

COSUMNES RIVER TASK FORCE

MINUTES

Oversight Committee

June 8, 2004

Sacramento County Farm Bureau
8970 Elk Grove Blvd.
Elk Grove, CA 95624

Minutes: Tina Lunt, Cosumnes River Task Force

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:

Tina Lunt opened the meeting at 7:10. In attendance: Chuck Mitchell (Eldorado NF), Eric Bernsten (El Dorado/Georgetown Divide RCDs), Larry Rodriguez (Robertson-Bryan Inc.), Rick Cooper (BLM) and Grant Werschull (Central Valley Groundwater Forum).

2. PROJECT UPDATES

Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum, Grant Werschull

The Water Forum is sponsoring the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum to provide an avenue for local stakeholders to collaboratively develop recommendations to protect the health and viability of the Central Sacramento County groundwater basin. The Groundwater Forum is not a decision making body. Proposed recommendations will be presented to the Water Forum stakeholders for review and approval, and forwarded to the relevant public agencies for implementation as appropriate.

Sacramento County gets 60% of water from groundwater. In the Central Sacramento County it is higher at 70%.

Historically, agriculture used the most groundwater recently with the increase in M&I that has shifted.

The next area of focus is the South (Galt) Area.

Department of Conservation (DOC) Watershed Coordinator Grants -

The Cosumnes River Watershed Coordinator continues to work on local projects. When mentioning creating a Water Quality Monitoring program locally, Rick Cooper, BLM, mention his interest in the program.

Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority -

• Lower Cosumnes and Mokelumne Rivers Floodplain Restoration Study

RBI completed the changes to the scope of work as requested by CALFED. All required information has been submitted to CALFED. Contracting is expected to be completed in August.

- **Groundwater Recharge Pilot Project**

RBI is working the Sacramento County Water Agency to evaluate the potential use of Aerojet groundwater remediation water for the groundwater recharge pilot project program. The water would be available on a temporary basis for 5 years. Negotiations should be completed by late summer.

- **Cosumnes River Flow-Augmentation Pilot Project**

Negotiations with the Sacramento County Water Agency are continuing to take place.

Stream Gauges – The CRTF toured the gauges in May. There was an article in the Elk Grove Citizen. If anyone would like a copy please let me know.

ADJOURN - NEXT MEETING: TBA