

**Sacramento River Forum
Board of Directors Meeting**

May 23, 2018
3:00 PM

HR Conference Room, Rolling Hills
Corning, CA

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	<u>Richard Price</u>	(John Nock)	
Shasta	<u>Leonard Moty</u>	<u>Glenn Hawes</u>	
Sutter	<u>Mat Conant</u>	(Brian Fedora)	
Tehama	<u>Burt Bundy</u>	(Michael Vasey)	
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)		<u>Brad Henderson</u>
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: Doug Killam, CDFW, Robert Capriola, Westervelt Ecological Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The phone line and call in capabilities were unavailable for this meeting.

Jane Dolan introduced Brad Henderson, CDFW, taking Sandy Morey's place as a non-voting agency representative for CDFW. Brad worked in the Region 1 office, Redding, specializing in habitat restoration and safe harbor agreements. Brad was welcomed to the group.

1. Meeting Notes

Glenn Hawes moved, seconded by Richard Price, to approve the February 14, 2018 meeting notes. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of information on Winter-Run Chinook Salmon in the Upper Sacramento River

Doug Killam, M.S., Senior Environmental Scientist, CDFW, gave a presentation to the group, beginning with the eight species of Pacific salmon: Chinook, cutthroat, steelhead, coho, sockeye, chum, pink and Masu. The first four are native to CA. Only Chinook and steelhead are common in the Sacramento River. There are four runs of subspecies of Chinook, which maintain genetic diversity from each other by spawning at different times and places in the watershed (i.e., Fall-run, Late-Fall-run, Spring-run and Winter-run). Doug discussed monitoring, redd surveys, life stages, spawning locations, stranding, water temperatures, etc. Results are used for management purposes, to determine if recovery of population goals are met, evaluate hatchery operations and survival to adults, guide ocean

salmon commercial and recreational limits and seasons, state and federal water pumping operations and to determine if restoration and management goals for various efforts are successful.

For more information contact Doug at doug.killam@wildlife.ca.gov. Annual reports are available online through www.calfish.org. CDFW Grand Tab file has population numbers available. Photos and movies are available for educational purposes by request. Samples are online at <https://www.youtube.com/user/redblufffisheries>.

3. Executive Director Report

Jane provided information on Proposition 3, a statewide ballot measure which will be on the June 2018 ballot. The initiative authorizes Bonds to Fund Projects for Water Supply and Quality, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Water Conveyance, and Groundwater Sustainability and Storage. The link to Bonds information is at: <https://www.oag.ca.gov/system/files/initiatives/pdfs/17-0010%20%28Water%20Bond%29.pdf>.

4. Board Member Reports

Mike Berry, DWR, reported Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) findings were released Friday. There will be a 60 day review. Go to the [DWR website](#) for comments. DWR is continuing to work with the Forum on side channels as well.

Brad Henderson talked about CDFW Prop 1 solicitation, Central Valley salmon recovery, implementation of restoration projects large scale, wildfire response and the Delta subsection.

Monique Sanchez said the new District Ranger Christine Hill, USFS, has helped to streamline their processes. They are also hoping to accompany crews in the field.

John Brennan reported elevation was dropped at Fremont Weir. Construction has widened and deepened the channel into the Yolo Bypass. The right amount of water should help with fish stranding in the bypass as well as other benefits.

April 27, USFWS [published a notice of availability](#) for the final Yolo Habitat Conservation plan, prepared by the Yolo Habitat Conservancy. The emphasis is an agricultural role on conservation of species. This lays the groundwork for the future. The 30 day inspection closes May 30.

Lynnel Pollock reported that Yolo County hopes to have their sustainable groundwater plan completed in Fall 2020.

Burt Bundy said Tehama County is concerned with their budget and the marijuana regulations. He also asked for information about Kopta Slough. Jane reported the Prop 1 grant for Kopta Slough was not funded. We will continue to look elsewhere for funding opportunities.

Matt Conant reported on the Feather River Levee Improvement Project. Construction is underway on the [Feather River Setback Levee](#) near Yuba City. He is concerned about the upcoming election and the water bonds, because of the impact on the state budget from bond expenditures and debt.

Richard Price noted the Butte County Board of Supervisors have established SGMA boundaries for the City of Chico and the CA Water Service Company. The Sites JPA August application addressed questions by the Water Commission. Comment period closes January 2018. They are seeking Prop 1 funds..

Robert Capriola reported on completion of monitoring 12,000 acs. He also talked about the success of Bullock Bend and projects in Colusa and Sutter counties, as well as additional projects under construction for smelt and green sturgeon.

5. Executive Director Report

Jane Dolan reported on the status of the Safe Harbor Cooperative Agreement with River Garden Farms. The Forum is able to have a consultant available on a regular basis for Safe Harbor and feels fortunate to have the Yolo RCD agreement. The Programatic Safe Harbor Agreement is for VELB and GGS. Rob has been doing major work on this project. Jane will be calling on board members who may know and hear from landowners directly to promote interest in this program. Side channels work is going forward. There have been challenges with identifying landowner access. We have moved into design construction and environmental work for East Sand Slough, the area of the former Lake Red Bluff, which will be the largest side channel project. We hope to have a design early 2019.

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 of any item are available upon request.

7. Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2018 from 3:00-4:30PM, at Granzella's Hotel Conference Room. **[This meeting was subsequently cancelled due to unhealthy air quality from the large Mendocino and Shasta fires.]**