

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
Butte Regional HCP/NCCP
February 14, 2007

Participants:

Chris Devine (BCAG)	Jeff Swindle (Caltrans)
Jon Clark (BCAG)	Paul Cylinder (SAIC)
Curt Josiassen (Supervisor)	Pete Rawlings (SAIC)
Jane Dolan (Supervisor)	Letty Brown (SAIC)
Jenny Marr (DFG)	Mike Miller (Butte College)
Nina Bicknese (USFWS)	Kim Jones (Butte College)
Jesse Wild (USFWS)	Jamison Watts (Nor. Cal. Regional Land Trust)
Phil Johnson (Altacal Audubon)	Ted Trimble (Western Canal Water Dist.)
Scott Huber (Altacal Audubon)	Nathan Key (USDA-NRCS)
Dawn Garcia (Chico State/Altacal Audubon)	John W. Hunt (USDA-NRCS)
Justin McCormick (Chico State)	Pia Sevelius (BC-RCD)
Kristen Carter for Scott McNall (Chico State)	John Merz (Sac River Preservation Trust)
Rosalie del Rosario (NMFS)	Jason Bougie (BIA)
Monica Gutierrez ((NMFS)	Bill Haas (PCCA/MLC of CNPS)
Richard Price (Butte Co. Ag. Commissioner)	Suellen Rowlison (CNPS/Mt. Lassen Chapter)
Corinne Martine (BCAG)	

1. Introductions

- Sign-in sheet passed around and introductions made.

2. Review Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- Paul Cylinder explained the Stakeholder Committee will have an integral role in development of the HCP/NCCP. The role of the Stakeholder Committee will be to formulate draft documents to take to the Steering Committee, planning directors and others, but the ultimate final decisions will fall to city councils and county board. The final document must be ratified by all jurisdictions prior to implementation.
- Suggestion that there is the necessity for written definitions and guidelines regarding role of committee.
- Meeting information will be available on the HCP/NCCP Website: www.buttehcp.com. Comments can also be received via this website using the comment form. This procedure will provide a basis for discussion and conflict resolution in a format that all can see.
- Question: Are enough outreach efforts being made? Public workshops are planned for the next 1½ years. Need to be certain the community is represented, but in order for the process to move forward the committee is necessary.
- Question: What is the role of the Steering Committee with regard to the decision-making process? The Steering Committee is an ad hoc group of elected officials functioning to facilitate for the cities, counties, regulatory agencies and stakeholders with no power to make final decisions.

- Question: Is there a formal list of alternates? You can send someone in your place at times, but original committee members need to try and be present so everyone is at the same level.
- Question: What is the process to become a member of the committee at this time? Let Chris Devine know that you are available to commit to the time involved.

3. Overview of HCP/NCCP Schedule

- Handout and discussion of HCP Phases and Schedules. Paul Cylinder remarked that this is an ambitious schedule.

4. Discussion on Organization and Function of Committee

- Meetings may be 4 hours in length. Necessary to set up a regular schedule, and meetings can be added or cancelled as needed.
- Committee main role will be to discuss comments for changes on administrative draft documents by going through documents section by section.
- Jenny Marr explained the primary plan objective is conservation of protected species and explained that the process for implementation is extremely rigorous. Fish and Game will not approve the plan for implementation unless it passes many rigors in the areas of finance, science and public information.
- Paul said the probability of success sits with the commitment of those here now, as well as the elected officials.
- Paul mentioned it is positive to be moving in parallel with the update of many jurisdictions' general plan rather than working around a completed plan.
- Chris Devine mentioned there is a list of those not participating on the committee who wish to be kept informed of committee happenings.
- It was requested that the planning process be written out in a detailed document that can be reviewed by the committee
- It was requested that the initial Science Advisory Panel candidate long list be made available to the Committee for comment – Chris Devine will be sending this out via email for comments
- The suggestion was made that landowners need to be represented on the Committee – Chris Devine explained that they have reached out to many and none so far wish to participate directly on the committee, but BCAG will continue with outreach efforts to the group. Richard Price suggested meeting with Cattlemen and Farm Bureau in their venues as an effective strategy to getting them involved.

5. Schedule for Review of the Draft Ecological Baseline Conditions Report

- Pete Rawlings walked the Committee through each section of the Ecological Baseline Conditions Report and explained the purpose and content of each section
- Appendix A and B were also reviewed and Pete noted that the occurrence data needed to be supplemented with local data – specifically regarding plants to weed out errors and close data gaps but also with animal species
- Comments are being requested to be made using the Comment Form – Chris Devine will resend this to the Committee.
- Comments need to be submitted by February 28th

- The next meeting was scheduled for March 14th from 11-3:00PM to primarily review comments on the Ecological Report

6. Introduction to Habitat Conservation Planning Presentation

- Presentation by Paul Cylinder on the HCP Process

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 14, BCAG Conference Room 11:00 – 3:00 PM.