

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

December 13, 2017
3:00 PM

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Forum Board Chair Leonard Moty called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Self-introductions were made. Forum Board status is 11 voting members and 9 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	(Richard Price)	<u>John Nock</u>	
Shasta	<u>Leonard Moty</u>	<u>Glenn Hawes</u>	
Sutter	(Mat Conant)	<u>Brian Fedora</u>	
Tehama	<u>Burt Bundy</u>	<u>Michael Vasey</u>	
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)	(Vacant)
US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)	(Jan Knight)
US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)	(Mark Cowan)
US Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)	(Paul Zedonis)
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	(Jennifer Mata)
US Forest Service (USFS)	<u>Monique Sanchez</u>
Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)	(Trish Ladd)
Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)	(Elizabeth Hubert)

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

Other attendees: Mark Young, Westervelt Ecological Services; Linda Serret, USFWS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Killam, CDFW, had a business emergency and will reschedule his presentation of information at another meeting.

Jane reported that Sandy Morey, Chief Deputy to the CDFW Director and original Forum Advisory Board Member, retired December 1, 2017, after 39 years of service. The Board members expressed great appreciation for Sandy and her participation. We will miss her and wish her well. Her position on the Forum Board is now vacant; Jane will contact the person Sandy has recommended.

1. Meeting Notes

Glenn Hawes moved, seconded by Brian Fedora, to approve the August 23, 2017 meeting notes.
Motion carried.

2. 2018 Forum Board Schedule

Jane presented a proposed calendar of meeting dates and locations. The recommendation is to keep five meetings, holding them on the fourth Wednesday except for February. This February meeting is proposed to be held at Davis Home Ranches and include a tour of their ranch and information of the Cooperative Agreement. The ranch is the first Safe Harbor Cooperative Agreement with the Forum and they have been most helpful in

promoting the program and meeting with interested farmers. Board member John Brennan is the Ranch Manager. Details will follow later.

Brian Fedora moved, seconded by Jeanette Wrysinski, to approve the 2018 board meeting dates as follows:

February 14, Colusa, Davis Home Ranches
May 23 in Corning
August 22 in Williams
October 24 in Corning
December 12 or 19 in Maxwell.

3. Board Member Terms

Jane reminded the Board that terms are four years; no member is up for appointment or reappointment in 2018. Further, officers serve two years and the current officers will serve through 2018. The following board members terms will end December 31, 2018: John Nock, Butte County Landowner Representative; Leonard Moty, Shasta County Public Interest Representative; Mat Conant, Sutter County Public Interest Representative; Michael Vasey Tehama County Landowner Representative; Jeanette Wrysinski, Yolo County Public Interest Representative; and John Brennan, At Large Representative. Reappointments, or new appointments at that time, will then serve until the end of 2022.

Current officers serve two year terms until December 31, 2018.

All other board members terms are until December 31, 2020. All terms will then be four years. There are no limits to the number of terms a member may serve.

4. Board Member Reports

Burt Bundy, Chair of the Los Molinos Water Company and Mill Creek Conservancy, reported they have had problems since the high water last fall. Operation of Shasta Dam also creates problems, making it difficult for fish access. They are doing studies and working to find a solution. Jane added that side channel reconstruction is important in providing fish habitat. Tributaries are more important than CVPIA thought. Jane offered to set up coordination for assistance with CDFW biologists.

John Nock reported that Phase I of the Oroville Dam spillway repair project in Butte County was completed on November 1.

Lynnel Pollock stated that Yolo County Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) groundwater management activities are all moving forward and administrative activities are being completed. The cannabis issue is an issue from an agriculture aspect. Meetings are being held on this topic and use, switching from business license to ag and total indoor grows. There were 30 such uses in one rural area. Land use is a big part of that discussion.

Jeanette Wrysinski commented that the Yolo County the Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) is moving along. Although the budget is tight, it is scheduled for approval January 2 and released to the public March 23. They are looking forward to the implementation phase. The Resource Management Plan has started with updating the plan to meet more current legislation. Prop I funding next year has \$30M available. Westside IRWMP may be eligible for future Prop 84 funding, but only if the Plan meets State standards. There was an RD108 tour of the Wallace Weir project, which is not yet completed. Work had stopped due to redirection of all work for Oroville dam. Gates of this weir are at different levels to channel fish appropriately.

Northern Sacramento Valley IRWM is also updating their plan. It is the same situation with groundwater and applying for grant funding requiring plans to be compliant. They're on board due to environmental damage, water

usage (or use of someone else's water), crime, theft, odor, illegal chemicals, use on public land, effects on adjacent properties and enforcement. Growers are exempt. State regulations take over January 1.

Glenn Hawes said the bridge connecting Anderson Creek and Balls Ferry is working well. Brad Henderson and Mike Berry were involved. Shasta will send a copy to the board.

Michael Vasey spoke about the crossing of PG&E on his property. They want to dredge out and deepen pipe, replacing it in a few years. He asked if there was any input. John Brennan suggested welding on and pulling through to avoid environmental issues.

Brennan also spoke about a statewide task force due to illegal diversions and herbicides. The process is slower. NOAA regulation manager came down and talked about working together. It was a good meeting, focused on speeding up permit reviews and how to work with NOAA and monitoring and water quality sampling consistency. Most of next year's bond is for recovery efforts. They are looking for support. He also gave detailed information on Wallace Weir.

Brennan said Davis Ranches is excited to host the next Forum board meeting. They have a habitat exchange program and noted that they are the pilot project on how to build mitigation. They keep working on different species. He also touched on the Regional Conservation Investment Strategies (RCIS) Program, administered by CDFW's Habitat Conservation Planning Branch in Sacramento. RCIS encourages a voluntary, non-regulatory regional planning process for conservation and habitat for species.

5. Executive Director Report

Jane reviewed the Wildlife Conservation Board Safe Harbor Program quarterly report for July through September 2017, with project management, outreach and cooperative agreements. There are three existing agreements and five planned agreements. Progress was impacted due to several factors, including the passing of our consultant Valerie Calegari. Wet weather, ranch flooding, excessive heat and late planting added to delays. The cooperative agreement for the Fair Ranch is complete and is with the ranch owners for signature. Conservation management plan for Doherty Ranches is nearing completion. Contact has been initiated to perform annual reviews of the existing agreements.

Jane also provided for review the Tehama County Side Channels Reconnection Project outreach narrative for April to September 2017. Permits were received Tuesday and construction preparation started at the Lake California site. Rob Irwin provided photos of the site. Labor for Lake California is being provided by RD 108, Provident and Princeton-Glenn-Codora Irrigation Districts. Rob Irwin has created a Tehama Side Channels Reconnections Map Book and a Tehama Side Channels website for the Project Team and Project Workgroup(s). Rio Vista, Rancho Breisgau and East Sand Slough updates were also given.

6. Correspondence and items of interest

A list of items of correspondence, meetings, announcements and other items of interest was included with the agenda. Full copies of these items are available in a folder at this meeting. The items can be reviewed and copies any item are available upon request.

7. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 14, 2018 from 3:00-5PM, at Davis Ranches. Details will follow.