

**AMERICAN BASIN COUNCIL of WATERSHEDS MEETING**  
**Including**  
**Dry Creek Watershed Council, Pleasant Gove/Curry Creek CRMP**  
**Auburn Ravine/Coon Creek CRMP**

**April 2, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Gregg Bates, Dry Creek Watershed Coordinator; Duke Davis and David Baker, Dry Creek Conservancy (DCC); Jane Keillor, Placer County Resource Conservation District (RCD); Chris White, Balance Hydraulics; Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County; Marilyn Jasper, Sierra Club/Clover Valley Foundation; Brian Keating, Placer County Flood Control Water Conservation District (PCFCWCD); Mike Dour, City of Roseville; Harvey Oslick, RBF Consulting; Vicki Lake, DFG-OSPR; Mick Klasson, SAFCA Consultant; Don Tanner, National Marine Fishery Service.

The meeting was called to order by Gregg Bates at 9:15 a.m.

**Self-Introductions/Agenda Revisions:** Introductions were made and there were no agenda changes.

**1. PRESENTATION: Roseville Bikeway Master Plan:** Mike Dour, from the City of Roseville, gave a Power Point presentation on the status of bike path construction in Roseville. The three main areas of the presentation were a Master Plan update, the Dry Creek Bike Trail Planning, and the Feasibility Study and Bike Trail Construction Projects.

The Master Plan update began in 2006 and included public outreach with on-line surveys, workshops and a bike tour. A mitigated negative declaration will be released on April 9, 2008.

There are 27 miles of class I bike trails in Roseville with another 28 proposed, totaling 55 miles. Six new miles are proposed in the update. Two connecting segments that had been removed have been added back to the plan: the Linda Creek portion to the city limits which will connect with the Placer County trail to form the 70 mile loop with the American River Parkway, and the Secret Ravine segment to the Rocklin city limit.

Mike stated that the current Folsom Lake Recreation area update will not affect links between the Dry Creek Greenway and the American River Parkway since linking trail segments are already in place.

Planning continues on another segment from the City Corporation Yard, through the rail yard, and on to Vernon Street and to Saugstad Park. The Dry Creek Greenway is part of the state Golden State Bikeway from San Francisco Bay to Tahoe.

On a limited budget, the City plans the trail build-out within the next 20 years. Trails will be built as the subdivisions are created in the city and in areas being considered for annexation into the City. Roseville is working with developers on trail planning and is also trying to acquire easements through established neighborhoods. Discussions for the public are planned in April, May and June. Public support for trails is important to getting approvals. Public support may be especially important for the Linda Creek link.

Mike is not involved in funding efforts related to allocating funds from state bonds. Also, to develop multi objective proposals including stormwater, flood control and other issues, bike trail advocates should work with open space manager, Shayna Carney. The open Space Master Plan may provide additional support for bike trails.

Some discussion included:

- The link from the Walerga tributary to the city trail ending near Baseline and Crowder is best taken up with Placer County since it is in county jurisdiction.

- o The city would accept additional donations for placing benches along the bike routes such as those placed along Miners Ravine by DCC and the City.
- o The city is in the process of placing directional signage along trails.
- o There have been no safety issues along Roseville trails.
- o A creek week event could promote dog control and feces pick up.
- o The city is discussing mountain bike skills parks, possible at Reasons Farms.
- o The city of Rocklin will connect to the False Ravine trail.
- o Mike will send meeting notices to Gregg for distribution to interested people.

## 2. REPORTS:

- a) *Turbidity Issues Subcommittee*- Kerry Schmitz reported on the March 20 meeting with the storm water managers. The discussion revolved around the meaning of the data collected by the Dry Creek studies and what stormwater departments can do to reduce turbidity. Placer County and the City of Roseville have adopted measures in the last couple of years that have had positive benefits.

Sacramento County and the City of Roseville have collaborated on a new development manual. They may work with other jurisdictions to promote greater implementation of the practices in the manual. Kerri will be doing a presentation at Placer County on the manual.

In addition, a follow up conference to the LID conference two years ago has been suggested to promote beneficial practices and to discuss hydro mod requirements in future permits and how to proactively avoid TMDL's.

Barbara Washburn sent a detailed summary of the turbidity analysis to Gregg Bates who shared it with meeting attendees. Chris white suggested the next step is to relate TSS data to physical habitat data.

There was a question as to whether the data being developed by OEHHA can be used for the Dry Creek Watershed Flood Control update. Brian stated he has asked that the consultant team to look at OEHHA data to evaluate its relevance to the update.

It was suggested that PCWA canals might have an effect on stormwater patterns.

- b) *Creek Week/Earth Day*- April 19, 2008 is Earth Day. The City of Roseville and Placer County will hold an event at the Mahaney Complex. Free bike parking is available. Creek Week events are posted at [www.creekweek.org](http://www.creekweek.org).
- c) *Dry Creek Watershed Flood Control Plan Update*- The plan is in the preliminary phase of collecting data. Hydro modification is in the discussion. Brian Keating said budget decreases would have a minor impact on their operation. Barbara Washburn is working with Andy to develop impervious cover information. Harvey Oslick reported he is delineating sub-watersheds and calibrating the model based on land use changes since the 1992 plan.

Plan update coordination meetings are on the first Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. in Auburn at the Land Development Building. Comment is sought from all parties. The projected date for full completion is September 2008.

- d) *Grant proposals*-
- o **DOC Watershed Coordinator Program**- There is no new information on either the Dry Creek or the Auburn Ravine/Coon Creek Coordinator grant.

- **CABY IRWMP Proposal-** No new information to share.
- **Auburn Ravine Fish Passage Improvement Project-** No information
- **Cottonwood Lake Dam Fish Passage and Riparian Habitat Improvement Project-** No new information.
- **Scilacci Farms Flood and Conservation Easement-** Brian Keating reported we should hear on this by May. He feels positive because this is the only proposal in the state that includes an agricultural component. Ducks Unlimited will be providing a match.

**4. Grant Updates-**

**a)-(d)** No information about other grants.

**Upcoming Events of Interest:**

April 16-Riparian Weed Control Workshop, Cache Creek Nature Preserve

April 19-Placer County Earth Day

April 19-26- Creek Week

**Next Meeting, Future Agenda Items and Adjournment:**

**No meeting will be held in May.** The next meeting will be on June 4, 2008. There is an interest in having a speaker talk about toxics. Speakers from CABY or RWA are also possible topics. The group should follow up on the idea of putting on a watershed LID workshop. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.