

**Sacramento River Forum
Board of Directors Meeting**

December 11, 2019
3:00 PM

Sites JPA Office
Maxwell, 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 either in person or by conference call; names in parentheses represent absences.

| <u>County</u> | <u>Public Interest</u> | <u>Landowner</u> | <u>Agency (non-voting)</u> |
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| Butte | <u>Richard Price</u> | <u>John Nock</u> | |
| 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 Wrynsinski</u> | <u>Lynnel Pollock</u> | |
| Resources Agency | <u>John Brennan</u> | | |

Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Mike Berry

Forum staff Present: Jane Dolan, Rob Irwin. Harmony Gugino was on site of construction projects.

Others present: Rob Capriola, Westervelt, Mike Cook and Maggie Bobart, River Partners

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION

Approval of Meeting notes was postponed to a future meeting.

The meeting schedule for 2020 was discussed. The Board concluded that the weather and farming needs are difficult to predict and concluded by consensus that the meeting dates for 2020 will be scheduled on the fourth Thursday of the months of February, May and November. The fourth Thursday of September will be scheduled as a potential meeting date and will be used if needed or due to harvest or other conflicts that may affect attendance during other months, The final meeting of the year to be the second Thursday of December. Further, meeting locations will be determined by staff, rotate locations, and be held at locations near Interstate 5, unless a field trip or tour might be arranged for a project . All meetings will begin at 3 pm and planned to end at 4:30 pm. The 2020 Board meeting schedule will be as follows: February 27, March 26, May 28, August 27, September 24 is

saved date, tentative/TBD, December 10. All meetings are on a Thursday 3 pm to 4:30 pm, locations TBA.

Board member appointments may be needed. Jane will follow up with members for assistance. Board officers continue through 2021.

River Partners presented information and a request for approval of a letter of concurrence with the Sacramento River Conservation Area Handbook for the acquisition of property. The parcel is known as Rancho Caleta is located in Colusa County at Butte Slough Road. The land is to be acquired from a willing seller and the organization is seeking funding from WCB. The current uses are orchard and riparian. River Partners has made some contacts with adjoining property owners finding no specific objections to date. The project is in its very early stages. The Board approved the letter of concurrence and requested River Partners to provide updates on funding, the land valuation process, communication with adjoining landowners and local government and the restoration planning. M by Hawes, S by Mat, unanimous.

REPORTS/INFORMATION

Jane commented that with the loss of Ellen Gentry, staff is trying to keep up with the administrative paperwork and she is reviewing time needs and budget capacity for filling this position, which may only be part-time in the future.

Staff provided information of projects of Cooperative Agreement with USBR CVPIA Fisheries Habitat Improvement and Safe Harbor. Board members requested more detailed information of funding at future meeting(s).

Board members (county and agency) & guests provided brief, oral reports. Mike Berry reported that after four years of actions and projects to improve fish populations it has been found the work to construct side channels along the Upper Sacramento river to be a great benefit. He views the work, including our projects of creating juvenile habitat to be a good way to “turning the knob” and increase the population.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.