

**AUBURN RAVINE/COON CREEK WATERSHED**  
**Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) GROUP**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**November 9, 2005**

The meeting of the Auburn Ravine/Coon Creek Watershed CRMP Group (AR/CC) was called to order by Rich Gresham, Placer County Resource Conservation District (PCRCDD) at Auburn City Hall & Civic Center Room #10 at 1:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Rich Gresham and Katie Maloney, PCRCDD; Warren Hart, Nevada Irrigation District (NID); Lyle Waite, City of Rocklin Dept of Public Works; Joe Navari, Ducks Unlimited; Gregg Bates, Dry Creek Conservancy Executive Director; Lydia Sizelove, City of Rocklin; Marilyn Jasper, Clover Valley Foundation & Sierra Club; and Edmund Sullivan, Placer County Planning Dept.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Placer Tree Partners (PTP):* Katie Maloney reported PTP is in the process of developing a website, four brochures on tree care, and a booklet on native oaks and other native trees.

PTP is also working on the revision of their Treasured Tree Walking Tour Map. An effort will be launched in the spring to renew the tree markers along the trail and promote the walk as a way of educating the public on the value of an urban forest.

*Vegetation Management Subcommittee:* Rich Gresham reported the Placer County Board of Supervisors has approved \$30K for the development of a resource management plan for the Regional Park being planned along Coon Creek.

A fuel load reduction grant proposal is set to be submitted for funding consideration.

Rich is looking to hold conversations with the Cities of Roseville, Rocklin, and Loomis regarding riparian/open space/vegetation management.

UPDATES:

- *Prop 50 Ecosystem Restoration Program Funding Proposal Update:*  
Joe Navari reported the stream restoration project area is located west of Lincoln along Coon Creek. He noted Ducks Unlimited, partner in the effort, is focused on conservation opportunities in the American Basin with efforts concentrated on the opportunity are north of Verona and west of Dowd Road.

US Fish & Wildlife Service is focused on the Giant Garter Snake habitat in the American Basin and has funding to provide match for the new proposal.

1. BUSINESS

- a) *Regional Cross Canal Watershed Flood Control Update:*  
Brian Keating handed out maps of the Cross Canal watershed. He reviewed the 1993 joint study pursued in partnership with Sutter County that resulted in the recommendation of implementing 3600 acre feet of regional retention basins. He noted while there is a desire to update the 1993 study, funding is an issue. Since 1993, due to the amount of growth in Lincoln and Roseville, the need for 3,600 acre feet of retention facilities has grown to 6,500 acre feet to deal with growth. Placer County is dealing with retention/detention mitigation on a project by project basis. The cities of Roseville and Lincoln are planning ahead for growth with the development of Roseville's Reason Farms Retention Basin and Lincoln's Lakeview Farms Volumetric Retention Facility.

Group discussion revolved around cross canal capacity, opportunities for conjunctive uses of area retention basins, backwatering due to canal restrictions, and the potential use of rice fields during the winter season for retention of stormwater and dispersal of sediment before reaching the Cross Canal.

- b) *Placer/Sutter Grant Proposal Development Update and Consideration of Letter of Support:*  
Rich Gresham briefly reviewed the project proposal that includes collaboration with several willing landowners to provide for creek and riparian enhancement, sediment control, and increased channel capacity.

Brian Keating indicated he still needs to look at the proposed project from a hydrologic standpoint before agreeing to a letter of support for the proposal.

Rich encouraged the group to continue working together to further develop and refine project components.

Group discussion revolved around topics including, check dam operations, the potential use of rice fields to help with stormwater management as well as helping rice farmers with rice stubble disposal by enhancing decomposition of stubble by covering with water during winter months. Challenges to that idea may include potential sediment and weed issues.

Brad Arnold reported the proposal presentation to the South Sutter Water District's board resulted in the board's desire to look into the proposal in more depth before taking any action in terms of providing a letter of support. He noted board issues included potential mandates for fish screening should anadromous fisheries become established as well as potential competition for same source funding. Brad will provide an additional update at the next meeting.

- b) *Rock Creek Tributary Restoration and Trail Construction Project Update:*  
The item deferred to a future meeting.

## 2. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Rich Gresham reported Ducks Unlimited has gained restoration funding; their plans and potential projects within the American River Basin will be explored.

## 3. ADJOURNMENT, NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There was discussion about not holding an August meeting. If agenda items present themselves a meeting will be scheduled on August 10<sup>th</sup> at Auburn City Hall & Civic Center in Room #10 at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.