

Meeting Summary

Butte Regional HCP/NCCP

Stakeholder Committee Meeting

March 4, 2009, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

BCAG Conference Room

Stakeholder Committee Attendees

Scott McNall (CSU Chico)	Ted Trimble (Western Canal Water Dist)
Richard Price (Butte County Ag. Commission)	Colleen Cecil (BC Farm Bureau)
Suellen Rowlison (CNPS)	Jeff Swindle (Caltrans Dist 3)
Pia Sevelius (RCD)	Phil Johnson (Altacal Audubon Society)
Mary Watters (Sierra Club)	

Resource Agencies Attendees

Jenny Marr (DGF)	Nina Bicknese (USFWS)
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Steering Committee and Staff Attendees

Jane Dolan (BCAG/ Supervisor)	Paul Cylinder (SAIC)
Chris Devine (BCAG)	Holly Wilson (SAIC)

Interested Public Attendees

Gregg McKenzie (McKenzie Consulting)	Robert Capriola (Westervelt Ecological Services)
Riley Swift (Restoration Resources)	Chris Swift (Restoration Resources)
	Bob Feeney

Associated Documents/Handouts:

1. Agenda packet including: Meeting Notes from December 3, 2008 and January 7, 2009
2. Draft Butte Regional HCP/NCCP Impact Assessment Outline (Handout #1)
3. Handout #2 Impact Assessment Summary Tables
4. Handout #3 Impact Assessment Detail Tables

Action Items and Key Recommendations:

- The next Stakeholder meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, at BCAG.

Meeting Agenda:

- Introductions
- Draft Butte Regional HCP/NCCP Impact Assessment Outline
- Draft Butte Regional HCP/NCCP Impact Assessment Summary Tables
- Draft Butte Regional HCP/NCCP Impact Assessment Detail Tables
- Glossary and Acronym List
- BCAG Stakeholder meeting notes December 3, 2008
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Draft Butte Regional HCP/NCCP Impact Assessment Chapter components

- Paul Cylinder presented new CAZ/UPA maps based on updated information from the General Plan. The different categories or designations were explained, such as: Existing Development, Planned Future Development, Designated Ag, and Existing Protected. The differences were distinguished between the CAZ/UPA maps and General Plan maps. In addition, planned future rural residential development in the General Plan presents challenges to habitat conservation planning as it tends to fragment a landscape. Propose to include planned rural residential areas as UPAs so they will be captured under the permit.
- Members asked for clarifications about: the Thermalito CAZ and how endangered species/communities will be addressed; small parcel splits and impacts to covered species, e.g., vernal pools; the “split” between Gridley/Biggs, who can develop within those zones and use of the permit; parcel splits outside the UPAs; determination of responsibility for “carbon footprints.” FWS requested that greater detail be provided in the descriptions of covered activities, especially operations and maintenance activities.
- Paul Cylinder presented HO #1-3, Chapter 4, Impact Assessment, a draft text and annotated outline, summary tables and detail tables. There will be impact analysis on each species in this chapter. Chapter 4 will discuss impacts within and outside UPAs.
- Members discussed the draft documents and approach to impact analysis. Discussion of covered activities that would happen outside the UPAs. Actions by some entities would not be covered activities – e.g., PG&E utility projects. Need to identify a method to estimate amount of impact on species and habitats with from operations and maintenance types of activities. Description of how GIS information on proposed future land use and species habitat models will be used to fill in the impact assessment tables. The HCP/NCCP will include avoidance and minimization measures for activities within and outside UPAs to ensure any projects conform to requirements of ESA. FWS requested that impact assessment us specific federal regulatory terms in the impacts discussion. Additional discussion of the timeline for completion of Chapter 4; use of hedgerows in conservation actions; and Oroville’s General Plan and biological impacts of potential future development.

Draft Glossary and Acronym List

- Draft glossary and acronym list presented. Members should send comments to SAIC.

General Plan updates

- Jane discussed General Plan updates including: the landfill location, need for improvements to the landfill, especially safety improvements and changes to the landfill including a potential small power plant.

Draft Newsletter

- Draft edition of the upcoming newsletter distributed. Comments on the newsletter are due by end of week.

Meeting Notes from December 3, 2008

- Approved.

Meeting Notes from January 7, 2009

- Approved .

Upcoming Workshops/Meetings:

- The next Stakeholder meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, at BCAG.