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CACHE CREEK TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) SUMMARY MINUTES

Monday, January 9, 2012 10:45 AM
County Administration Building, Atrium Training Room
625 Court Street, Woodland

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Eric Larsen at 10:45 AM. The opening was delayed by an evacuation of the building due to a bomb threat at the Courthouse.

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

Staff: Cindy Tuttle, Victor Randall and Lanell Hoover

Others: See attached sign-in sheet

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

After an overview of the agenda by Dr. Larsen the agenda was approved.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Individual introductions of meeting attendees were made.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Minutes for the December 12, 2012 meeting will be submitted at the next meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

6. FOLLOW UP ITEMS

Parking Lot:

1. Vehicles left abandoned on flood plain – (Submitted to RWQCB) No report.
2. Barn structure falling into Cache Creek (Reynolds Property) (Submitted to RWQCB) No report.

Action items:

1. Follow up on signage regarding fishing due to mercury presence. Initiate search for funding to update signage. (Staff) No report.
2. Meet with Steve Greenfield to determine differences in LiDAR data. (TAC) Added at this meeting (see 8.1)
3. In preparation for the CCRMP program budget discussions scheduled for a future TAC meeting, the TAC task lists from the audit performed last year will be sent to each TAC member. (Staff)

7. STAFF UPDATES

7.1 Natural Resources Division

7.1.1 General Permit Update

Mr. Randall reported on the progress of renewing the RGP #58 and reported that work is progressing on the Biological Opinion for the DFG permit. Concern was articulated that the Regional Water Quality Control Board staffs are utilizing the program renewal as a precedent setting case. County staff is working diligently to overcome this obstacle.

7.1.2 TAC Contracts

Mr. Randall explained that the County has issued an RFQ for the three TAC positions. Interviews are being held and the process should be finalized by the end of the month.

7.1.3 Update on Ambient Mercury Study

Yolo County has contracted with Darell Slotton to do the required ambient mercury study. In the course of spending time in the creek collecting, Slotton was also able to assemble a general fish species list and approximate densities at the three collection sites. The findings were notably different from those reported by Stillwater Sciences in 2008 (they found far more fish and far greater diversity). They will provide this peripheral information in their general report on the mercury findings.

7.2 Cache Creek Conservancy (CCC)

Lynnel Pollock reported that they had a SLEWS day on December 14th. Students from the Davis High School participated and they will be back in February to do follow up studies.

CCC has been doing weed control along the south edge of Correll-Rodgers. Thistle was not sprayed last year; and they are getting an early start this year.

7.3 Yolo County Resource Conservation District

There was no report because RCD staff had returned to their offices because the County Administration building had been evacuated at the time the meeting was set to begin.

7.4 Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Reporting on water conditions, Max Stevenson said that Indian Valley reservoir is approximately half-full. The dry weather has provided time to catch up on maintenance of infrastructure.

Mr. Stevenson reported on the \$1 million state grant received to prepare the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for five counties (including Yolo) that encompass the Westside Group. He also reported on the Water Resources Association grant of \$35,000 that will allow work on an online surface and ground water quality data base. Dr. Horner will send Mr. Stevenson the CCRMP surface water quality data spreadsheets for integration into the new database.

7.5 Delta Tributaries Mercury Council Report

Mr. Ringelberg reported that there are new TAC workshops scheduled for March of this year. He also reported on the new statewide program by the State Regional Water Board that parallels the regional boards' efforts.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

A new item was entered on the agenda during the meeting as 8.1 and the balance of the items renumbered accordingly.

8.1 2006 Data Analysis

Dr. Larsen explained a concern that has been raised relative to the accuracy of the 2006 LiDAR dataset. He stated that because of the concern they conducted analysis at several points and presented the findings that found the data to be within an acceptable range. However, Dr. Larsen is going to contact Steve Greenfield at Cunningham Engineering to discuss his findings and ensure that the concern has now been addressed.

In addition, Dr. Larsen offered to pull a graph in the Annual Report before it is presented to the Board of Supervisors as it may be misleading if the text is not read carefully. He hopes to have the edits completed within a week. Ms Tuttle agreed that she would rather have an accurate report than one that's on time and proposed moving the presentation of the annual report back to February 7th.

8.2 Hungry Hollow Stewardship Plan Presentation

Postponed due to a lack of time.

8.3 Cache Creek Aerial Survey

8.3.1 Past Cache Creek Aerial Surveys

8.3.2 USDA NAIPS aerials

8.3.3 LiDAR collection needs and thresholds

General discussion ensued relative to the product deliverables of the aerial survey contracts. The scope needs to be refined for 2012 and alternatives, such as the USDA NAIPS aerials, considered as a cost saving measure. This item will be fully discussed at the next TAC meeting.

8.4 Channel Improvement Priorities

This item was postponed.

8.5 Receive TAC member updates (TAC)

9. NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 13, 2012

9.1 Future Agenda Items

9.1.1 2012-13 CCRMP Budget

9.1.2 Channel Improvement Priorities

9.1.3 2012 Creek Walk

9.1.4 Aerial Survey Scope of Work Review

9.1.5 NAIPS Aerials

10. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 PM by Eric Larsen.

Respectfully submitted,

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