

**AMERICAN BASIN
COUNCIL of WATERSHEDS**
Including
**Dry Creek, Pleasant Grove/Curry Creek, and
Auburn Ravine/Coon Creek Watersheds**

Meeting Notes

Wednesday September 2, 2009

9:00 a.m.

Roseville Corporation Yard

2005 Hilltop Circle, Room 2

Roseville, CA

Watershed stakeholders meet in a voluntary and cooperative commitment to develop Coordinated Resource Management to improve resource management and maximize collaboration among landowners, land users, recreational users, government agencies and conservation groups.

1. **5 Self Introductions** – agenda revisions, meeting notes comments, suggestions, announcements

Attending: Rich Gresham, Placer Resource Conservation District; Vicki Lake, Department of Fish and Game; Andrew Darrow, Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District; Ed Sullivan, Placer County Planning; Duke Davis, Dry Creek Conservancy; Chris White, Balance Hydrologics; Bart van der Zeeuw, Foothill Assoc.; Dave Willoughby, DWR; Chad Aakre, Restoration Resources; Katie Burdick, CABY; Erwin Hayer, Rio Linda; Jack Sanchez, SARSAS; John Zisk, Dry Creek Owner; Walker Wieland, OEHHA/CalEPA; Barbara Washburn, OEHHA/CalEPA; Richard Rivas, NRCS; Janna Rinderneck, DFG-OSPR; Carol Oz, DFG; Gregg Bates, ABCW Coordinator, Dry Creek Conservancy.

2. **20 Presentation** – Ed Sullivan, Placer County Planning - The Sundance Properties Riparian Restoration Project

Notes: This 530 acre project on Coon Creek, also called Lakeview Farms is managed by Placer Legacy and provides connectivity of open space along the creek. Adjacent willing landowners are negotiating sales to Placer County. The project protects Swainson's Hawks, Northern Harriers, Fall Run Chinook, and steelhead trout. It includes habitat restoration by creating breaks in the levee to promote flooding. There is about 7.5 acres of restored riparian forest.

3. **35 Reports – (As time permits.)**

Instream loggers – No new info.

a. Fish Passage

- o Secret Ravine – a proposed draft streambed alteration agreement has been provided by CDFG for signature. Additional information has been submitted for the 401 permit and the final permit can be issued on receiving wetland delineation and verification from the Army Corps. There is no new info from the corps. A grant proposal will be submitted to a private foundation.
- o Cottonwood Dam -

Notes: Cottonwood Dam failed and Janna reported that DFG has supervised cleanup and a temporary by-pass channel for the coming storm season. Sediment cleanup was necessary for about one quarter mile downstream. There is apparent consensus of the HOA to remove the dam and funding will be sought. Richard Rivas of NRCS is also working with the HOA. Janna requested any data DCC or others may have to use to estimate impact of the failure.

b. Grant Proposals

- o American Rivers submission to NOAA for Recovery Act funding included the Secret Ravine Barrier Project. The proposal was not funded. A total of 770 proposals were received for \$2.8 billion. Review comments have been promised. Of the several CA projects funded none were fish passage and projects funded were for more than \$3mm.
- o Urban Streams Restoration (USRP) grant programs – DWR hopes to complete this grant selection process by the end of 2009 or beginning of 2010.
 - o Roseville – Secret Ravine barrier – See 3a.

