



# County of Yolo

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### Cache Creek Technical Advisory Committee Summary Minutes September 10, 2007

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<b>Members in Attendance:</b>	Eric Larsen, Tim Horner
<b>County Staff:</b>	Julia McIver, Kent Reeves, Kevin Schwartz
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	David Pratt, Yasha Saber, Laurie Brajkovich, Mark Trask, Brian King, Lynnel Pollock, Max Stevenson, Brian Foster, Spencer Defty, Mark Hirzy
<b>Members Absent:</b>	none

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Kevin Schwartz at 10:07 AM.

#### 2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Eric Larsen motioned to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2007 meeting.

#### 3. REGULAR AGENDA:

**3.1 New Principal Natural Resources Planner introduction:** Kevin Schwartz (County staff) introduced the new Principal Natural Resource Specialist, Kent Reeves. Kent greeted the public and told a little about his background. Kent grew up in Merced County as an Almond Farmer and Cattle Rancher. He has spent 25 years as a Wildlife Biologist and Rangeland Ecologist. The past 10 years he has spent with East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) and has extensive experience working with private landowners, cattle ranchers and wine growers.

**3.2 Rinker bank stabilization project:** Mark Hirzy (Rinker) and Brian Foster (Cunningham Engineering) presented Rinker's bank stabilization plans. This presentation was follow up to the July 23, 2007 TAC meeting where the Rinker bank stabilization project had been reviewed with comments made. The bank stabilization plans stabilize two sections of bank along Cache Creek: site 'D' begins at river station 52+50.49 and extends downstream 600 feet through to station 46+50.71. The second stabilization area, Site 'E' begins at river station 25+51.13 and extends downstream approximately 500 feet to station 20+47.19. The vegetation plans for the sites were based on Zentner and Zentner vegetation plans and reflected comments made by the previous TAC Riparian Biologist, Jeff Hart. The plans for the

log revetments were revised based on comments by TAC members to include deadmen logs placed continuously throughout the upper and lower portions of the bank. The plans also included revisions to the soil material used as requested by Kevin Schwartz and Jeff Hart previously. In the new plans, A and B horizon soil material will be used.

Rinker also addressed the concerns of the project by Dimitrios Georges, former Resource Specialist, and Kevin O'Dea sent to Rinker in January 2007. Brian Foster had sent the TAC members copies of "Rinker Materials Off Channel Mining and Reclamation Cache Creek Hydraulic Study" which was required to address these concerns. Tim Horner, TAC Hydrologist, presented comments addressed in a letter to Cunningham Engineering regarding the study. Tim commented that the report was well done, but recommended improving the readability of the legend. It was further recommended that the groins proposed be removed from the current plan and that the bank stabilization proposed be raised to 136 feet at site D to accommodate the 100-year water surface levels.

Brian Foster requested that the groins still have the option of being considered in the future should the current stabilization not suffice. The TAC agreed that the groins could be considered in the future and approved the plans without the groins as set forth by Rinker and given the above changes. Kevin Schwartz stated that based on the plans presented Rinker would be eligible for a Flood Hazard Development Permit issued by Yolo County.

**3.3 Correll-Rodgers Enhancement Plan Proposal:** Kevin Schwartz stated that the County received a good response to the RFP for the Correll-Rodgers Enhancement Plan. Three consultant groups had been chosen for interviews from the applicant pool through an objective review process by 7 reviewers. It was hoped that the decision would be made that week as to which consultant group to hire for the project.

#### **4. STAFF UPDATE:**

##### **4.1 RFP Announcement for new TAC Riparian Biologist:**

Kevin Schwartz announced that Jeff Hart the TAC Riparian Biologist had resigned and the County had released an RFP for a new TAC Riparian Biologist.

#### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no committee reports.

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**6.1** Lynnel Pollock, Executive Director for the Cache Creek Conservancy (CCC) stated that the CCC would be using an ATV to help haul material out of the creek from the Reynolds barn. Crews spraying in the area may be used to help haul the material out of the creek. Originally the CCC was going to burn the wood from the barn in place in the creek, but they have decided not to burn the material. Tim Horner expressed concern about any metals in the creek and the water heater apparently in the creek. Lynnel

explained that the creek was currently dry in that location and that all of those materials would be hauled out of the creek and properly disposed.

The CCC has herbicide treated in June and then again in August along the stretch of Cache Creek from I505 to the Harrison Property. Ravenna grass and purple loosestrife are seen as new threats in the creek. John Watson is working with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in the Yolo Basin because Ravenna grass is establishing itself in the Basin. The CCC is also treating for Arundo and Ravenna grass from the Capay Dam to CR 85 using glyphosate. In this stretch, the CCC is not controlling tamarisk as much as they are waiting for the beetles released by the USDA to move downstream.

The CCC will be sending landowners in the CCRMP area letters suggesting potential projects in the area and offering to help with issues along the creek.

Spencer Defty, a landowner along Cache Creek and President of Diamond D General Engineering, Inc., gave an update on Diamond D's work done at Huff's corner. He announced that they would be wrapping up the project in 3-4 weeks. Rock to stabilize the toe had been upsized to 3-5 ton rocks and a more clayey soil was being brought on site. The department of Planning and Public Works was off-setting material removed from site with material received from DWR. Willow stakes would be planted 2' on center and there would be hydroseeding on the upper slope of the bank.

**7. SET DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

The next regular meeting of the TAC is tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2007.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Schwartz at 11:07 am.