



Calaveras River Watershed Stewardship Group

Meeting Notes

January 26, 2005

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Stockton East Water District Board Room

6767 East Main Street

Stockton, CA 95208

1. Introductions

Those in attendance briefly introduced themselves.

Persons in Attendance: Jim Inman WC, SPC&A, Jeanette Thomas SEWD, J.D. Wikert USFWS, Kevin Kauffman SEWD, Kari Burr DK, Ray Latimer SEWD, Leslie Pierce DWR, Bonnie Ross DWR, Jeannette Lucero, Andrew Watkins, Mike Hendrick DWR.

2. Review of previous meeting notes

The watershed coordinator provided a brief overview of the previous CRWSG meeting notes

- PowerPoint presentation was given by Jim Inman on why a watershed group is needed.
- Some of the interests of those in attendance were identified.
- Mission Statement – Jim Inman provided some example mission statements (more posted on website). It was suggested that members would write drafts and submit them to me to post anonymously on the website, three were received.
- Kari Burr announced a river clean-up day on November 20. It was well organized and had a good turnout.

3. Watershed Coordinator Workshop

Jim Inman attended a workshop hosted by DOC on December 7-8 and summarized the content of the workshop.

History of CALFED program

- Received a copy of the "Watershed Program Plan"
- Role of the watershed coordinator is to implement the CALFED "Watershed Program Plan"

The Watershed Program Plan has six objectives;

- Facilitate and improve coordination, collaboration and assistance among government agencies, other organizations and local watershed groups.
- Develop watershed monitoring and assessment protocols.
- Support education and outreach.
- Integrate the watershed program with other CALFED elements
- Define the relationship between watershed processes and the goals and objectives of CALFED
- Implement a strategy that will ensure support and long-term sustainability of local watershed activities.

Much of the workshop focused on group dynamics i.e. meeting structure, ground rules, and promoting good communication. The workshop was the first of a series of three, of which Jim Inman plans on attending all.

4. Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives and Group Bylaws

Members in attendance reviewed the three draft mission statements submitted to the watershed coordinator (see attached). The group selected the third submission as a starting draft and discussed and revised the draft mission statement. Those in attendance agree on the draft and will submit it for acceptance at the proceeding meeting.

Draft CRWSG Mission Statement

The mission of the Calaveras River Watershed Stewardship Group is to restore, protect, preserve and enhance the lower Calaveras River watershed through education, collaboration, and project implementation.

Members in attendance formed two groups to record on chart paper ideas for the CRWSG goals and objectives then we compared what the groups produced and noted the similarities. The watershed coordinator (Jim Inman) will use the result of the activity to draft a list of goals and objectives for further review at the next CRWSG meeting.

5. Watershed Implementation Plan

One of the tasks in the WC grant received is to produce a "Watershed Implementation Plan" The group discussed the function of a watershed implementation plan it:

- identifies existing watershed conditions, issues, and data gaps,
- identifies enhancement objectives and potential educational and restoration actions, and
- identifies strategies for implementing objectives and actions

It was agreed that the first step in producing a watershed implementation plan is to become familiar with prior watershed plans and studies. As a result Jeanette Thomas from SEWD will give a presentation at the next CRWSG meeting summarizing the Watershed Management Plan produced by SEWD and CCWD in 2001.

6. Other Items

- CRWSG Logo, keep it or replace it?
The watershed coordinator was contacted by a CRWSG member that requested that we present changing the logo to the group. The logo was discussed and some conflicts arose, some members wanted to retain the logo as it is, some suggested revising it, and others preferred a different logo. One suggestion was to make a neutral logo such as Stylized rendition of the group acronym "CRWSG." The watershed coordinator asked members to produce some potential logos and submit them for consideration at the next meeting.

7. Questions and Discussion

None

8. Next meeting date and agenda items

Scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2005, 6:00-8:00
Location TBA

Note: Any edits to the meeting notes are welcome

Developing a Mission Statement

A mission statement is a broad expression or description of your organization's reason for existing. It is the single, consistent message that you, your board members, other volunteers and eventually your staff will use to gather public support and attract funding. It should express the overall purpose of the council and be agreed upon by everyone involved in the organization.

Source: "Developing a Mission Statement," Starting Up: A Handbook for New River and Watershed Organizations. Published by River Network

Mission statement should include three basic elements:

1. identification of who (or what – the watershed, the local economy, etc.) will benefit from the services provided by your group;
2. a statement of the end goal your group hopes to achieve through the provision of its services – what you expect will happen to the entities you serve or what goals will be reached;
3. identification of the general services to be provided to reach the goal – a very general statement of HOW you will do what you say you will do, as, for example, through education and outreach, or using funding and member expertise.

Source: "Demystifying the Mission Statement," Nonprofit World Society for Nonprofit Organizations'

Draft CRWSG Mission Statements

Submission 1

Protect and preserve the Calaveras River Watershed's existing geomorphic and biological functions and values and enhance and restore those functions and values where applicable by:

- reducing flood risk while improving water quantity and quality,
- protecting valuable agricultural holdings and activities,
- reducing and removing structures that impede or endanger upstream passage while restoring salmonid spawning and rearing habitat, and
- protecting and enhancing streambanks to reduce erosion while establishing riparian buffers.

Submission 2

The Mission of the CRWSG is to improve the quality of the Lower Calaveras River watershed.

Submission 3

The mission of the Calaveras River Watershed Stewardship Group is to protect, restore and enhance the lower Calaveras River watershed through collaboration, education and activism.