

**YUBA-BEAR WATERSHED COUNCIL (YBWC)  
BEAR RIVER WATERSHED GROUP (BRWG)**

**Minutes of the Joint Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2008 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**  
Location – Nevada Irrigation District Boardroom 1036 West Main Street, Grass Valley

**10:00 AM Welcome** by Chair Joanne Drummond. Attendees: Rick Humphries, Lynn Campbell, J. Drummond, B. Schmitt, L. Chapln, J. Taylor, Tracy, Kathy VanZuuk, Jan Blake, L. Osterholm, C. White, J. Rainey, Randy C, D. Hitchcock, Steve Allen, Jason Jackson, Hillary, Geri Stout , Leslie Smith, Joanne Hild, SYRCL/FoDC AmeriCorps  
YBWC February minutes approved. BRWG February minute approval tabled. Meeting agenda approved

**10:10 AM Film by Nevada County Resource Conservation District**  
“Agriculture- Nevada County's Real Gold” – highlighting Timber Extraction, Cattle Ranching, Grape/wine Production, Nursery Stock and Fruti/Veg Farming in Nevada County.

**10:40 AM Presentation by Rick Humphries**, Senior Engineering Geologist, State Water Board (SWB): Active and Abandoned Mines Including Solid and Liquid Mine Waste Programs. Discusseion included waste-water-quality issues, mine pit water-quality issues, regulatory influence of SWB, acid mine drainage (pyrite oxidation), leaching, cyanide, post-closure consequences/bonding.

**11:35 AM Stakeholder's Forum**

Fire Safe Council : Funding for Truckee fuel breaks WI-80 projects; chipping program

Congrats to SYRCL NCRCD & FoDC for their DOC Watershed Coordinator grants.

Sierra Nevada Conservancy guidelines for funding are out for review.

WCCA –, General Meeting on Apr 24<sup>th</sup> at NID - topic is Demonstration Landscape Garden “Heal Yourself, Heal the Earth” April 19<sup>th</sup> in Grass Valley.

NCRCD: National Arbor Day Plant Give-away at NCRCD office Fri Apr 25<sup>th</sup>: Scotch Broom Challenge – great volunteer/community turnout with partners at several sites.

Independence Trail: Clean up Sat Apr 19, 10-2.

FoDC – Work proceeding on CEQA docs for the Tribute trail, heavy metal contamination work (restoration under EPA Brownsfield), working with Maidu tribe on cultural restoration project.

NCLT – On-going easement work.

Gold Country Fly Fishers: Boy Scout Fly Fishing Badge program.

SYRCL: Academy for Yuba Stewards April 17<sup>th</sup> to promote intimate connection with naturally world;

Lower Yuba Accord finalized after 17 years!; Bear River Initiative; Lower Yuba Stakeholder Assessment.

NC Superintendents Office: working on Little Deer Creek with students, CALFED grant – May 21 visioning forum: student/agency partnerships.

**11:55 AM YBRWC Recognition** – BJ Schmitt recognized as past chair and Lynn Campbell recognized for her years of dedication and service to YBWC. Lynn spoke to the continued watershed group collaboration despite lack of funding.

**12:05 PM Adjourn** – Next Meeting June 18<sup>th</sup> , 10am NID. Pilot Bio-solid Compost Program for restoring hard rock mine areas.