

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

September 3, 2008

PRESENT: Gregg Bates, David Baker and Duke Davis, Dry Creek Watershed Coordinator and Dry Creek Conservancy (DCC); Rich Gresham and Jane Keillor, Placer County Resource Conservation District (RCD); Chris White, Balance Hydrologics; Kerry Schmitz, Sacramento County; Barbara Washburn, OEHHA; Katie Burdick, CABY; Ed Armstrong, Foothill Associates; Don Tanner, NMFS; David Willoughby, Department of Water Resources(DWR); Mark Epstein, SESEI; Doug Brewer, Eco Logic; Derek Ogden and Kelly Casanova, City of Roseville; Mick Klasson, Consultant to SAFCA; Erwin Hayer, Rio Linda/Elverta Chamber; Vicki Lake, DFG-OSPR; Jeff Bordelon, resident; Rob Swartz, Regional Water Authority; Kim Schwab, Regional Water Quality Board.

1. Self-Introductions

2. DISCUSSION: Integrated Watershed Protection Assessment, River Network-
http://www.rivernetwork.org/rn/jwp_survey

Dry Creek Conservancy is a member of the non-profit group, River Network. They distributed an assessment that can be used guide planning. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that all participants will go to the website, review the assessment and for discussion at the November or December meeting.

3. PRESENTATION: Cosumnes, America, Bear, and Yuba (CABY) IRWMP-Collaboration with ABCW, Katie Burdick- Katie explained that an IRWMP summarizes and highlights the key tasks, roles, and management strategies for the collectively proposed projects that would meet the goals and objectives of the organizations. In our case, water is the focus and regional integrated water management is the imperative.

CABY partners with water agencies and community groups to focus on conservation and efficiency within the agricultural community and the water districts by performing tasks relating to: climate change, mercury contamination, water efficiency, site identification and wetland improvement. Specifics include rebuilding areas to make them green again; performing work around dams, including areas on the Cosumnes; and in working on a practical way to get fish upstream. Funding has come from Prop 84 and Prop 50 and CEQA remains the biggest challenge.

In outreach, CABY has worked with the Nevada County RCD on the Scotch Broom Program, as well as with the Tahoe Forest area on illegal dumping. Other accomplishments have included the improvement of mountain wetlands and educational outreach to Native American Tribes and other communities.

Katie invites the American Basin Council of Watershed Groups to adopt CABY as an IRWMP. This would entitle the group to automatically become members of committees. Another way to become involved is to choose an area of common interest and to become involved in that. A suggestion was made that all participants review the IRWMP. The MOU is to be mailed shortly and it will be on the agenda for our October 1, 2008 meeting for further discussion.

IRWMP's started with prop 50 funds which were allocated by population. CABY has low population. There is less interest in areas above dams. However, CABY is important to water management since it is the source for large urban populations.

CABY has focused on relationships building and has succeeded at that.

CABY will attend ABCW, but ABCW should also coordinate with NCWA (Northern California Water Agency) and RWA (Regional Water Authority). There is funding in prop 84 for inter IRWMP coordination.

Rob Swartz explained that RWA planning is done by the board which is comprised of water purveyors. They are working on a plan update that is conditioned on prop 84 standards. The update and new signatories should be done in June. RWA would like to be on a future ABCW agenda.

4. REPORTS:

- a) **Fish passage and habitat projects on Secret Ravine-** Gregg reported this project is a partial barrier near the mouth of Secret Ravine. Swanson H+G has submitted an estimate. We will look for implementation money since none is available under the new Farm Bill. Vicki Lake's group has come up with funding to assist in hiring a consultant and in moving toward implementation.
- b) **October 7 LID Conference-** The flyers have been sent out with a link to drycreekconservancy.org Gregg has been receiving signups. Placer County will engage a moderator to assist with the agenda development. Sacramento will sponsor a keynote speaker. Send in your RSVP as soon as possible.
- c) **Grant RFP- California River Parkways (RP) and the Urban Streams Restoration (USRP) grant Programs-** The RFP's are out for the two grants. Gregg met with others about applying for these grants. Redevelopment planned for the City of Roseville includes a restoration with some kind of creek walk but since completion of planning is a few years off the city isn't ready to submit a grant application. He asked for suggestions on projects and programs. There was some discussion about the WalMart project at Sierra College and I-80 providing mitigation money. DCC plans to submit the Secret Ravine Barrier .
- d) **Recreational Use Study Labor Day Weekend- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board-** A study was conducted with volunteers sampling at four sites to check for bacterial contamination. Results will be available in the near future.
- e) **River Friendly Steering Committee-** This group meets tomorrow and Gregg will be attending. They are developing a brochure for homeowners in the City of Roseville. Brochures can be requested by organizations.
- f) **Rocklin SNC Grazing Proposal-** DCC sent a letter of support for this proposal to use goats to control weeds. Goats are being used as well in Roseville and Woodland.
- g) **Foothill Water Network-PG&E FERC Process-** Comments have been submitted by organizations regarding studies to be done as part of the process. PCWA submitted a letter representing the interests of West Placer creeks and communities.
- h) **Watershed Assessment- OEHHA –** A massive amount of data has been collected by Dry Creek Conservancy. Barbara reports speaking to scientists from Oregon about sediment thresholds that she will share at a future meeting.
- i) **SARSAS-** No information.
- j) **DOC Proposal- Ducks Unlimited, PCFCD-** No information.
- k) **Elverta Bridge Construction-** It is still going through the CEQA process.
- l) **Auburn Ravine/Coon Creek Coordination-** The idea is to coordinate activity of our partners in these watersheds. Jeff Bordelon introduced himself and volunteered for the process. As an attorney, Jeff was previously involved with Placer County RCD and Placer Legacy. He is extremely interested in motivating landowners and residents to volunteer their time in community efforts.
- m) **Other -** Marc Epstein reported that his program has been funded through Children's Discovery Center of San Jose to continue the Rio Linda HS program.

5. GRANT UPDATES: Rich Gresham reported on the Coon Creek Coordination and noted the target audience is farmers who have rice land that attracts ducks, geese and other waterfowl. They will have a written strategy in writing by September 15, 2008, encompassing Western Placer, Sutter and Yuba Counties.

6. UPCOMING EVENTS: See Agenda of September 3, 2008.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS: See Agenda of September 3, 2008.

8. NEXT MEETING, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & ADJOURNMENT: The next meeting will be on October 1, 2008 at the same location.

- October Agenda- CABY IRWMP Discussion, Placer County Flood Control Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.