

COSUMNES RIVER TASK FORCE

Oversight Committee
April 8, 2003
USDA Service Center
7:10 PM – 8:15 PM

Minutes: Tina Lunt, Cosumnes River Task Force

- 1. Welcome and Introduction:** Bill Mosher, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District opened the meeting at 7:05. Self introductions were made by Gerrit Platenkamp (Jones & Stokes), Steve Chainey (Jones & Stokes), Tina Lunt, (Cosumnes River Task Force), Chuck Mitchell (Eldorado National Forest), Carol Manning (Landowner), Craig Crouch (Sacramento County DWR), Surjit Toor (NRCS Sacramento County) and Don Nottoli, (Supervisor, 5th District).
- 2. Cosumnes River Resources Inventory and Assessment**

Phase II Update - Most of the Resources Inventory (Task II) is completed. Soon we will be starting the assessment phase. We will hold 3 Technical Committee meetings to review the resources inventory information gathered and the draft assessment. The meetings will be held from mid May through mid June. Draft sections will be distributed prior to the meeting. The group thought a landowner should be on the committee. It was suggested that we ask Walt Hoppe.

The Cosumnes River Resources Inventory and Assessment draft report will be available for review in mid July and the final report will be distributed in September.

Plan for Phase III - Watershed Plan (see handout)

A handout was distributed that included possible approaches to a creating a Watershed Plan. The group decided that the Plan should be 'focused' and that in addition to the plan there should be some on the ground pilot projects. There are a couple of ways we can pick the pilot projects. One possibility is to work with agencies or groups that already have some ideas in mind. The other is to pick some problem areas, based on the assessment, and create pilot projects from those. Or we could do a combination of both. All projects will have a monitoring component.

Other suggestions included adding an educational component and funds for stream gage operation.

Available Grants -

There is a grant proposal due May 9, 2003 that fits our project ideas for phase III. The first step is submitting a pre-proposal. I will be distributing a draft of the pre-proposal for your review and comments prior to the deadline. This is only a pre-proposal with the basic concepts we want to implement. If the pre-proposal is accepted then we will be asked to write a full proposal in which we will describe exactly what we would like to do.

As soon as I put together a little more information on the project, I will be sending out a letter requesting a 'letter of support'.

3. Project Progress Update

- **Stream Gages - Craig Crouch**

The contractor installed both housing units for the stream gages. DWR has determined what equipment is needed for the gages. They are still trying to figure out if the River Forecast Center will be able to maintain and operate the system (due to budget cuts the River Forecast Center is not sure if they will have the manpower).

- **Army Corps Project - Craig Crouch**

There is still no word as to whether the Corps can be dropped from the study or not. We are not sure if CALFED will fund one million dollars if the Corps is left out. Craig will give Don the contact name and number of the person to call regarding this project to see if he can find out some information and get things moving.

- **Schneider Project - Tina Lunt**

We are working with a consulting firm to find a grant that will fit this project. The County may be able to come up with some match money.

4. Activities in and Around the Watershed

CRTF Watershed Tour in June. Bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Adjourn - Next Meeting will held May 13, 2003