

**Yolo County Cache Creek Technical Advisory Committee
Summary Minutes
November 15, 2002**

Members in Attendance: Kevin O'Dea, Geoff Schladow, Jeff Hart
County Staff: Linda Fiack, David Morrison, Brett Williams
Others in Attendance: John Watson, Jan Lowrey, Jack White, Lillie Noble, Ben Adamo
Members Absent: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting commenced at Noon.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The agenda was amended to add discussion of the Wild Wings Open Space parcel and to take action on the amended planting scheme for the Granite and Syar planting projects.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 28, 2002 meeting were adopted with the following change: Page 2, Paragraph 2, First Sentence amended to read, Geoff Schladow provided clarification that measured values up and down the Creek have no direct relation to each other.

4. STAFF UPDATE

The County is still awaiting the Corps of Engineers review of the Wetlands Delineation as part of the General Permit application process.

Ben Adamo of Granite Construction Co. informed the TAC that the bank stabilization structure segment of the approved project at the Capay site has been completed and planting has been initiated.

As recommended by Muller Brothers, in consultation with Jeff Hart, the planting scheme at both the Granite and Syar sites has been amended to provide the planting of more drought tolerant species.

On a related matter of seed sources and availability, Jan Lowrey indicated that there may be an opportunity to work with the Woodland High School Ag Department to propagate and provide seeds. The Committee requested that Mr. Lowrey look into the matter and that the topic be scheduled for the next TAC meeting. Jan will look into the matter by contacting Jerry Del Sol at the High School.

John Watson of the Cache Creek Conservancy reported that the Tamarisk/Arundo removal project has ended for this year. He gave a brief overview of what has been completed to date and urged the Committee to contact him for a site visit in order to really get an idea and gain an appreciation of the significance of how much has been accomplished.

Mr. Watson also announced that there is going to be a Re-vegetation Workshop on December 10, 2002, from 9:00a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Solano Concrete. Jeff Hart will be one of the presenters.

5. Committee Reports

Jeff Hart reported that he attended the Watershed Forum held for conservancy/stakeholder outreach. Jan Lowrey commented that such a forum was good from a coordination standpoint but that from a funding recipient standpoint he is concerned that an umbrella structure may hinder meeting the funding needs of individual conservancies and other entities. Therefore, the opportunity for coordinating may be good while the consolidation approach may not be as fruitful as far as receiving funding to address specific needs.

Jan Lowrey reported that there is an effort underway to coordinate information within the entire Cache Creek Watershed and to discuss interests and problems common to Lake and Yolo counties such as non-native vegetation removal. The TAC suggested that a representative from Lake County, such as Tony Gallegos, the Resource Manager, make a presentation to the Committee at a future meeting, possibly January.

Kevin O'Dea reported that he had recently attended a conference held to discuss nitrate which is a rising concern with regard to contamination of groundwater.

6. REGULAR AGENDA

The draft proposal for the Wild Wings Open Space parcel had been provided to the TAC members and was discussed. Comments primarily addressed: the need for more native vegetation, including grasses; the need for updated information pertaining to the eradication of invasive weeds; the need for the liability for success to be extended from one year to two or three years; revision of the herbicide application plan; the need for soils and groundwater analysis and other issues. A motion was made and action was taken recommending that prior to approval of the project, comments from the Conservancy and Jeff Hart will be provided to the developer requesting a response with concurrence for future action for approval, tentatively at the next meeting.

Action was taken to approve the revised planting scheme at the Granite and Syar sites as recommended by Jeff Hart.

Action was taken to approve the proposed removal of perennial pepper weed and Tamarisk/Arundo by Spencer Defty at his property on the south bank of Cache Creek, west of CR 94B. The motion was made and accepted to approve the project with the caveat that conditions for removal be consistent with the Cache Creek Resources Management Plan and the Conservancy Tamarisk/Arundo removal project. Jan Lowrey commented that the Conservancy, as well as the Parks and Resources Manager, have been in contact with Mr. Defty regarding the proposal and have provided input as to the recommended treatment at the site.

Linda Fiack, reported that a first draft of an In-Channel Mining (Maintenance) Ordinance has been drafted and provided to the TAC. It is anticipated a final draft will be presented to the TAC at the next meeting and then to the Planning Commission for consideration.

Chairman O'Dea reported that he is working with the County to provide a water quality monitoring summary. He may have a draft available for review at the next meeting.

The agenda item to review aerials/transect locations/DTM in the area from CR 94B to I-5 was postponed to the next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.