



## **Meeting Agenda:**

- Introductions
- Covered Activities Chapter Update – Potential Additional Applicants, Updated CAZ/UPA map
- Conservation Strategy—Revised Biological Goals and Objectives
- Conservation Strategy—Revised Spatial Criteria
- Approach to Impact Analysis
- Meeting Notes from December 3, 2008 (Attachment #1)
- Action Items and Next Meetings

## **Covered Activities Chapter Update – Potential Additional Applicants, Updated CAZ/UPA map**

- Chris Devine introduced covered activities update and potential additional applicants. There is a pending meeting with CalTrans; Chico State doesn't feel their activities will be significant enough to necessitate becoming a permittee; Butte College is in the process of updating their master plan and BCAG will check with them after that plan is completed; and discussions are continuing with the irrigation districts including Western Canal, which has expressed interest.
- Members discussed the issue of water transfers and the impact this could have on giant garter snake. There is a need for conversation with the Fish and Wildlife Service about impacts of water transfers.
- Members discussed DFG's Greylodge maintenance activities.
- Paul Cylinder presented an updated conservation acquisition zone/urban permit area (CAZ/UPA) map (it will continue to be revised and updated). Chico's General Plan information has been incorporated into the map along with additional UPAs. This has been overlaid on the CAZ information. With this information the impacts can begin to be assessed. Members discussed process of impact analysis on UPAs; take within UPAs and CAZs; HCP and NCCP permit processes, including relationships to the Biological Opinions and EIR/EIS; and clarification of the process and relationship with city and County processes.
- Members discussed the processes and schedules for preparation of EIR/EIS's for city and County general plans. City of Chico is aiming for completion of their General Plan at the end of 2009.

## **Approach to Impact Analysis**

- Paul Cylinder presented *Table 4-8 Estimated Extent of Covered Species Habitats Removed by Covered Activities and Butte Regional HCP/NCCP Conservation Measures* and discussed how and what information will be placed in the table. Members discussed different land use designations within UPAs; potential future listing of species; permitting extensions; cities and the County development outside of UPAs; adjustments to format of the table; level of detail, especially different habitat categories (e.g. giant

garter snake, peregrine falcon, bald eagle, inclusion of wetlands, seasonal vs. emergent wetlands); and the role of independent science advisors.

- FWS requests detail explanation for each species in table and determination of acreages, especially with CAZ/UPA and would like CAZs broken out like UPAs are. SAIC will develop a separate table for CAZs.
- Additional questions were raised about how impacts will be categorized by habitats within UPAs.

### **Conservation Strategy—Revised Biological Goals and Objectives**

- Pete Rawlings presented the *Second Draft Conservation Strategy—Revised Biological Goals and Objectives*, and discussed the additional content that had been added, additional content that is to come, and draft language to define terms specific to this HCP/NCCP. Members discussed suggested modifications to the document such as: moving some objectives to a conservation measure status and some goals rewritten as objectives. A correction on page 30 needs to be made: add “habitat” to yellow legged frog goal. Document will continue to be revised. FWS stated that it is moving away from the use of mitigation ratios.
- There was further discussion about additional text for vernal pool grassland objectives; providing distinct objectives for managed wetlands; and possibly adding a glossary providing definitions of terms. Agencies discussed HCP/NCCP permit requirements for conservation easements.

### **Conservation Strategy—Revised Spatial Criteria for Covered Species and Revised Design Criteria for Planning Species**

- Paul Cylinder introduced the *Conservation Strategy—Revised Spatial Criteria for Covered Species and Revised Design Criteria for Planning Species*. Pete Rawlings described the process for the development and updating of documents.
- Members discussed determination of patch size for giant garter snake, general patch size determination, minimum patch size for wetlands, and benefits to landowners who engage in specific restoration activities.

### **Meeting Notes from December 3, 2008**

- Meeting notes from December 3, 2008 were postponed to February.

### **Upcoming Workshops/Meetings:**

- The next Stakeholder meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, at BCAG.