- o Rocklin – Antelope Creek Restoration – Diane Feinstein listed the USRP project proposal on her senate appropriations project list.
 - o Department Of Conservation proposal – Watershed Coordinator RFP. No new info.
 - o Department Of Conservation proposal – Ducks Unlimited, PCFCD (Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District)
- c. River Friendly Steering Committee** – Gregg met with Placer County stormwater staff to discuss the possibility of promoting RFL in Placer. Staff felt that it could be promoted in Truckee/Tahoe where TMDL's are in place but would be difficult in west Placer where there are not formal incentives and no funds to offer them. Staff will promote the upcoming Green Gardener workshop. RFL can be put on the agenda of the October meeting of Placer Regional Stormwater Coordination Group. RFL brochures are available. Contact Gregg dcc@surewest.net
RFL Website-
 The website <http://www.sacramentostormwater.org/SSQP/Riverfriendly/default.asp> is currently being updated..
- d. Foothills Water Network** – existing information for the Yuba County Water Agency relicensing Pre-Application Document has been submitted.
- e. Dry Creek Watershed Assessment** –
- Notes:** Walker Wieland presented some preliminary results from field work on Secret Ravine. They noticed that half the sites they assessed had denuded banks. Homeowners were receptive and concerned and Ed Sullivan asked him to arrange meetings at the sites. Rich noted that technical assistance for homeowners is available from the RCD and NRCS. Homeowners are often concerned that they lose property when the stream changes course. OEHHA is still seeking funds for pyrethroid testing.
- f. SARSAS (Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead)**
- Notes:** SARSAS took staff from the regional water board on a tour of Auburn Ravine. They will have representatives from waste water treatment plants at their next meeting as well as from four water districts. The source of the white gooey substance is still not known. The spill was reported to OES. Carol Oz of DFG went to the spill site and thought some of the white might be dead, bleached out algae. Jack reported that though fish were apparently absent, no carcasses were seen. **Carol Oz said spills should be reported to OES at 916 845-8911.** http://www.sarsas.org/SARSAS_Home.html
- g. Integrated Regional Water Management** - Regional Water Authority (RWA); Cosumnes, American, Bear, Yuba (CABY); Northern California Water Agency (NCWA)
- Notes:** Katie Burdick noted that there is restricted funding for IRWMP's and additional separate funding for joint projects with more than one IRWMP. West Placer creek projects that involve both RWA and CABY would qualify for that funding. Some water agency funding may be available to determine flow requirements in West Placer creeks. She suggested that ABCW could be the hub for RWA based projects. She also suggested that the CABY organized West Placer creeks fish group might have a meeting quarterly to develop a prop 84 proposal. The proposal might include obtaining water or removing barriers. The next proposal will include a Cottonwood Dam project. Funding for that proposal may be available in 2011. CABY will have its quarterly planning meeting on October 7th.
<http://www.cabyregion.org/western-placer-creeks-assessment>
- o NCWA
- h. Development projects** –
- o **Elverta Bridge construction** – The Elverta Road Widening DEIR has been released and is available online at <http://www.dera.saccounty.net/PublicNotices/SQLView/ProjectDetails/tabid/71/Default.aspx?ProjectID=32843>
- i. Auburn Ravine/Coon Creek coordination**
4. 10 **Grant Updates:** (As time permits.) Brief description of change in status.
- a. **Central Valley Joint Venture** – working landscapes
 Grant amount – \$1.8M
 Grantor – California Department of Fish and Game
 Grantee – Placer Co RCD for American Basin Working Group
 Activity – To be reported.
- b. **Auburn Ravine Fish Passage Improvement Project:**
- Modification of Hemphill Dam and NID gauging station on Auburn Ravine which inhibit and/or limit anadromous fish passage.

- Funding -
 - a) American Basin Watershed Restoration Project
 - Grant amount – \$340,000
 - Grantor – CALFED Watershed Program
 - Grantee – Placer County Legacy Program

Activity –

- b) Auburn Ravine Spawning and Rearing Habitat Access
 - Grant amount – \$55,000
 - Grantor – Bella Vista Foundation
 - Grantee – Dry Creek Conservancy

Activity – Coordinated with item a) above

Notes: Nevada Irrigation District appears to be making positive progress in developing an approach to removing the barriers.

5. 5 **Upcoming events of interest**

6. 5 **Correspondence / Announcements**

- o Interested stakeholders can complete a form at the Regional Water Authority website to have projects considered within the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). Projects can be submitted at any time.
<http://www.rwah2o.org/rwa/programs/irwmp/>
- o The Village 7 Specific Plan is approximately 703 acres and is a part of the City of Lincoln 2050 General Plan. Issues have been raised regarding the plant list, open space credits, and use of LID. The plan can be seen at:
<https://lewisop.sharefile.com/d-s3c10016c06b474ca>

Notes: Ed suggested a subgroup could be formed for the Lincoln plan discussion.

- o The proposed final list of water bodies for the "Selected Water Bodies and Aquatic Life within the Central Valley Pesticide Basin Plan Amendment Project Area" report is posted to the Project webpage at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/tmdl/central_valley_projects/central_valley_pesticides/aquatic_life/index.shtml.
Please provide written comments by the next stakeholder meeting tentatively scheduled for late September or early October 2009.

7. 5 **Next Meeting, Future Agenda Items, & Adjournment**

- Dry Creek Watershed Flood Control Plan Update
- Report on Dry Creek watershed assessment
- Central Valley Water Quality Control Board Recreational Use Study
- DOC Statewide Watershed Program coordinator proposal

Next meeting was set for Wednesday, Oct. 7th.