

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

June 4, 2008

PRESENT: Gregg Bates and David Baker, Dry Creek Watershed Coordinator and Dry Creek Conservancy (DCC); Jane Keillor, Placer County Resource Conservation District (RCD); Chris White, Balance Hydraulics; Janet Parris, Sacramento County; Barbara Washburn, OEHHA; Marilyn Jasper, Sierra Club/Clover Valley Foundation; Brian Keating, Placer County Flood Control Water Conservation District (PCFCWCD); Jennifer Dzakowic, Placer County; Bob Schreiner, Foothill Association.; Mick Klasson, Consultant to SAFCA; Warren Hart, Nevada Irrigation District, (NID); Stephanie Austin, Penryn Resident; Kelly Casanova and Derrell Ogden, City of Roseville; Don Tanner, RK, NOAA; Gail Mackenroth.

Self-Introductions/Agenda Revisions: Introductions were done; no changes to the agenda.

American Basin Council of Watersheds (Council) Meeting

1. DISCUSSION: Conference on Watershed Condition and LID- The group discussed a follow-up conference of one held two years ago. The suggestion came out of a meeting of stakeholders regarding turbidity data presented at ABCW by OEHHA. Suggested date is the week of October 6 in Roseville at the Maidu Community Center. Kelly Casanova and Derek Ogden, from the City of Roseville, will inquire about city donation of the facility. Barbara Washburn may have a draft of the assessment completed in September. Chris and Kelly will also serve on the committee and seek the participation of the Regional Water Board. Stephanie Austin will also work on planning.

Janet Parris suggested that Sacramento County may be able to help fund Tom Richmond as a guest speaker. Mr. Richmond wrote "Start at the Source" and has been working on resolving conflicts between LID practices and compact development. The suggested target audience is local government staff and homeowners. There might be a separate workshop for each.

2. DISCUSSION: ABCW Work plan/Sierra Nevada Alliance RFP, Conservation Landscaping- Since the DOC grants weren't funded ABCW needs to decide on a alternate workplan. Sacramento County provided their \$10,000 grant match for continued ABCW coordination. DCC has funding from the Water Board and NOAA to contribute to continued ABCW operations. Placer County will continue to fund Placer RCD minute taking.

The group agreed that previous activities were a continuing priority including:

- The spawning survey
- Creek Week
- BMI surveys – PCFCD will participate in monitoring near the Miners Ravine detention basin.
- Instream loggers – OEHHA can analyze data.

Conservation landscaping for homeowners is still of interest. A good approach might be to collaborate with an agency that is also working on homeowner practices. Roseville is offering a rebate for turf removal; RWA has a landscape water conservation program; Sacramento County has a raingarden program. The Sierra Alliance landscaping program is not a good fit for our area.

Barbara suggested working with the City of Roseville to develop homeowner's education programs. Environmental Utilities would be a good future presenter. Additionally, the Regional Water Authority should be contacted to see if we could collaborate with them in educating the public about water quality programs.

3. REPORTS:

- a) **Loomis Basin Canal Efficiency Study recommendations-** The study has been completed and suggests limited changes in operations. Changes in customer turnouts and increased theft reduction are considered the most cost efficient measures. PCWA can provide a presentation on the study if desired.
- b) **The Fall 2007 bio-assessment results for three American Basin sites** showed that the Miners Ravine site was about as expected, the Secret Ravine site had better results than any previous site, and the Auburn Ravine site was surprisingly poor relative to its physical habitat quality.
- c) **Elverta Bridge Construction-** ABCW stakeholders had a field trip to the site and submitted comments on the project several years ago. This project will begin soon.
- d) **Foothill Water Network-** The group is representing West Placer environmental concerns, especially continued flow necessary to support anadromous fish. DCC is participating in ongoing meetings to advocate inclusion of West Placer streams in studies..
- e) **Creek Week/Earth Day-** Creek Week was successful with 850 participants in Roseville, Rocklin, Lincoln, and Placer County. REI and PG&E funded a Native Plant Nursery in Rocklin for stock for the city's parks and open space.
- f) **Turbidity Issues subcommittee-** No further meetings.
- g) **Dry Creek Watershed Flood Control Plan Update-** Brian will provide a presentation in September.
- h) **Grant Proposals-**
 - American Water-** A proposal to continue creek labeling in the Pleasant Grove Watershed in Roseville was not funded.
 - DOC Watershed Coordinator Program-** Neither proposal was funded.
 - CABY IRWMP Proposal-** The proposal, that included fish passage projects in Auburn Ravine and Dry Creek Watersheds, was not funded. We will ask Katie Burdick to discuss ABCW's connection to CABY and the Proposition 84 proposal. A total of \$81 Million is available for IRWMP's.

Gail Mackenroth noted that there is interest in her property on Auburn Ravine as a site of Native American Spiritual activities.

SARSAS continues to work on fish passage with NID and others. Their goal is to provide passage to the City of Auburn.

•**Scilacci Farms Flood and Conservation Easement:** Brian reported the Scilacci Farms Flood and Conservation Easement did not make the final cut. Ducks Unlimited is applying for another grant. This is a purchase of over 300 acres, a mile outside the City of Lincoln.

4. Grant Updates:

- a. **Central Valley Joint Venture- working landscapes-** report next month from Rich Gresham.
- b. and c. **American Basin Watershed Restoration Project and Auburn Ravine Spawning and Rearing Habitat Access-** No new information available.

5. Upcoming Events Announced- The 2008 Extreme Precipitation Symposium is at UCD on June 20.

6. The Next Meeting will be Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at the same location, 9 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned 11:25 a.m.