

Minutes

South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan Steering Committee - July 19, 2007

9:00-10:15 - 700 H Street, 6th Floor Training Room

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

Attendee	Affiliation
Adam Phillippi	Business Environmental Resource Center
Alta Tura	Sacramento Audubon
Ardie Zahedani	North State BIA
Barbara Wackford	BMW Consulting - Morse Family Rep.
Bill Blanas	Reynen & Bardis Communities
Bob Shattuck	Leannar
Carmen Lee	Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
Chris Beale	Resources Law Group/City of Elk Grove
Craig Nagler	Granite Bay Capital Group
Cynthia Garcia	SOS Cranes
Dan Gifford	California Department of Fish and Game
David Ghirardelli	Sacramento County Waste Management & Recycling
Debbie Haldeman	Wildlands Inc.
Ginger Fodge	Gibson & Skordal LLC
Guy Klopp	Sacramento County
Harry McQuillen	BLM - Cosumnes River Preserve
Heather Ferden	SunCal Companies
Humera Arshad	SRCS
Jay Coles	Reynen & Bardis Communities
Jim Gillum	Gillum Consulting
Jim Ray	MacKay & Soms
John Hodgson	The Hodgson Company
John Hopkins	Institute for Ecological Health
Joyce Hunting	City of Rancho Cordova
Justin Cutler	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Kate Wheatley	Taylor & Wiley
Kathleen Dadey	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Larry Larsen	Law Office of Gregory Thatch
Leighann Moffitt	Sacramento County Planning
Michelle Smira	MMS Strategies
Rich Radmacher	Sacramento County Planning
Sam Miller	Lewis Planned Communities
Sean Wirth	SOS Cranes
Stan Van Vleck	Ca. & Sacramento Cattlemen
Steve Miller	Granite Bay Capital Group
Taro Echiburu	City of Elk Grove
Vincent King	Sacramento County Planning

1. Call to Order and Introductions

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

2. Update on SSHCP Board Hearing

Rich Radmacher explained that the staff report for the July 24th Board date would be posted online no later than the Friday before the board meeting. County staff agreed to email the group as soon as it was available. Rich explained that the meeting was essentially a report back to the Board on progress that had been made since the June 12 meeting pertaining to advancing the environmental document and the continued discussion with Elk Grove and USFWS staff.

3. SSHCP Topics and Sub-groups

John Hodgson explained that he has been asking for general topics that folks in the Steering Committee wanted addressed. The topics of corridor and landscape linkage widths was mentioned and added to the list. Also, it was requested that a response be developed for how to deal with applicants that opt out of the preserve system and/or using the SSHCP. These topics would be handled within the context of the Conservation Strategy. A third topic was requested dealing with lessons learned from successful and unsuccessful HCPs. It was noted that while the Natomas Basin HCP has been litigated several times, none of the litigations were due to the effectiveness of its implementing entity, Natomas Basin Conservancy. This topic would be covered in the context of the Implementation Chapter.

John Hodgson continued to describe his vision for how the Steering Committee should function. He felt that the Steering Committee could be a forum for groups to express broad concerns/topics, as has been occurring for the past several meetings, and then assign particular groups to deal with and/or answer the questions. He and Rich explained that the current general SSHCP topics can be broken down into approximately four categories: Regulatory Coordination, SSHCP Mapping, Conservation Strategy, and Implementation. Two of these sections, Regulatory Coordination and SSHCP Mapping were already being addressed by sub-groups and it is proposed to create smaller representative groups to tackle the remaining categories. This approach was generally agreed to.

It was identified that the Conservation Strategy group would convene first directly after an abbreviated Steering Committee.

4. Recap Assigned Tasks

The group reviewed the up coming meetings. The next Steering Committee was rescheduled from 16th to August 23rd to avoid conflicts with the Army Corps Regulatory Guidance meeting. The meeting will be held from 1-3.

There would be two mapping meetings. The first would be July 20th from 9:30-12:00 and the second on July 26th from 4:00-5:00.

The next Conservation Strategy group meeting was also scheduled for Wednesday August 1st from 9-12 on the 7th floor of 700 H Street. John Hodgson requested that folks interested in the Conservation group either stay for the meeting following the Steering Committee or contact Vince King (kingv@saccounty.net) to be included in the group.