

Minutes

South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan Steering Committee – February 24, 2006

10:00 AM – Noon - 700 H Street, 6th Floor Training Room

<http://www.saccounty.net/planning/habitat-conservation/overview.html>

Attendee	Affiliation
Anna Whalen	Sacramento County
Dan Gifford	California Department of Fish and Game
Forest Halford	Wildlands Inc.
Jesse Wild	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
John Hopkins	Institute for Ecological Health
John Lane	Teichert
John Lundgren	Sacramento County
John Taylor	Taylor & Wiley
Joyce Hunting	City of Rancho Cordova
Kate Leary	Taylor & Wiley
Ken Fuller	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Matt Gause	Wildlands Inc.
Rich Radmacher	Sacramento County
Vincent King	Sacramento County

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by John Hopkins and introductions were made.

2. Entrix and TAIC update

Rich Radmacher reported that a contract was prepared for the economic consultant (ENTRIX) and that we were waiting for them to submit any revisions. Rich expected to have the contract to the County Board of Supervisors in 3-4 weeks.

Rich Radmacher reported that TAIC was selected to prepare the monitoring and adaptive management sections of the plan and that they were working on a scope at this time. Rich expected the TIAC contract to be 2-3 weeks behind the Entrix contract.

3. Discuss adjusting this meeting time

John Hopkins lead the group in a discussion about establishing a new meeting time that would regularly occur on a monthly basis so that people could keep their calendars open and so that we can have the steering committee meet after the biological sub committee instead of a week before as we have been having. The group discussed the need to further engage the development and farming/private property community and that we would seek to establish a time that will allow the maximum amount of steering committee members to attend. The possibility of evening meetings was discussed and John Lundgren will be sending a survey to Steering Committee members to solicit availability. We will attempt to begin the regular meetings with a date in early April.

4. Implementing entity discussion

Anna Whalen led a discussion regarding the form of the implementing entity (IE) for the SSHCP. She stated that the County did not desire to be the IE. Ken Fuller brought up the idea of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and the group discussed how that had worked in other jurisdictions. Anna Whalen indicated that the County Executive was reluctant to use a JPA. The group discussed forming a non-profit conservancy and/or using a Council of Governments (COG). The point was made that the IE needed a scientific entity as an advisory body. The group agreed that we would re-discuss this topic again once the scheduling survey had gone out and the Steering Committee has more engagement from the development and farming/private communities.

5. Pre-construction surveys

Anna Whalen led a discussion regarding to what level the SSHCP will conduct pre-construction surveys. The group discussed the costs involved in surveys and who would pay. The group considered take avoidance surveys and realized a white paper on the topic of pre-construction surveys would facilitate discussion and then separate focused meetings could be held.

6. Recap assignments/other business

Rich Radmacher will keep the Entrix and TAIC contracts on track.

We will resume the IE discussion at the first meeting with Entrix present.

Anna Whalen will do a white paper on pre-construction surveys.

John Lundgren will survey the group and work on setting a regular, recurring monthly meeting date.