

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

**July 2, 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; Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County; Barbara Washburn, OEHHA; Marilyn Jasper, Sierra Club/Clover Valley Foundation; Derek Ogden, City of Roseville; Kim Schwab, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board; Beth Campbell and Zac Jackson, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, USFWS; Vicki Lake, Cal Fish and Game.

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

**1. DISCUSSION: Continued Planning for October Conference-** Kelly Casanova has reserved a Maidu Community Center meeting room for the conference on October 6 and October 7, 2008. The target audience will be both the local government staff and homeowners. The goal for staff is to show innovative approaches to stormwater and present tools. Park Districts are seen as an important audience. The possibility of using the Roseville Utility Education Center for the presentation to homeowners was discussed while still utilizing the Maidu center for government employees. Agenda items were discussed as follows:

- Kerry Schmitz will see if Tom Richmond will be available to speak at the conference.
- Barbara Washburn reported Eric Bernsten agreed to talk about approaches to hydromodification and the BMP calculator.
- Barbara will ask Tim Lawrence to discuss case studies around the state
- OEHHA can present the latest version of the impervious surface estimation tool.
- Another topic might be analysis of codes and ordinances to discover conflict with BMP's and how they can be modified to be more consistent. Perhaps someone from Center for Watershed Protection could help with that.
- Water conservation could be included. Chris White offered Ed Balman of Balance Hydrologic to discuss the relationship between hydromod BMP's and water conservation.
- A local stormwater staffer could discuss new permit requirements.
- OEHHA and Chris will present analysis of Dry Creek water quality data.
- Homeowners could be given a River Friendly Landscaping presentation
- Trade booths could present relevant tools. Perhaps agencies such as PCWA could offer incentives to homeowners for practices such as rain barrels.

We need to find a good name for the conference.

**2. DISCUSSION: Fish Passage and Habitat Projects on Secret Ravine-** This topic was discussed first on the agenda to accommodate late arrival of participants for the conference discussion. CDFG has provided \$23,000 to be used for restoration near the mouth of Secret Ravine. Vicki Lake is managing these funds for CDFG.

- We should investigate the feasibility of doing permitting and CEQA for several projects for cost savings and to advance project readiness for funding.
- Beth can work with NMFS to facilitate the section 7 consultation. She will also discuss the project with David Hu of Anadromous Fish Restoration Program and the new CDFG Region 2 biologist, Kevin Thomas.
- Beth and Vicki will investigate funding opportunities available.
- Derek will look into City of Roseville involvement.
- Gregg will contact Swanson Hydrology and Geomorphology, the original designers of the project through a contract with Placer County, to discuss a current approach to design.

David Baker announced that comments on the new Wal Mart project, under construction near Secret Ravine, are due on July 15, 2008. This project may have a significant impact on the Secret Ravine salmon population. He suggested ABCW send comments. Perhaps agencies could require contributions to Secret Ravine restoration as mitigation for the Wal-Mart project. David also suggested the possibility of a project on Antelope Creek. Perhaps this group could work with the Department of Fish and Game Department to do CEQA and permitting on a watershed wide set of fish passage projects. A beaver management plan could be included. Vicki Lake noted that Fish and Game is working on beaver management and offered to invite their new biologist to our meeting next month to discuss current programs.

### 3. **REPORTS:**

- a) **Elverta Bridge Construction-** Comments on this project have been submitted. Gregg will follow-up on the status and report back to the group. Current county regulations require mitigation for addition of 5 acres or more of impervious cover.
- b) **Sierra Nevada Alliance Conservation Home Landscaping RFP-** Their program, although small, is aimed at non-profit groups and watershed groups to educate homeowners about landscaping. Their service area includes parts of Lincoln and Rocklin and will allot up to \$25,000 to assist homeowners. Perhaps DCC could apply for assistance under this program.
- c) **Foothill Water Network-** This group is leading the effort to include western Placer creeks in the study for the FERC process. They are focusing on irrigation that comes through the PG&E powerhouses. Beth Campbell volunteered to investigate what is going on with the flow and temperature on Secret Ravine, Miners and Antelope Creeks. She will contact Phil Dunn of EDAW (formerly JSA), Brad Cavallo, and Eric Theiss of NMFS. Gregg will send her Foothill Water Network information.
- d) **Watershed Assessment- OEHAA-** No report
- e) **SARSAS-** They are working with NID and CABY. Jack Sanchez is looking for assistance.
- f) **CABY Prop 84 Funding Proposal-** The next meeting is to be on July 8. They are currently working on a regional passage improvement program. They will be applying for another grant in October. They are actively doing outreach to watershed groups.
- g) **DOC Proposal- Ducks Unlimited –** No report
- h) **Weed Management Authority Budget-** No report
- i) **Auburn Ravine/Coon Creek Coordination-** No report; Gregg will be working on this.
- j) **River Friendly Steering Committee-** Gregg will attend the meeting this afternoon.
- k) **Dry Creek Parkway-** Gregg attended a recent meeting and reported contacts are soon to be let for construction. Kim Schwab raised the issue of equestrian trails that are not far enough away from the water and contribute waste to creeks. Dogs have also become a major concern and the waste they contribute.

### 5. **GRANT UPDATES:**

- **Central Valley Joint Venture- working landscapes:** No update from Placer County RCD.
- **Auburn Ravine Fish Passage Improvement Project:** See agenda

### 6. **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- A free webcast on green infrastructure will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Refer to Agenda for July 2, 2008**

**8. NEXT MEETING, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & ADJOURNMENT:** The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2008 at 9 a.m. at the Roseville Corp Yard.

Katy Burdick will present information at the meeting in September. Brian will also give an update on Flood Control Plans at an upcoming meeting.

Gregg will contact someone from City of Roseville environmental utilities to speak about programs for homeowners.

Marilyn Jasper raised the issue of wastewater treatment plant overflows onto local residents land as a future agenda item.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.