

**Sacramento River Forum  
Board of Directors Meeting**

October 24, 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>	(Glenn Hawes)	
Sutter	<u>Mat Conant</u>	(Brian Fedora)	
Tehama	<u>Burt Bundy</u>	<u>Michael Vasey</u>	
Yolo	<u>Jeanette Wrysinski</u>	<u>Lynnel Pollock</u>	
Resources Agency	John Brennan		

Department of Water Resources DWR)	Mike Berry
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>Brad Rust</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, Harmony Gugino, Project Manager and Administrative Assistant Ellen Gentry.

Other attendees: Mark Young, Westervelt Ecological Services

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jane Dolan introduced Harmony Gugino as new staff Project Manager to be primality responsible to manage the work of side channels. Harmony began work with the Forum September 24. She previously served as Project Manager for the Western RCD on side channel projects. Harmony was welcomed by the group.

1. Meeting Notes

Jeanette Wrysinski moved, seconded by Lynnel Pollock, to approve the May 23, 2018 meeting notes. Motion carried.

2. Presentation and Update of Carr Fire – Brad Rust, Forest Soil Scientist and BAER Coordinator, USFS Shasta-Trinity National Forest

Rust presented an informative presentation and PowerPoint of the recent Carr Fire in Redding, Shasta County. The Carr Fire began July 23 from a vehicle mechanical failure, within Whiskeytown. The fire ultimately spread to lands owned by BLM, Bureau of Reclamation, CA Department of Parks and Recreation, CA State Lands Commission, National Park Service, USDA Forest Service, private ownership and into the City of Redding. Roughly 230,000 acres were burned. CalFire, Shasta-Trinity National Forest and Whiskeytown NRA managed the fire.

High and moderate soil burn severity has an impact to watershed response in BAER (Burned Area Emergency Response) analyses. Underlying rock types are a key factor, as is water repellency and can increase erosion rates due to removal of vegetative cover and changes in soil properties. Multiple watershed areas are at risk due to flooding and sedimentation affecting roads, water quality, homes and fish habitat. For more info contact [brust@fs.fed.us](mailto:brust@fs.fed.us).

### 3. Executive Director Report

Jane Dolan reported that a fully executed Safe Harbor Agreement was agreed upon for the Fair Ranch of River Garden Farms. This agreement covers over 3,000acs. She stressed there is a need to secure continued funding for our Safe Harbor Program.

She gave a presentation and update of USBR CVPIA b13 Cooperative Agreement and Projects. Lake CA side channel was a relatively small project, removing a plug and completed in December 2017. The project is a success and monitoring activities indicate a strong increase in fish using this side channel. The Property Owners Association was very supportive and cooperative. RD 108 out of the Grimes area provided the work crew and some equipment.

Rancho Breisgau side channel involves a major blockage created by construction of a ranch access road and berm. This project is temporarily on hold due to a dispute over property boundary between a private ranch owner and BLM. This matter is presently before a dispute resolution process of the federal government.

Rio Vista side channel can proceed once an alternative land side access is secured. We are working to get agreement to come in through mobile estates to the staging area. We are communicating with the Bureau of Reclamation and USACE.

East Sand Slough side channel is in the planning and investigation stage, with surveying and construction design. USBR has been determined to be the landowner to private access for the large area south of the Highway99/Antelope Bridge. A small area immediately north of the bridge presently has unidentified ownership. The majority of land north of the bridge is owned by the City of Red Bluff. Communication is being made with CalTrans, as the project is adjacent to two major highways, and with the City of Red Bluff and Durango RV Park. We have identified two PG&E lines bisecting the channel, placed in the 60s and the need for test pits and potholes to determine exact current location and depth. This new channel is planned to be wet year-round. City sewer and water lines will need more specificity to plan if can be worked through or need to be relocated.

John Hannon, US Bureau of Reclamation, asked the Forum about doing some Shasta County work. A pending amendment to the Cooperative Agreement has enabled hiring of Harmony Gugino as a Project Manager. These projects include Anderson River Park, South Cypress, Keswick gravel injections, and Market Street Bridge. They have also asked us to look at flood plain improvement. The Bureau will do an environmental assessment. There is a contest for this project name. One suggestion was "Fish Habitat Improvement Project." Please let Jane or Ellen know if you have other suggestions. A prize is involved!

### 4. Board Member Reports

Brad Henderson, CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, reported applications for the 2019 Proposition 1 and Proposition 69 Solicitation Notices are due November 1. This applies to fish passage projects in Tehama and Shasta Counties. The PG&E report is helping us restore Shasta crayfish. The government amended state safe harbor law can now include other species not on the list.

The Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan has received final approval from the CDFW and USFW, after 20+ years of development. A signing ceremony was held in Sacramento. Community leaders and organizations have been supportive of the plan, including Cache Creek Conservancy, Putah Creek Council, Yolo County RCD, Yolo Audubon Society and Rominger Brothers Farms. The county wide plan provides Endangered Species Act permits and associated mitigation for public and development activities. Jeanette Wrynski will be writing the initial study for a Yolo County-wide Arundo eradication project. Lynnel reviewed groundwater sustainability and their receipt for a \$1M grant. Small community meetings are being held regarding flood reduction at Knights Landing. They are trying to increase food for Delta smelt in a project with rice fields that drain into Colusa Basin, where it comes into the river. Some hyacinth had to be cleared out to provide beneficial fish food. No problems were experienced. John Brennan has more information.

Richard Price reviewed water resources; 1M for delineation-groundwater sustainability program.

A future meeting discussion was suggested: the Fremont Weir Project increasing water flow over the weir for fish passage (when, how, where, etc.).

5. 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.

6. Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 3:00-4:30 PM, location to be determined.