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CACHE CREEK TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) SUMMARY MINUTES

Monday, March 12, 2012 10:00 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 10:00 AM.

Roll Call: Eric Larsen (TAC Fluvial Geomorphologist)
Mark Tompkins (TAC Hydraulic Engineer)
Jim Martin (TAC 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

Dr. Larsen introduced the two new members of the TAC – Jim Martin (Biologist) and Mark Tompkins (Hydraulic Engineer), and individual introductions of meeting attendees were made.

4. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Dr. Larsen was elected to serve as TAC Chair and Dr. Tompkins was selected as Vice-Chair.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR THE DECEMBER 12, 2011 AND JANUARY 9, 2012

Jeanette Wrynski requested that minutes for item 7.3 of the January 9, 2012 minutes read "There was no report due to evacuation of the building."

Minutes for the December 12, 2012 and January 9, 2012 (as corrected) meetings were approved by Dr. Larsen, who was present at these meetings. The other two TAC members

who attended these meetings are no longer serving on the TAC, and thus, were not present to vote on the minutes.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

7. 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) *Mr. Randall reported he will continue searching for funding. The item will be moved to the Parking Lot.*
2. Meet with Steve Greenfield to determine differences in LiDAR data. (TAC). *Accomplished.*
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). *Accomplished.*

8. STAFF UPDATES

8.1 Natural Resources Division

Ms. Tuttle announced that the Annual Report had been accepted by the Board of Supervisors at their February 28, 2012 meeting on the consent agenda (without discussion). As required, this report will now be forwarded to the State.

8.1.1 General Permit Update

Ms. Tuttle reported on some of the obstacles encountered in renewing the General Permits and that staff are looking at all potential permit options in order to meet program goals.

8.1.2 Ambient Mercury Study

Mr. Randall reported that Darell Slotten has scheduled his second collection of small fish and invertebrates from the creek in May, and will be following up with his report on the mercury findings to the County. This report will be shared at an upcoming TAC meeting.

8.1.3 Cache Creek Parkway Plan

Staff reported that the work plan for development of the Cache Creek Parkway Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

8.1.4 TAC Meeting Schedule

Mr. Randall announced that the number of TAC meetings will be reduced. The new schedule, effective immediately, is comprised of 4 scheduled meetings – March, April, August, and November – and 2 optional meetings (as needed). The intention is to provide TAC with a more task-oriented schedule instead of a meeting-oriented one.

8.2 Cache Creek Conservancy (CCC)

Lynnel Pollock reported that they have had a busy month; and announced a restoration workshop is scheduled for April 18, 2012 at the nature preserve, and a family-oriented Creek Fest including activity stations and a fun run is planned for April 21, 2012. In addition, the wildlife portion of Debbie Elliott's UC-Davis class research projects is upcoming. Environmental education classes with hands-on activities are continuing.

She mentioned that they have not received any new grants, but have several applications pending.

At Ms. Tuttle's request, Ms. Pollock discussed the current OHV grants from State Parks. This is a 3-year grant with two components. One is for enforcement, which is being implemented by the Sheriff's Department. The other is for restoration, repair and prevention at Correll-Rodgers, Wild Wings Open Space Park, and the Cache Creek Nature Preserve, involving planting and the addition of deterrents such as signs, logs, brush, etc. This component is being implemented by CCC.

8.3 Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Jeanette Wrynski reported that through a contract with Yolo County they have been mowing, planting and managing weeds in the open space at Capay Open Space Park.

In addition, the Yolo Water Resources Association is funding a watershed-wide weed management program. RCD staff is working on pulling together different vegetative plans into one comprehensive plan, expected to be unveiled in June.

The RCD will hold their annual dinner on April 11th. On April 16th, the RCD will host a "Rural Road Construction" Workshop. In closing her report, Ms Wrynski offered an open invitation to the TAC members to attend their meetings, or to visit and meet RCD staff.

8.4 Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

There was no report.

8.5 Delta Tributaries Mercury Council Report

Cindy Tuttle reported that the Delta Methylmercury TMDL Nonpoint Sources Workgroup for Managed Wetlands and Irrigated Lands has notified responsible parties that choose to submit a Control Study work plan individually must do so by July 20 2012, where those working in a group have until April 2013 to do so.

9. REGULAR AGENDA

9.1 CCRMP Budget

9.1.1 Aerial Survey

Ms. Tuttle described the budget this year – down from \$1 Million to \$550 Thousand, and asked for input from all. There was discussion on how best to schedule the aerial surveys and whether the annual process was essential. The decision was made to schedule regular aerial surveys for every fifth year. Aerial surveys would also be obtained in interim years after the occurrence of peak flows of 25,000cfs or more. Using the USDA NAIPS aerials in years in which the County does not procure aerial surveys will be investigated further. Dr. Larsen mentioned that he had often used the NAIPS aerials.

9.1.2 Water Quality Monitoring

County staff and Dr. Tompkins will work with Flood Control to find savings in water quality monitoring. Savings may be found by reducing the number of constituents analyzed, a cut in the number of annual water surface testing events, or other changes to the water quality monitoring protocol.

The TAC with the stated clarifications for aerial surveys and surface water testing approved the proposed budget as presented by staff.

9.1.3 Programmatic Recommendations and Channel Improvement Priorities

Mr. Randall reviewed the Channel Improvement Priorities identified by the TAC in the 2011 Cache Creek Annual Status Report. He noted that staff is already working on some recommendations. Each TAC member is to review the full list and rank each item “A,” “B” or “C” and prioritize. The TAC will then review the list via conference call and create a proposal to present at the next meeting.

9.1.4 Long-term Reserve

Cindy Tuttle reviewed the long term reserve that includes a funding strategy for CCAP requirements that are not on annual cycle.

10. Next Meeting: Monday, April 9, 2012.

10.1 Future Agenda Items

All follow-up/action items, whether complete or not, are to be placed on each month's agenda for review and additional action if necessary at the next regular meeting.

- Invasive Species Removal mapping. Vic Randall to schedule a meeting with CCC staff and Jim Martin to develop and recommend the best strategy for mapping invasive species within the CCRMP boundary. The plan will be developed in coordination with the Watershed Wide Invasive Strategy currently being developed by the RCD on behalf of the Cache Creek Watershed Forum.
- Surface water testing – Mr. Randall to schedule a meeting with Dr. Tompkins and Max Stevenson of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to discuss revisions to the CCRMP surface water testing program and other related hydrology and water quality recommendations, including turbidity monitoring.
- 2012 Creek Walk – Mr. Randall to survey the TAC members, producers and CCC to determine the best dates and backup dates for the 2012 Creek Walk.
- Minutes – Ms. Tuttle to inquire of County Counsel relative to adoption of the December 2011 and January 2012 TAC minutes.
- Bio baseline and Bio update – Jim Martin working with Mr. Randall to identify and explore existing data options for establishing the baseline vegetation mapping and riparian cover classes and will make recommendations for additional work that may be required in the Five (5) Year Biological Update.
- Program priorities – the TAC members will prioritize the 2011 Annual Report Recommendations and Channel Improvement Priorities for review at the April meeting.
- Documents – Mr. Randall to provide the 1996 program EIR's, the 2002 Supplemental EIR, and the Technical Studies to the TAC members.

10. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m. by Eric Larsen.

Respectfully submitted,

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