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Cache Creek Technical Advisory Committee Summary Minutes July 6, 2005

Members in Attendance:	Jeff Hart, Geoff Schladow, and Kevin O'Dea.
County Staff:	Dimitrios Georges and Brett Williams.
Others in Attendance:	Dave Pratt, Bryan Plude, Jack White, Lillie Noble, Jenny Drewitz, Vance Russell, David Scheuring, Robert MacArthur, F. Stephens, Duane Chamberlain, Barry Cavanna, Jan Lowrey, Mary Kimball, John Watson, Bob Schneider.
Members Absent:	None.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair O'Dea at 10:04 AM

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 2, June 6, June 13, and June 14, 2005 meetings were adopted. Chair O'Dea asked for an addition note to be added to these minutes regarding the Moore Canal crossing (see item 7.1).

4. **STAFF UPDATE**

- 1.1 Report on creek flows near CR 18B as reported in the MBK study of 2002:
Tabled until discussion regarding the creek walk in the regular agenda.
- 1.2 Update on the State Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RWQCB) TMDL process:
Staff reported that the RWQCB's vote on the Cache Creek Mercury TMDL has been postponed until October. The public comment period extended until August 30th, and RWQCB will release a new version of Mercury TMDL in mid-July.
- 1.3 Report on status of aerial photo contract with Ayres Associates:
Brett Williams, Parks & Natural Resources Supervisor advised that the contract with Ayers to perform digital terrain modeling (DTM) and aerial photo reconnaissance of Cache Creek continue to experience schedule challenges. Ayers continues to provide County staff with late deliverables which is affecting the ability of the TAC to utilize current aerials and information during the creek walk, and the ability of the gravel mining operators to utilize the DTM information as part of their State mandated yearly reporting requirements.

- 1.4 Brown act procedures and potential future TAC training:
Staff advised that while there are no pending issues or challenges with the TAC's Brown Act procedures, future training for the TAC by County Council on the Brown Act would provide the TAC with useful updated information on the Act.
- 1.5 Cache Creek Conservancy project updates:
No update was provided.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chair O'Dea commented that County staff and he have been working closely with the RWQCB staff to on discussions and issues regarding the States proposed Mercury TMDL.

Jeff Hart advised that he attended a levee conference on June 6, 2005. He said topics at the conference included discussions/presentations on levee stability.

7. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 7.1 Discuss annual Cache Creek walk of June 13 & 14, 2005:
The TAC brought forward dialogue of each day's general and detailed discussions of the creek walk including issues listed in the summary minutes of June 13 & 14 adopted by the board at this TAC meeting. Additional important summary notes include:
- Cache Creek continues to form defined channels in the bedrock just down stream of the Capay Dam.
 - South bank, just upstream of CR 85 continues to erode slightly, and the vertical bank is affecting the condition of the riparian vegetation growing on the terrace above the bank.
 - The Jensen bank stabilization/habitat enhancement project just downstream of CR 85 is a successful demonstration of a cost effective (\$85/LF) application.
 - Spur dikes installed near Syar's gravel operation continue to perform successfully.
 - The slopes adjacent to the Grube parcel, upstream of CR 89, will need to be considered as a priority project.
 - South bank, adjacent to Rinker's gravel operation was discussed as a concern due to evidence of past erosion, and will need to be addressed at future TAC meetings. Rinker's representative was advised of a need for an erosion control plan for the slopes.
 - The creek banks adjacent to the Harrison property downstream to the creek's intersection with CR 18B should be considered as one project. Invasive Tamarisk and Arundo downstream of the site (and outside the CCRMP) will continue to cause a problem in this section.
 - Jan Lowrey, Executive Director of the Cache Creek Conservancy asked if the County was willing to commit fees collected from the CCRMP funds to remove invasives in the lower Rio Jesus Maria Reach of the creek. Jeff Hart stressed the importance of revegetating areas where the invasives are removed so that the invasives do not re-colonize the area.
 - The creek conditions near CR 18B and CR 97A will require additional consideration, including the possibility of laying back the slope and armoring. Brett Williams suggested that a hydraulic engineer could be utilized to look at the site as a whole from Harrison's to I-5 and present the County and the TAC with alternatives.
 - The TAC discussed the Moore Canal crossing through the creek and directed staff to discuss the condition of the crossing with the YCFCWCD.

- 7.2 Discuss preparation of annual report and deadlines for draft and final report:
Chair O'Dea proposed that the existing format for the yearly report may need to be revised. He proposed that each TAC member be assigned a section of the yearly report at the August TAC meeting, and suggested October as a deadline for the draft report. He proposed a final report to be delivered to the Board of Supervisors by January of 2006.
- 7.3 Discuss SEIR action plan and timeline, including deadline for project recommendations:
Chair O'Dea outlined three priority tasks for the TAC and an associated schedule:
1. *Vegetation mapping* (as required by the CCIP every five years). Scope and budget to be discussed at the August TAC meeting.
 2. *Evaluation of changes in the creek channel, including specific locations*. This task would assist both the TAC and the public in the decision making process for projects in the CCRMP. Kevin asked staff to check if any profiles of the transects have been completed and report back.
 3. *HEC/RAS*. Staff to work closely with Geoff Schladow and develop a timeline and scope of work for issuing a contract for the model, and provide and update in August.
- 7.4 Discuss potential future CCRMP projects:
Chair O'Dea suggested identifying project sponsors and/or participants and moving forward with projects along the creek. He said the erosion of the North Bank adjacent to the Grube property should be a priority, with the section beginning at the Harrison property downstream to I-5 as the next priority project. He suggested that staff identify who may be involved and report back to the TAC on possible partners.
- 7.5 Potential project partnerships with the Center for Land Based Learning (CLBL) and California Audubon (Audubon):
Mary Kimball (representing CLBL) and Vance Russell (Audubon) were present at the meeting. Mary and Vance advised that they would be able to assist the County in a variety of projects as they are experienced at the types of activities required in restoration projects. Brett Williams suggested projects such as the Jensen project and the stabilization of the creek bank next to the Gruber parcel as some projects where these two groups could get involved.

The next regular meeting of the TAC is tentatively scheduled for August 1, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM