: water supply for homes, businesses and farms, environmental flows for native fish, improved water quality, contribution to California's renewable energy goals, groundwater recharge, flood management, Pacific flyway habitat for migratory birds and other native species and recreational opportunities are all considered benefits of this project. Benefits to Northern California are job creation, additional water and local ownership.

Sites is being developed to apply for immediate funding under the provisions of Chapter 8 of 2014 Prop 1 Bond, a water storage investment program, with long term benefits. Eligible projects are those identified by CalFed, groundwater storage, conjunctive use and reservoir reoperation, local and regional surface storage. Eligible public benefits include ecosystem improvement, water quality improvement, emergency response, flood control and recreation. One key performance measure is the project will advance the long-term objectives of restoring ecological health and improving water management for beneficial uses of the Delta.

Sites proposes to use existing canals, such as the TC canal and GCID, and the Delevan pipeline to draw water from the Sacramento River. Sites may store over 800,000AF in wet years and 400,000 in dry years. This is planned to be beneficial for cold water pools for salmonids.

There are five phases to project delivery. Sites is currently in Phase 1. The California Water Commission (CWC) Water Shortage Investment Program (WSIP) funds have been awarded and contracts with CDFW, DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Go to <https://www.sitesproject.org/> for more information, or contact Jim Watson at jwatson@sitesjpa.net. The PowerPoint presentation is also available at the Forum.

5. Interactive Presentation of the Forum Website GIS Mapping Viewer

Due to time constraints for this meeting, this item will be rescheduled to a future meeting date.

6. Board Member Reports

There were no reports at this time.

7. Executive Director Report

Jane gave an update on Safe Harbor Cooperative Agreements being developed with the WCB grant agreement. There is one agreement underway, Davis Ranches, and four potentials. The first step is developing the baseline for each ranch. After discussion with the Executive Committee and in consideration of timing, expertise required and the episodic nature of this work, the Forum will enter into a consultant agreement with Valerie Calegari in place of hiring a part-time staff. Valerie is very well-experienced for this work and will be used on an as needed basis. As these Agreements are in place, it is expected there will be opportunities for neighboring landowner agreements, whereby the adjacent, or neighboring land is obligated only to maintain baseline.

The Side Channels Reconnection Project funded by a grant agreement with USBR, is underway. Although some work will be done for all four of the potentials, it is planned for Lake California to be implemented in 2017, followed by Rio Vista. Future funding after the initial year is dependent on the federal budget. Jane is working with the RCD of Tehama County staff to create an outreach strategy for East Sand Slough. Jane is exploring entering into an Agreement with the RCD of Tehama County for implementation of various tasks that were contemplated to be done by a new part-time employee. This is viewed as an appropriate and useful way to proceed and will have the benefit of a shared staff person as well as saving money.

The Board appointments and/or reappointments needed were reviewed for the term 2017-2020. Appointments are expected to be made during January 2017. The board was asked to encourage attendance at meetings. The Executive

Director will work with Board members and the Executive Committee to reengage other counties to return, particularly considering the location of interest in Safe Harbor Agreements and the support of landowners in certain counties. Board members are welcome to express the benefits of Forum projects and engage with interested parties.

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 Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 3:00-5PM, at Granzella's Hotel Conference Room, in Williams. This meeting was subsequently rescheduled for March 22.

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