

## Meeting Summary

### Butte Regional HCP/NCCP Stakeholder Committee Meeting

December 12, 2007, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

BCAG Conference Room

#### Stakeholder Committee Attendees

Richard Price (Butte County Ag. Commission)    Phil Johnson (Altacal Audubon)  
Scott McNall (Chico State)    Scott Huber (Altacal Audubon)  
Pia Sevelius (RCD)  
Suellen Rowlison (CNPS)  
Richard Reiner (TNC)

#### Resource Agencies Attendees

Rick Kuyper (USFWS)    Jason Hanni (USFWS)  
Jenny Marr (DFG)

#### Steering Committee and Staff Attendees

Jane Dolan (BCAG/ Supervisor)    Paul Cylinder (SAIC)  
Jon Clark (BCAG)    Letty Brown (SAIC)  
Chris Devine (BCAG)    Jim Estep (SAIC)

#### Interested Public Attendees

Doug Alexander (CSU Chico, Professor Emeritus)    Josephine Guardino (CNPS)

#### Associated Documents/Handouts:

1. Agenda including Meeting Notes from November 7, 2007
2. Packet of Species Habitat Suitability Models
3. Independent Science Advisor's Report- Table 1 Species

#### Action Items and Key Recommendations:

- The Planning Agreement has appeared before the Board and the councils and has been unanimously approved.

- BCAG will investigate hosting an information booth for the Butte Regional HCP/NCCP at February's Snow Goose Festival.
- The Independent Science Advisory Panel's Guidelines Report (with Executive Summary) has been posted to the website (buttehcp.com).
- Thirteen new and two revised habitat suitability models were reviewed by the Stakeholder Committee and feedback was solicited. These are posted on the website (buttehcp.com).
- Additional species are being considered for inclusion on the Covered Species list and the Species of Local Concern list, based on recommendations from the Independent Science Advisory Panel. SAIC will work with the resource agencies to develop more information regarding each of these species. Findings will be brought to the next Stakeholder Committee meeting.
- The Vernal Pool/Vernal Swale GIS coverage has been integrated into the Butte Regional HCP/NCCP land cover type database. SAIC/BCAG will make this data available to city and county planners for use in the General Plan Update process.
- The Vernal Pool/Vernal Swale Mapping Workshop will be held this afternoon, 2pm-5pm. This will serve as an opportunity for Stakeholders and Interested Parties to hear a presentation on the mapping procedures, and to review the new vernal pool GIS coverage.

#### **Meeting Purpose:**

- Planning Agreement Status
- Revised Species Habitat Models
- New Species Habitat Models
- Butte County Meadowfoam Distribution Map and Habitat Model
- Independent Science Advisor's Report- Table 1 Species
- Meeting Notes from November 7, 2007
- Action Items and Next Meeting

#### **Planning Agreement Status:**

- Chris Devine discussed the status of the Planning Agreement. It has gone before the councils and the Board and has been unanimously approved.

#### **Revised Species Habitat Models:**

- Letty Brown presented the two revised species habitat models, the giant garter snake and the western spadefoot toad models. The Committee discussed the models and offered feedback. Dr. Brown will check on the availability of additional movement ecology data for the western spadefoot toad.

#### **New Species Habitat Models:**

- Paul Cylinder and Letty Brown presented the thirteen new models, which included conservancy fairy shrimp, vernal pool tadpole shrimp, vernal pool fairy shrimp, Ferris' milkvetch, lesser saltscale, Butte County checkerbloom, Butte County golden clover, Ahart's dwarf rush, hairy Orcutt grass, Hoover's spurge,

Greene's tuctoria, and bank swallow. The Committee discussed each model individually, and offered feedback.

- The suggestion was made to request a review of the bank swallow model with Joe Silveira (FWS) and Greg Golet (TNC), two biologists with expertise in bank swallow biology and local knowledge of bank swallow populations. SAIC will do this.

**Butte County Meadowfoam Distribution Map and Habitat Model:**

- Paul Cylinder presented the Butte County meadowfoam distribution map and habitat model. The Committee discussed the model and offered feedback.
- DFG recommended that Elizabeth Warne (USFWS) should be consulted to determine if any new genetics information is available for the species. SAIC will do this.

**Independent Science Advisor's Report, Table 1 Species:**

- Additional species are being considered for inclusion on the Covered Species list and the Species of Local Concern list, based on recommendations from the Independent Science Advisory Panel.
- SAIC will work with the resource agencies to develop more information regarding each of these species. Findings will be brought to the next Stakeholder Committee meeting.
- The suggestion was made that white-stemmed clarkia be re-considered for inclusion on the Covered Species list. SAIC will discuss this with the resource agencies and bring the findings to the next Stakeholder Committee.

**Meeting Notes from November 7, 2007**

- Meeting notes from November 7, 2007 were accepted.

**Upcoming Workshops/Meetings:**

- The next Stakeholder meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 11:00 am- 3:00 pm, at BCAG. Agenda items will include review of the Proposed Additional Species of Local Concern and Covered Species, and the Winter 2008 HCP/NCCP newsletter.