

## COSUMNES RIVER TASK FORCE

Oversight Committee  
April 9, 2002  
USDA Service Center  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Minutes: Tina Lunt, Cosumnes River Task Force

**1. Welcome and Introduction:** Bill Mosher (Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District) opened the meeting at 7:15. Self introductions were made by Tina Lunt (Cosumnes River Task Force), Craig Crouch (Sacramento County Department of Water Resources), Ken Oneto (Sacramento County Farm Bureau), Bill Cunningham (Natural Resources Conservation Service), Surjit S. Toor (Natural Resources Conservation Service), Marv McCauley (Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District), Walt Hoppe (Florin Resource Conservation District) and Jeffrey Twitchell (Kleinschmidt, Inc).

**2. Resources Inventory Phase II – CALFED Watershed Program Grant**

The Sloughhouse RCD received the signed final contract from CALFED. The grant is for \$605,625 of which \$556,325 is from CALFED and \$49,300 is in-kind match. The subcontract with Jones & Stokes is ~550,000. Contact the Sloughhouse RCD for the scope of work.

**3. Cosumnes River Task Force Plan**

The State Water Resource Control Board Grant will be wrapping up in June 2002. Before final payment can be made *the Cosumnes River Task Force Plan* must be completed. The plan must include a Watershed Description, Issues & Impacts, and Management Strategies & Potential Direction. Some issues discussed were the Schneider project, setback levees, by-pass, dam, fisheries, and the Dillard Road Bridge.

**4. Project Progress Update**

• **Lidar**

The County had the area west of Highway 99 flown using Lidar. Lidar reflects the current conditions on the ground and includes topographic lines. The cost is \$1,000 per square mile. It is supposed to be accurate to ½ foot vertically and 1 foot horizontally. The County should have 1,000 foot scale photos ready by the next meeting.

• **Stream Gages – Craig Crouch**

Staff from DWR and USGS visited both of the gage sites. The one on the Middle Fork (Somerset) is on BLM land. The foundation, benchmark and stairs are still in place. The permit should be easy to obtain since it is not a new site that we are proposing. The gage site off the Highway 49 crossing has no usable infrastructure. This gage site is on El Dorado County land and the permit should also be fairly easy to obtain.

DWR is still trying to determine if they have the staff to install and maintain the gages. If they don't we should consider hiring a private contractor to install the gages. However, it would be beneficial for DWR or USGS to embrace the project so that data from the gages can be integrated into their system.

- **Army Corps Project**

The attorneys believe the major parts of the contract have been worked out. There will be one last review by the State.

- **Distribute Copies of the Resources Inventory, Phase I**

Bill Cunningham and Tina Lunt assembled the Resources Inventory. They are now waiting for Chuck Bells, State Conservationist for NRCS, signature on the letter and then the copies can be distributed.

- **Activities in and around the watershed (Other workgroup activities, funding, tours, etc.)**

Coming up - Reclamation Board Meeting – Status Report

## **5. Lower Watershed Tour**

May 16, 2001, 9-3.

Ken will check with his dad about making lunch. Bill Mosher will provide the drinks.

We will start off at the preserve, make a couple stops, then go to the Oneto's for lunch and the final stop will be a fish passage project on the Cosumnes River.

Adjourn - Next Meeting: Tour on May 16, 2002