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CACHE CREEK TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) SUMMARY MINUTES

Tuesday, August 10, 2010 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
County Administration Building, Atrium Training Room
625 Court Street, Woodland

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Eric Larsen at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: Eric Larsen (TAC Fluvial Geomorphologist)
Erik Ringelberg (TAC Riparian Biologist)
Tim Horner (TAC Hydrologist)

Staff: Cindy Tuttle, Kevin Schwartz, Tami Leathers

Consultant: Heidi Tschudin

Others: See attached sign-in sheet

2. Adoption of the Minutes

The minutes from the April 12, 2010 meeting were adopted as presented.

3. Public Comment

Steve Greenfield - Cunningham Engineering: Submitted updated plans for the CEMEX levee repair. He also gave a brief history of work on the project, and described the project changes. Staff directed this item be placed on the August 27 and September 13, 2010 TAC agendas.

4. Staff Updates

4.1 Natural Resources

Tami Leathers: Tami said she would review the aerial surveys in more detail during the regular agenda item.

Kevin Schwartz: The Board of Supervisors approved four separate Memorandums of Understanding with Cache Creek Conservancy, Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Audubon Society and Center for Land Based Learning. These agreements will allow the Natural Resources Division to work closer with these entities and partner for implementation of the CCRMP. The scope of work for the agreements will be sent to the TAC for input as necessary.

4.2 Cache Creek Conservancy (CCC)

Lynnel Pollock: The CCC has several current and upcoming things happening including:

- They are going to have a booth at the Yolo County Fair featuring the nature preserve.
- The annual Cache Creek Cleanup on September 25th.
- Staff is monitoring a certain species of beetle, but due to the USDA halting the program, movement of the beetles is no longer permissible.
- The CCC was rewarded a tribal wildlife grant to work on invasive species removal.
- There are two Boy Scout Eagle Scout projects planned to start at the Conservancy in the fall.
- The CCC education program was able to reach 1100 students with environmental education program.
- The CCC is working on a wildlife conservation grant for the re-vegetation of four proposed sites.
- The CCC is working with UC Davis Art of Regional Change on a restore re-story project which is available to the public at the Nature Preserve.

4.3 Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Jeanette Wrynski: The Yolo County Resource Conservation District is currently doing work from a grant from the Wildlife Conservation Board and they also received ARRA funding for weed management surveys.

4.4 Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Max Stevenson: The construction on the Capay Dam is set to start in the upcoming months. The preparation work is going to be done by the end of August, irrigation flows will be stopped Sept 3rd and the construction machinery will be in the creek on September 15th. Water management during this project is a big issue. Water will be diverted around the dam so it will be completely dry for construction.

5. Regular Agenda Items

5.1 2010 Parks & Resources Reorganization

Cindy Tuttle: There have been several changes to the county staffing and

organization within the last few months. With the new fiscal year, the county has restructured the Parks & Resources Department. Parks is now under the General Services Division, and Resources is a separate Division under the County Administrator's Office. Warren Westrup, Kent Reeves and Scott Lines have left the county and Cindy Tuttle is now the Natural Resources Coordinator. Kevin Schwartz and Tami Leathers are still Natural Resources staff. The county has contracted with Heidi Tschudin to perform management oversight for the CCAP program that includes a program audit. Tami Leathers has been appointed as the main liaison for the TAC, so all TAC related correspondence should be sent to her.

5.2 Progress Report from Tschudin Consulting

Heidi Tschudin: Has a contract with the county to perform fiscal and program audits of the CCAP. Work included in the program audit includes reviewing the program mission, budget, fee source, expenditures and documents. Heidi is also creating a master schedule for monitoring along with a regular schedule. She will also be focusing on reinstating the general permits which have expired. The CCAP program is based on adaptive management and she will be focusing on rebuilding the program.

There was a question regarding the two Request for Proposals (RFP) that were sent out for the CCAP Economic Study and Technical Update. The RFP for the Technical Update has not been executed, is being revisited, and there is a possibility that the TAC will complete this work. There has been no decision regarding the RFP for the Economic Study the Producers are considering the need.

5.3 Update on the CCAP General Plan Amendment

Cindy Tuttle: Planning and Public Works is processing an amendment to the CCAP that will allow TAC members to be appointed by the County Administrator instead of the Board of Supervisors (BoS). Currently the TAC is under the Brown Act and TAC members are not able to talk outside of meetings. With this amendment the TAC would still meet in public to formulate opinions for the BoS but would be able to consult each other on technical matters outside of the regularly scheduled meetings if needed.

5.4 Update on Aerial Survey for 2008 and 2010

Tami Leathers: Tami has the 2008 survey aerials done by DWR. The survey aerials were done for the entire county including the CCRMP. Tami also has the 2010 data. Anyone who wants copies of the 2010 information can get it from her, but it would be best to save it on an external drive due to the large file size. It was asked whether there were limits to the topography and it was said that it was limited to the creek only. It might be

possible to include the mineral resource zones in aerials if it is related to the program.

The following requests were made:

- TAC members would like to have a presentation on technical data management at a future meeting. They feel that long term data management is important.
- There was a request to have the county follow up with the photo contractor who took the aerials. The contractor left the white registration marks after the work was done and they need to be removed. County staff said they would follow up on this matter.

