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### Cache Creek Technical Advisory Committee Summary Minutes March 6, 2006

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<b>Members in Attendance:</b>	Kevin O'Dea, Jeff Hart, and Geoff Schladow.
<b>County Staff:</b>	Dimitrios Georges, Brett Williams, and Petrea Marchand.
<b>Others in Attendance:</b>	John Watson, Lynnel Pollock, Mike Martinez, Bob Murphy, Ben Adamo, Mary Kimball, Bob Schneider, Jack White, Steve Azevedo, Lisa Zaffran, Sally Barrett, Lloyd Burns, Duane Chamberlain, Dave Pratt, Frank Seiferman Sr., Bill Cruickshank, Jeannette Wrynski, Christy Barton.
<b>Members Absent:</b>	NONE

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#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair O'Dea at 10:05 AM.

A moment of silence was observed for the late Jan Lowrey, past Executive Director of the Cache Creek Conservancy who passed away in late January.

#### 2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

NONE

#### 3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 2006 meeting were adopted.

#### 4. **STAFF UPDATE**

- 4.1 Update on voluntary Oak Woodlands Management Plan: Staff advised the group that the County was awarded a \$30,000 grant from the State Wildlife Conservation Board to prepare an oak woodlands management plan for Yolo County. The plan will include both the unincorporated areas and the cities. The plan will be prepared through an open public process, which will be coordinated through the Parks, Recreation, and Wildlife Advisory Committee meetings.

- 4.2 Update on LiDAR aerial reconnaissance and color photography contract for 2006: Staff reported that 3 proposals were received from vendors to supply this years 2006 color aerials and digital terrain model (DTM) for Cache Creek. Thanks to Jeff Hart's leadership, the County will be utilizing a progressive light imaging process known as LiDAR to collect the DTM and orthophoto's. While the CCRMP flightline will remain unchanged, the color aerial flightline will be expanded to include the area form the county line to beyond the settling basin. The contractor for this year will be Watershed Sciences, Inc. based out of Oregon.
- 4.3 Recruitment for position of Principal Parks Planner and Resource Specialist: Staff advised that Kim Kinna was the successful applicant to fill the position of Resource Specialist. Christine Alford was also hired as a Resource Specialist (extra help) to assist in preparation of the CCRMP annual report. Former Resource Specialist Dimitrios Georges was hired as the new Assistant Park Planner. The hiring process for the Senior Park Planner will close on March 10 with interviews shortly thereafter.
- 4.4 Update on the 10-year mining permit review process: Staff advised that Heidi Tschudin, consulting Planner for the ten year review process will be making her third presentation on the status of the review at the Planning Commission in April.
- 4.5 Notice of Cache Creek Watershed Forum public meeting on March 11, 2006 (Guinda Hall): staff reminded everyone that the Yolo County and Clear Lake RCD's will be hosting a watershed forum to discuss the interrelationships between the watersheds, projects, and recreation opportunities in the watershed of upper Cache Creek and Clear Lake. Yolo County Parks staff will be making a presentation at the forum.
- 4.6 Update on status of DWR emergency levee repairs: Staff advised that a position paper (based on the TAC's comments at the January public meeting) was sent to the State DWR by the Board of Supervisors regarding the DWR's proposed levee reconstruction project on the north bank of Cache Creek near I-5.
- 4.7 Update on Rogers Pond/Correll site: Staff reported that students and staff from the Center for Land Based Learning (SLEWS program) participated in a native grass planting at the County Correll/Rodgers site in mid February.
- 4.8 Lynnel Pollock, Executive Director of the Cache Creek Conservancy advised the group that they have applied for a CalFed grant to continue invasives removal along Cache Creek.

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

**6. REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 6.1 Presentations by individual members of the TAC on progress of their work to assist in the preparation of the CCRMP annual report:

Geoff Schladow verbally reported on the status of his work as outlined in the agenda. He emphasized that the creek has been running high and he has not been able to retrieve data from the stage/temperature devices placed at locations along the creek several months ago. Staff advised the TAC that the historical study of the water quality reports being performed by Foothill Associates was complete and will made available to the TAC as soon as possible.

Jeff Hart reported that he has started, and is continuing work on the vegetation and habitat mapping. He is utilizing the 2005 orthophoto's to review the vegetative signatures on the maps and ground truthing the maps where necessary. He expects to be completed with the mapping in the next few weeks. Jeff stated that the new LiDAR imagery for 2006 will make the task of vegetation mapping a more efficient and accurate process.

Kevin O'Dea stated that he has been reviewing the DTM's provided by staff to prepare an analysis for his assigned sections of the report. He gave a verbal report on the status of the various reaches.

- 6.2 Presentation by Teichert Aggregates on bank erosion concerns along Cache Creek at their Esparto Plant: Lloyd Burns and Steve Azevedo representing Teichert's Esparto gravel operation, made a PowerPoint presentation showing the recent erosion along the north bank of the creek adjacent to their gravel operation. He advised that the erosion is not currently affecting their operations, but he wanted the TAC and County staff to know that they are watching the situation and that something will need to be done after the creek subsides. He advised that Teichert will try to have a proposal to the TAC in April on alternatives to correct the erosion.
- 6.3 Presentation by Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) on the proposed repairs to the Alder Bypass and Moore Siphon: Christy Barton, Assistant Manager of the District made a presentation on the status of the work being performed by her District to correct the erosion in the area that occurred in late December 2005, and early January 2006. This presentation was a follow up to General Manger Tim O'Halloran's presentation to the TAC in January. Cheryl advised that the District has been working with the Department of Fish and Game on the permits, and they have contacted John Anderson of Hedgerow Farms to assist with revegetation after the stabilization work has been completed. She said that District staff will continue to coordinate with the TAC, County staff, and their consultants on the stabilization work.
- 6.4 Update on Grube-Payne project, including habitat enhancement: Petrea Marchand, Yolo County Water Resources Coordinator reported that the repair work to the fields and adjacent creek bank at the Grube-Payne site on the north bank and east of CR 89 is complete. She said that staff conducted a tour of the site in early March, and the site appeared to be holding up well in the recent storms. Minor erosion has occurred along the banks, and will be repaired once the soil dries out and equipment can access the site. A revegetation program will be implemented this spring. She advised that a new erosion issue has appeared downstream of this site adjacent to the Dunbar Ranch at the end of CR 89. An area approximately one hundred feet wide and two hundred feet long has sloughed off into the creek. She said that the TAC visited the site recently to review the situation, and staff will be monitoring the event. Geoff Schladow stated that if any groins or spur dikes are constructed to help alleviate the problem, the first groin should be exceptionally well built as it absorbs most of the energy of the creek flows.
- 6.5 Update on status of Lower Hoppin/Jesus Maria Reach options & Huff's Corner bank stabilization issues: Petrea Marchand reported that the DWR will be making the levee repairs to the north bank by November. A response to the letter sent by the Board to DWR has not been received. Chair O'Dea reported that he has been working on the preparation of a proposal to study the reach, and has solicited proposals from an engineering firm to assist with analysis of the DTM. Petrea Marchand advised that additional proposals will be solicited by staff to complete the study. Chair O'Dea suggested that the "bottleneck" at the Kerr site be corrected as soon as possible as this area continues to affect the lower Hoppin reach.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

The next regular meeting of the TAC is tentatively scheduled for April 3, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair O'Dea at 12:18 PM.