

**Yolo County Cache Creek Technical Advisory Committee  
Summary Minutes  
December 11, 2002**

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**Members in Attendance:** Kevin O'Dea, Geoff Schladow, Jeff Hart

**County Staff:** Linda Fiack, Brett Williams

**Others in Attendance:** John Watson, Jan Lowrey, Jack White, Frank Sieferman, Ben Adamo, Spencer Defty

**Members Absent:** None

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting commenced 9:10 a.m.  
Items 7.4 and 7.5 will be moved from the Regular Agenda to Staff Update.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jan Lowrey announced that there is going to be a tour of the tamarisk/arundo removal project area on December 12<sup>th</sup> from noon until 2:00 p.m.

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2002 were adopted as presented.

**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. There may be some action by the end of the year.

A preliminary draft In-channel Ordinance has been prepared by staff and is being reviewed by Kevin O'Dea for input. A revised draft may be available for review at the next meeting.

The water quality testing summary identified to be needed during the review of the SEIR for the CCRMP is being drafted by Kevin O'Dea. A draft may be available at the next meeting.

## **5. Committee Reports**

Jeff Hart announced an aquatic nuisance weed removal workshop. He has the booklet report and can be contacted for additional details.

Jeff Hart also announced that he participated in the Cache Creek Conservancy native vegetation restoration workshop. He expressed the need for development of documentation of what is working and not working throughout the watershed. It was suggested that the Conservancy may be a likely entity for facilitation such documentation. Jan Lowrey indicated that John Watson has already been doing some documentation and that the Landowner Guide due out this spring has a section dedicated to successes and failures.

Spencer Defty prompted a discussion from the landowner perspective with regard to permitting. Chairman O'Dea and Linda Fiack reviewed the General Permit process with him. Ms. Fiack will also follow-up with the RCD to clarify that there are existing general permits for projects along lower Cache Creek that are consistent with the CCRMP. Ms. Fiack also indicated that the County contact for information pertaining to the Farm and Ranch Clean-up Funding is Rick Moore of the Planning and Public Works Department. She indicated that several projects have been facilitated along Putah Creek using such funding.

Geoff Schladow announced the Calfed Science Conference to be held January 14-16, 2003. There will be a mercury session on January 15<sup>th</sup> that will include Darrel Slotton as a presenter. Information is available on the Calfed web site.

## **6. REGULAR AGENDA**

### **7.1**

Darlene Comingore of the Planning and Public Works engineering staff provided an overview of the mitigation program being implemented at the Harrison property for the CR 99W Bridge. The mitigation required for the project is 6:1 and will be credited at other sites in addition to the Harrison site, which will consist of approximately 3 acres. To date, seedlings have been collected and it is anticipated that landscape plans will be drawn up in the Spring will planting to take place in October or November of 2003. The project is a great example of a partnership between the County Resource Management and Engineering Divisions and the Cache Creek Conservancy to provide an opportunity for habitat enhancement benefits derived from an engineering project.

### **7.2**

John Watson has been in contact with Erick Dyer of Woodland High School. There are greenhouse facilities available at the H.S. as well as at Lee Jr. High. Additionally, the new high school will have such a facility. They are very anxious to work with the Conservancy to propagate native species for habitat enhancement. It is anticipated that a program may be in place by next school year. Mr. Watson will continue to keep the TAC apprised of progress. It was suggested that Davis High School may also be interested. Geoff Schladow applauded the efforts to utilize the educational system in this effort.

7.3

Staff presented the revised draft of the Wild Wings Open Space proposal and discussed the incorporated of comments provided by the TAC from the prior meeting. The TAC approved the revised plan with the following additional conditions: (1) rice or native grass straw be used in place of barley straw; (2) creeping rye planted on 24" centers using plugs at least 3 feet from other plantings; (3) minimum 40% cover over the entire site of native cover crop species, including native grasses; and (4) consistency with the CCRMP.

7.6

Ben Adamo of Granite Construction Company provided an overview of the habitat enhancement/bank stabilization work being facilitated by the Conservancy and the County, with support from Granite, at the Stephens site. The TAC provided input. The TAC commended the partnership on this project between the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Fish and Game, the Cache Creek Conservancy, County, and Granite.

7.7

After briefly reviewing the aerials and the DTM, the TAC requested 11x17 copies for discussion at the next meeting.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at noon.