

**Sacramento River Forum
Board of Directors Meeting**

October 23, 2019
3:00 PM

Conference Room, Granzella's Hotel
Williams, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Forum Board Chair Leonard Moty called the meeting to order at 3:09 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.

INTRODUCTIONS

<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	(Mat Conant)	(Brian Fedora)	
Tehama	(Burt Bundy)	<u>Michael Vasey</u>	
Yolo	<u>Jeanette Wrynsinski</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)			(Brad Rust)
Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR)			(Trish Ladd)
Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)			(Elizabeth Hubert)

Forum staff Present: Jane Dolan, Rob Irwin, Harmony Gugino.

Other present: Rob Capriola, Westervelt, Adrienne Frediani, TNC, Mike Cook, River Partners, Josh Bush, CDFW

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION

Approval of Meeting notes was postponed to a future meeting.

Closed Session was deferred to the end of the meeting

Due to members schedule Item 4 was taken up out of order. The Nature Conservancy requests the Board approve a letter of concurrence with the Sacramento River Conservation Area Handbook to the Department of Fish & Wildlife for that the transfer of ownership of

located on the river side of levee in Colusa County. Rob Irwin gave a Power Point presentation of the land, known as Thousand Acre Ranch, although it is 35 acres, its location, acquisition by the Nature Conservancy, present use, the Colusa Sub-reach Planning Study and access. Adrienne Frediani and Josh Bush gave background and information of future plans for restoration of the land. In response to Board members questions, information was provided of the contact with Colusa County Board of Supervisors, adjoining landowners, plan for year round public access, including hunting that would be by boat-in and CDFW effort to coordinate public uses it the adjoining USFWS lands. The Board approved a letter to CDFW finding concurrence with the Handbook and directing communication of future plans with adjoining landowners. M by Price, S by Brennan, unanimous.

At this time, Lynnel Pollock assumed Chair of the meeting.

REPORTS/INFORMATION

Staff provided a presentation of projects of Cooperative Agreement with USBR CVPIA Fisheries Habitat Improvement. Five projects under construction or planned for completion in 2019 : Rio Vista Side Channel with water districts, led by RD 108, for construction; Reading Side Channel Phase 1 and 2 and Anderson River Park Side Channel Phase 1 with York Tribe for construction; Market Street gravel with water district, led by GCID for construction; Keswick gravel with River Partners for construction. Information and maps of the projects is available (<https://www.sacramentoriver.org/forum/index.php?id=channels>).

Board members (county and agency) & guests provided brief, oral reports. John Brennan reported that Cal Marsh Farms Venture is moving forward with project to improve fish rearing habitat on Battle Creek in cooperation with Coleman Fish Hatchery. He reviewed the Voluntary Agreement process and noted that the discussion includes the need for side channels to create rearing habit at low flows. Richard Price commented that Butte County is still reeling from the devastate of the Camp Fire. Brad Henderson reported that CDFW has worked with 14 landowners along Shasta River for a 20-year Safe Harbor, published in the Federal Register for cover habitat enhancement of for Coho Salmon. Rob Capriola reported on Westervelt projects: third year monitoring of the Bullock Bend floodplain restoration showed habitat gain; 420 acres of tidal restoration in the delta. Adrienne Frediani reported that TNC is seeking funding from WCB to resolve the land ownership transfer to USFWS, a component of the Kopta Slough project area.

Jane Dolan provided report of staff and projects activities. A No Cost Time Extension of the Safe Harbor Grant Agreement has been submitted to WCB to extend the time.

The Board held a brief closed session and reported on effort to develop a written agreement with Chico State Enterprises – formerly CSU, Chico Research Foundation – to clarify and define roles and responsibilities.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

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