5.5 A. Review Purpose of Annual Inspections

Tami distributed a handout titled *Annual Inspections*. This handout lists the items that TAC members need to look for on the annual inspection of the creek.

B. Review Schedule and Site Areas for 2010 Annual Inspection

The annual creek walk is scheduled for August 30th. County staff distributed a handout titled *2010 Creek Walk Inspection Sites*. Discussion regarding the creek walk included whether or not the inspection would take more than one day and also mode of transportation between sites. It was decided that there is no restriction on the number of days of the walk, but no one should be on the creek on September 1st which is the first day for hunting season. Due to the large area covered in the creek walk, it was decided that it would be best to have vehicles transport everyone to the different locations.

There was discussion on whether sites need to be added or deleted to the list and county staff reminded the TAC that all sites visited need to be justified based on the CCAP program guidance. TAC members would like county staff to provide a checklist for each site that includes expected goals. Inspection sites which were discussed include:

- Capay Dam – TAC members believe this is an important site, but due to the Capay Dam construction it might not be accessible unless they can start from the Pacific Palisades site and walk back up to the Capay Dam. One of the goals for this site is observations of low flow.
- Pacific Palisades – Would like to inspect the concrete blanket in stream to see the effect on channel morphology. It was stated that the nick point cannot be seen and a goal for monitoring cannot be set. The goals discussed by the TAC for inspecting the concrete blanket are channel stability and depth and width of erosion. It was suggested that county staff contact PG&E for status of the concrete

project before creek walk. The TAC members would like this information before the inspection.

- Site between Capay Dam & Pacific Palisades – The TAC would like to view car lot where cars were parked on the edge of the creek. There is a possibility that the cars are leaking fluids into the creek.
- Hungry Hollow – View the Jensen property and look at the side of creek where there is concrete at edge.
- Madison (RM 23) – The TAC discussed a possible site, but are not sure if this area is on lock down.
- Scheuring Property – Possibly view the changes in channel dimensions, the spur dike and evidence in bank erosion. Possibly consider viewing the Grube property upstream.
- Bridges – The TAC would like to make stops at bridges located at County Roads 85 and 87, Highway 505 and the CEMEX site.
- Syar Property – There are off highway vehicle (OHV) trespassing issues in this area. The TAC discussed visiting this site to see if the OHV trespassing issue is modifying the creek. County staff said that there is an item going to the Board of Supervisors from the Sheriff's Department regarding this trespassing issue. There will be more sheriff patrol in this area due to grant funding received.
- I-505/CEMEX – This is the site of the CEMEX levee repair project. The TAC members would like to include this site on the creek walk agenda so they can discuss this site in detail. They would also like to include this item on the September 13th regular meeting agenda so they can have further discussion. Cunningham Engineering would like to get this project done during this construction season. It was asked that the county assist with the flood hazard permit. TAC members were asked to review the new plans and submit any questions or conclusions to Tami.
- RM 20.8 and 20.4 (near CEMEX) – There is a skimming location at this site. A General Fish and Game permit is needed for the current channel skimming.
- Nature Reserve at Dunnigan Hills – The TAC members would like to stop at the bridge at this location. They are also interested in having the Resource Conservation District Watershed Coordinator come and talk about sediment levels in the Cache Creek Gordon Slew.
- Correl-Rodgers – It was decided that there is no need to visit this

site because there are no TAC issues at this location.

- RM 12.2 – There is a barn falling into the creek at this location. It was asked that county staff contact the property owner to check the status on this. There is no need for a site visit.
- Huffs Corner – TAC members would like to add this location to view channel dimension and bank erosion.

County staff will notify land owners of the creek walk and invite them to participate in site stops as a matter of courtesy. With the current number of scheduled sites, the TAC members decided that a 2-day creek walk might be needed. County staff will determine the final sites and areas for the creek walk. The days for the creek walk are going to be Friday, August 27th and continue to Monday, August 30th as needed. Everyone will meet for Creek Walk on the 27th at 7 a.m. at the Capay Open Space Park.

5.6 A. Discuss & Review TAC Responsibilities

Due to time, this item was not discussed and will be on the September 13th TAC agenda.

B. Receive Status of Implementation of TAC

Due to time, this item was not discussed and will be on the September 13th TAC agenda.

C. Prioritization of TAC Responsibilities

Due to time, this item was not discussed and will be on the September 13th TAC agenda.

D. Implementation of TAC Responsibilities

Due to time, this item was not discussed and will be on the September 13th TAC agenda.

5.7 Receive TAC Member Updates

Due to time, this item was not discussed and will be on the September 13th TAC agenda.

5.8 Discuss & Approve 2010 TAC Meeting Schedule

County staff proposed to have monthly TAC meetings on the second Monday of every month. TAC members agreed to this schedule. The next meeting is the Creek Walk on August 27th and the next regular meeting

will be on September 13th.

TAC members would like to have the review of the HEC RAS analysis added to the September 13th TAC meeting agenda.

6 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:20 p.m. by Eric Larsen.

Respectfully submitted by,

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