

Meeting Summary

Butte Regional HCP/NCCP Steering Committee Meeting

September 5, 2007, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

BCAG Conference Room

Stakeholder Committee Attendees

Jane Dolan (County Supervisor)
Chris Devine (BCAG)
Jon Clark (BCAG)
Scott Gruendl (City of Chico)
Paul Cylinder (SAIC)

Jenny Marr (DFG)
Letty Brown (SAIC)
Rick Kuyper (FWS)
Debbie Haldeman (Wildlands Inc.)

Associated Documents/Handouts:

1. Agenda
2. Public Outreach Materials (Brochure, Newsletter, Press Release)

Action Items and Key Recommendations:

- The first Public Workshop for the Butte HCP/NCCP will be held in Chico on September 5; the second will be held in Oroville on September 12. Both will take place from 6:00 -7:30 pm. See website (buttehcp.com) for additional details.
- The brochure has been finalized and is available through BCAG.
- BCAG and SAIC have been meeting with potential applicants to discuss covered activities under the HCP/NCCP. Paul Cylinder will attend the Planning Directors and Administrators meeting with BCAG on September 19, 2007.
- The Chico Geographic Information Center (GIC) will complete the draft vernal pool GIS coverage by mid-September. This will be submitted to BCAG/SAIC in the next month for review and for integration with the land cover type database.

Meeting Purpose:

- Public Workshops
- Public Outreach Materials
 - Newsletter
 - Brochure
 - Press Release
- Status of Covered Activities Coordination with Applicants
- GIC Vernal Pool Mapping Update
- Stakeholder Committee Agenda
- Action Items and Next Meeting

Public Workshops:

- The first public workshop will be held in Chico on September 5 (tonight); the second will be held in Oroville on September 12. Both will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.
- Chris Devine discussed the purpose of conducting the workshops. Workshops will include an overview presentation, and kiosks for attendees to ask questions. Display materials were also discussed.
- To advertise the public workshops, BCAG has sent flyers to many email list serves, including city councils, Chambers of Commerce, economic development groups, the HCP/NCCP Stakeholders Committee and Interested Parties, the Farm Bureau, the Planning Directors, the General Plan update groups, CNPS, and the Chico State Sustainability group. Press releases were posted in several local papers and announcements about the public workshops were aired on several local radio stations.
- At the workshops, attendees will be asked to submit comment cards; these comments will be discussed with the Stakeholder Committee at the October meeting.

Public Outreach Materials:

- Chris Devine distributed the final brochure to the Steering Committee. Content for the newsletter and press releases was discussed.

Status of Covered Activity Coordination with Applicants:

- Paul Cylinder discussed the Covered Activities portion of the HCP/NCCP. SAIC/BCAG have now met with all the cities in the planning area, and many other potential permit applicants.
- SAIC met with the County on August 15th and discussed their 3 draft land use alternatives under the General Plan update.
- BCAG asked that Paul Cylinder attend the Planning Directors and Administrators meeting on September 19.

GIC Vernal Pool Mapping Update:

- The Chico Geographic Information Center (GIC) is mapping vernal pools in the planning area at the individual pool level. They are doing this using aerial photography interpretation, and employing the same methods used for the South Sacramento County HCP.
- The GIC is still on schedule to complete the draft GIS coverage by mid-September. At that point, they will submit it to BCAG and SAIC for review, and for integration with the rest of the land cover type database.
- BCAG and SAIC are overseeing the GIC's effort and will review the GIC's mapping to provide a second level of quality control assessment.

Stakeholder Committee Agenda:

- The Steering Committee discussed the agenda for the Stakeholder Committee meeting.

Upcoming Workshops/Meetings:

- The first public workshops will be held in Chico, on September 5; and in Oroville on September 12.
- Next Stakeholder meeting will be on Wednesday, October 3rd, 11:00 am- 3:00 pm, at BCAG. The subsequent Stakeholder Committee meetings will occur on November 7th, and December 5th.
- The next Steering Committee meeting will be announced at a later date.