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Yolo County Cache Creek Technical Advisory Committee Summary Minutes October 13, 2004

Members in Attendance:	Kevin O'Dea, Geoff Schladow, Jeff Hart
County Staff:	Linda Fiack, Dimitrios Georges
Others in Attendance:	John Watson, Bob Schneider, Lillie Noble, Jack White, Glen Jensen, Chad Roberts, Tim O'Halloran, Ben Adamo, Chad Roberts
Members Absent:	None

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting commenced 10:15 a.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2004 were adopted, as presented.

4. **STAFF UPDATE**

Linda Fiack introduced Dimitrios Georges, the new Resource Specialist. Dimitrios has background in environmental consulting, mitigation monitoring, and law enforcement.

The Teichert Rodgers Pond has been dedicated to the County as required in the Teichert Woodland facility Development Agreement. The Pond has been, and will continue to be, enhanced for recharge and overflow attributes, as well as compatible habitat and open space opportunities.

Questa Engineering is in the process of developing bid specifications for the Capay Open Space Parcel. It is anticipated that staff will be seeking approval of the bid package from the Board of Supervisors by the end of the year with the intent of going out to bid for project implementation early Spring. In the meantime, 54 trees received as part of a mitigation package for the CR 32 road widening project will be planted this Fall. Questa is drawing up the planting plan.

The trees will be planted by staff with support from the Yolo County Conservation Partnership Program.

The Jensen Bank stabilization project, recommended by the TAC and approved by the Board of Supervisors, will commence by the end of September.

The Guinda Bank stabilization project has commenced and staff anticipates its completion by the end of September.

It has been determined by County engineering staff that that the bank stabilization at the site is not necessary for preservation of the County road, at this time. Staff is following up with the appropriate State agency that is responsible for maintenance of the subject portion of the levee.

Work to enhance the Wild Wings Open Space parcel is underway.

Staff provided a brief update on the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan currently being prepared under a DWR grant to the County. Staff noted that a future presentation will be made to the TAC as part of the review process for Volume 1 of the Plan, which is close to being completed in draft form. Bob Schneider requested that the comments that he provided on Volume 1 be provided to the TAC.

Jan Lowrey provided an update on Cache Creek Conservancy projects. The grant from the WCB has ended. WCB was extremely pleased with the results. Invasive weed removal is underway at the Rumsey Rancheria. The Conservancy Autumn Feast is scheduled for October 21st from 5-7. Dustin Downey is the new Education Coordinator at the Nature Preserve.

5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Geoff Schladow noted that there are two CALFED RFP's currently circulating. One is for monitoring efforts to evaluate success of previous CALFED funded projects. Proposals are due November 19th. The other is due in January and is more scientific based.

Jeff Hart shared about the CALFED conference that he recently attended, particularly the portion of discussion having to do with the restoration of drastically disturbed lands and the recognition of the need for ecological tools for weed management.

6. **REGULAR AGENDA**

Water Quality Monitoring Program

Two draft formats for presentation of the water quality monitoring data were reviewed and discussed. Comments were taken into consideration and Table 2 was adopted with the following conditions: reporting limits be added as a column; field notes provided electronically; value or objective stated with less than or greater than; nutrient to be noted as N or P, etc.; values shown in both celcius and fahrenheit.

Consideration of additional test site

Consideration was given as to whether the Gordon Sl. Site, to be relocated, should continue to be a test site for a couple of testing events to record the transition. It was decided that given the concerns about the value of the original site there is not a need to continue with the existing site once it is relocated.

It was suggested that Geoff Schladow accompany Foothill on site during the first testing using the new site(s). Linda Fiack and Tim O'Halloran committed to continue looking for opportunities for coordination between the County and the District with respect to water quality monitoring.

It was suggested that Darrel Slotton be requested to make a presentation to the TAC on the mercury monitoring he has conducted at the CCNP wetlands.

Bank Stabilization Handbook

The final comments are being incorporated into the handbook. Ann Brice will be requested to make a presentation on the handbook to the TAC when it is completed. Staff will work to coordinate and plan a landowner workshop with the Cache Creek Conservancy.

Review and Discussion of CCRMP comments submitted by Tuleyome

Kevin O'Dea provided a brief overview of the CCRMP and the history of its development.

It was acknowledged that there have been positive efforts and accomplishments in carrying out the intentions of the CCRMP by the County and the CCC. It was also recognized the responsible actions of the gravel companies since the adoption of the CCRMP and the OCMP.

The desire to have a process whereby the CCRMP and other programs underway, such as the HCP, the Cache Creek Watershed Forum, and the General Plan update, can be discussed in context of compatibility and opportunities for enhancement was discussed. Also, the need for an integrated water-wide approach to watershed management was expressed. It was discussed that, although in some cases the responsibility for addressing development of a watershed wide approach may not be the primary role of the TAC, the Committee does provide an appropriate forum for such discussions.

It was decided that one of the first discussions for which the TAC could provide a forum would be a workshop discussion of the Technical Studies upon which the CCRMP is based.

It was decided that as part of the next meeting agenda, the remainder of Chad Robert's letter will be reviewed and then a discussion would take place to lay out a schedule for future discussions, workshops, etc.

As part of the discussion, Tim O'Halloran offered to make a presentation on flows from the Flood Control District's perspective.

Harrison Site Sand Bar

The meeting continued on site at the Harrison property to observe the sandbar that has been expressed of concern by Mark Harrison. The TAC will share observations at the next meeting. Mark Harrison will be invited to provide a better understanding of his concerns.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.
Next meeting will be November 1, 2004 from 10:00 a.m.