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PARKS, RECREATION AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE Summary of Meeting Notes (no quorum) May 11, 2009

Committee Members in Attendance: Kirk Alexander, Robert Beggs, Andrew Fulks, Jennifer Henning,

Members Absent: Gerald Hartwig, Carolyn Hinshaw, Kent Lang, Josh Martinez.

County Staff in Attendance: Warren Westrup, Dimitrios Georges, Matt Erke, Kevin Schwartz.

Others in Attendance: Dave Pratt, Lynnel Pollock.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Henning called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was not adopted due to lack of a quorum.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes for March, 2009 were not considered due to lack of a quorum.

5. REGULAR AGENDA

5.1 Presentation on Correl-Rodgers Pond Enhancement by Kevin Schwartz, Resource Specialist. Schwartz made a PowerPoint slide show presentation on the Resource Division's recent efforts to enhance the project, located off CR 96 and Cache Creek. The site is part of a reclaimed gravel quarry and has been utilized as habitat and groundwater recharge.

Current goals at the site include the improvement of hydrology, wildlife habitat, and the protection of private property rights.



Recent efforts at the site include:

- Conduct demonstration/training burns with local fire academy to reduce weeds.
- Grading to improve hydrology and stabilize the banks and berms.
- Planting of native plants to improve habitat and diminish off highway vehicular (OHV) use at the site.
- Placement of traffic control barriers to preclude OHV use of the site and the surrounding properties.
- Continuing to look into lowering and breaching the berm along Cache Creek to allow the site to be inundated with Cache Creek flows more frequently (two year flood event).
- Prepare a more comprehensive vegetation management and maintenance plan.

5.2 Discussion of Parks & Resources budget impacts for FY 2009-2010: Director Westrup advised that the county Board of Supervisors is continuing to discuss the county budget and the affect of the continued state budget impasse to the county budget. A final county budget will be considered by the Board in July.

6. STAFF UPDATE

- 6.1 General update on grant projects: Georges advised that the State continues to suspend grant activities until further notice.
- 6.2 Knights Landing facility renovation: Georges advised that staff will be preparing a request for qualifications to hire a consultant to design the facility renovation project.
- 6.3 Earth Day 2009 at Clarksburg: Georges advised that the project was very successful. 75 Volunteers from PG&E, the Clarksburg area, staff, and others participated in the restoration of native grasses, and shrubs on the river levee west of the existing parking lot.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS/ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA'S

Otis Ranch trail construction update: Fulks announced that work on the trail continues to move along smoothly. Volunteers have begun building a section of the trail, and work will continue into June. The trail sections will closely follow the sections proposed in a grant application in 2007 that was not funded by the State. Volunteers will continue to meet at the trailhead along HWY 16 on workdays (see Yolohiker.org for schedule). Director Westrup and staff thanked Fulks again for his help in setting up the work effort. Additional reports to follow as the work continues.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Henning at 7:45 PM. The next regular meeting of the PRWAC was tentatively scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by,

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