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CACHE CREEK TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) SUMMARY MINUTES

Monday, April 9, 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 Dr. Eric Larsen about 10:05 AM.

Roll Call: Dr. Eric Larsen (TAC Fluvial Geomorphologist)
Dr. 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

Individual introductions of meeting attendees were made.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2012 MEETING

Lynnel Pollock requested the minutes for the last sentence in the first paragraph of her report be changed to "Environmental education classes with hands-on activities are on-going."

The minutes for the March 12, 2012 meeting were adopted as corrected.

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.*
3. Follow up on signage regarding fishing due to mercury presence. Initiate search for funding to update signage. (*Staff continuing to follow up*)

Action items:

1. Invasive Species Mapping (*Staff and TAC are continuing work on this*)
2. Biological Baseline and Biological Update (*Staff and TAC are continuing work on this*)
3. Schedule Creek Walk (*Completed*)
4. Surface Water Testing Meeting (*Completed*)
5. Adoption of December and January Minutes (*Completed*)
6. Prioritize Programmatic Recommendations and Channel Improvement Priorities (*TAC presenting under item 9.2*)
7. Make program EIR's and Technical Studies available for TAC members (*Completed*)

7. STAFF UPDATES

7.1 Natural Resources Division

7.1.1 General Permit Update

Heidi Tschudin and Cindy Tuttle gave an update on the progress of renewal of the general permits. Both the RWQCB 401 and Army Corps 404 permit applications have been submitted. Staff researched the feasibility of utilizing Nationwide permits to implement the CCIP rather than a General Permit from the Corps and determined that state 401 certifications are required under any scenario. Thus, there would be no benefit to switching at this point. Work is progressing on finalizing the Biological Assessment.

7.1.2 Ambient Mercury Study

Nothing to report at this time.

7.1.3 Cache Creek Parkway Plan

Nothing to report at this time.

7.2 Cache Creek Conservancy (CCC)

Lynnel Pollock discussed the restoration workshop scheduled for April 18 at the Nature Preserve, as well as the Creek Fest and fun run planned for April 21. She reported that they have been working on the annual spring maintenance at the Nature Preserve and Correll-Rodgers.

7.3 Yolo County Resource Conservation District

Jeanette Wrynski announced that the next Cache Creek Watershed Forum meeting is scheduled for April 25, at UC-Davis' McLaughlin Reserve. She also reported that they are finalizing the list of invasive weed species for the watershed-wide weed management plan that was funded by the Yolo Water Resources Association; and that RCD staff will be meeting with staff from Lake County regarding Ravenna Grass treatment.

7.4 Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Max Stevenson reported that due to the recent rains, they are looking at full water deliveries this season.

7.5 Delta Tributaries Mercury Council Report

Staff has nothing new to report.

At this point Ms. Tuttle introduced two officers from the Sheriff's Department on the Off-Road Vehicle crew, Sergeant Kurt Zeiler and Deputy Sam Machado. Deputy Machado gave a brief overview of the program and its focus.

8. REGULAR AGENDA

8.1 Creek Walk

8.1.1 Dates

Mr. Randall announced that this year's creek walk is scheduled for May 9th, 10th and 11th, with May 21st, 22nd, and 23rd reserved as backup dates.

8.1.2 Creek Walk Packet

Mr. Randall discussed with TAC members the items that Natural Resources staff has planned for the packet. He will forward the aerials from 1998, 2004 and 2010 electronically to the TAC, and they will notify him of their preference (year and size) for the packet. In addition the TAC would like to view the Dedicated Lands and Habitat Map, 2010-11 Elevations Map, and the Project Map. Mr. Randall will reconcile the updated annotated project list with the Project Map for 2012.

The logistics agenda was reviewed and corrections were made accordingly. Additional work will be needed to finalize the logistics agenda.

8.1.3 'Key stop list' and logistics

Ms. Tuttle expressed the hope that this year's Creek Walk would look at the creek globally, returning to the original focus, the overall health of the creek reach by reach,

as outlined in the official documents. TAC will be provided with the original reach descriptions, as well as a list of guidelines to apply to each reach during the walk. Ms. Tuttle will provide the guidelines to TAC for review before the Creek Walk.

Ms. Tschudin commented that the project review is a tool to help understand the characteristics and performance within each reach, not to assess each project in and of itself. Ms. Tuttle asked that at each stop TAC consider the goal of the stop and the expected outcome. She reiterated she would like to see the agenda shift away from projects to the general health of the creek.

Ms. Pollock suggested that Natural Resources give prior notification to landowners along the creek relative to the creek walk. Ms. Tuttle will coordinate with Ms. Pollock on the notification. Ms. Pollock also requested that project descriptions indicate whether the project is on the north or south bank of the creek.

Ms Pollock introduced Chris Gardner, Cache Creek Conservancy's Habitat Restoration Manager.

8.2 Programmatic Recommendations and Channel Improvement Priorities

Dr. Larsen outlined the process the TAC under went in developing the rankings of the 2011 program recommendations and channel improvement projects. The TAC further refined the list as each item was reviewed. The TAC directed staff to develop a unique numbering system for the priorities in order to track progress into perpetuity.

There was a general discussion of the requirement to annually monitor aggradation and degradation in the creek, and it was agreed this would now be done every five years in conjunction with the modified timing of the aerials or after significant high flows. The TAC discussed the need for preparation of an early baseline condition for the creekbed, perhaps using old topographic maps. Ms. Tschudin noted that the County has DTMs for every year from 1997 through the present, except for 2009. Staff will make sure these were previously transmitted to Dr. Larsen.

9. Next Meeting: the Creek Walk on May 9th, 10th and 11th.

9.1 Future Agenda Items

1. Surface Water Protocol – (Tompkins)

Ms Tuttle reviewed the action items from the meeting.

- Baseline DTM data: Mr. Randall to see if the County has 1997 DTM data available. Mr. Larsen to determine if that data is useable. If not, Mr. Larsen to contact John Perry regarding using 1996 aerials to develop a baseline DTM.
- Creek Walk Reach Overview presentations: staff to plan/coordinate overview presentations for each reach
- Landowner notification: Ms. Tuttle to notify landowners of creek walk.

- Creek Walk Packet: Staff to add details regarding which bank visited projects are on. Staff to make the Creek Walk packet available for all Creek Walk participants. Mr. Randall to forward all aerials and maps to the TAC electronically. TAC members to provide feedback to Mr. Randall by April 13 regarding which maps and aerials they would like available during the Creek Walk.
- 2011 Programmatic Recommendations Numbering System: Staff to develop a unique project numbering system for the annual programmatic recommendations and channel priority projects.
- CCRMP In-Channel Boundary – Need to verify if and where the creek has migrated outside of the existing CCRMP boundary and engage in further discussion relative to updating the boundary based on this information.
- 2006 Lidar: Steve Greenfield to follow-up with BSK regarding the 2006 Lidar data and potential errors.
- General Permits: Send an electronic version of the General Permits to the TAC members
- Annotated Project List: Staff to send the updated version of the Annotated Project List to the TAC.
- Creek walk Guidelines: To be provided to the TAC prior to the creek walk
- DTM Data: Staff to verify that the DTMs from 1997 through 2011 were provided to Dr, Larsen in an early file transfer effort.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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