



Calaveras River Watershed Stewardship Group

Meeting Notes

October 26, 2006

6:00pm

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 CRWSG, Jeanette Thomas SEWD, Ed Pattison CCWD, J.D. Wikert FWS, Jason DuBois, Bob Hurst Brookside, David Hu FWS, Laura Rademacher UOP, Ray Latimer SEWD, Bob Dean CCWD, Debbie Carlisle DWR

2. Approval of previous meeting notes

- Previous meeting notes approved as written. (Available at calaverasriver.com)

3. Presentation

- "Calaveras River FPIP Fish Migration Barriers Assessment" presented by Debbie Carlisle Senior Engineer with the Department of Water Resources Fish Passage Improvement Program.
- DWR has been working for 5 years to on what started as a three phase project but now phases I & II are being combined into one report that includes the analysis and evaluation of about 100 potential fish passage barriers in the Calaveras River, Mormon Sough and Stockton Diverting Canal. The first report is supposed to be released to the public by the end of 2006. The design solutions (originally phase III) are expected to be release as several smaller reports as they are completed in the late winter and spring of 2007.
- The Calaveras River Fish Group intends to prioritize structures for modification or removal based on criteria most beneficial to Steelhead migration.

4. Summary of recent events

- Calaveras River Watershed Tour – The CRWG conducted a tour on September 9 with about 10 in attendance. We viewed water treatment facilities, water diversion facilities, agriculture facilities and natural habitat.
- California Coastal Cleanup – The CRWSG collaborated on a river cleanup event that took place September 16 in conjunction with California Coastal Cleanup Day. It was a joint effort with San Joaquin County, Kari Burr (Fishery Foundation), Kati Hopkins (Adopt-a-watershed). We had a great turnout with about 100 people in attendance. We collected about 20,000 pounds of litter between El Dorado and West Lane.
- Stewards of the Earth Symposium – The watershed coordinator hosted a display at UOPs' "Stewards of the Earth Symposium" on October 4. I had a posterboard, photos, NZMS sign and brochures.
- Calaveras River Field Day – The CRWSG hosted a Calaveras River Field Day on October 14. This event was in conjunction with World Water Monitoring Day. We collected water samples (temperature, DO, Ph, & turbidity) at 4 locations (EB, SR, JL, & QR) and reported the data on the WWMD website. We also posted New Zealand Mud Snails caution signs at the same locations. We got into a discussion about New

Zealand Mud Snails and it was suggested that the watershed coordinator bring a sample to the next meeting.

5. Project Updates
 - Draft CRWSG Watershed Project Goals and Implementation – No update during this period
 - Calaveras Watershed Implementation Plan – No update during this period
6. Calaveras River Fish Group
 - The watershed coordinator attended the CRFG meeting on October 5. Revisions were made to the fall flow schedule. SEDW is making modifications to the Bellota Weir structure to improve fish ladder operations and will be removing flashboard dams between October 16 and 26. Surveys were going to be conducted by FISHBIO to look for fish stranding. We discussed the DWR Fish Passage report and the group plans on prioritizing structures for improvements in the near future. The USACOE is planning on doing their restoration project October 25-27. The next CRFG meeting is TBD?
7. Stockton Urban Waterways Council
 - Update – The watershed coordinator attended the last meeting of the Stockton Urban Waterway Council on September 11. The group is very enthusiastic about maintaining and improving water quality in Stockton waterways. From our discussion it became clear that there is a need for a central database of existing Calaveras River water quality data. There is a lot of data that has been collected by various groups and agencies. By being able to evaluate the existing data as a whole we would be able to develop a more targeted approach to collecting additional data. There is interest in developing a citizens monitoring team. We agreed to keep a lookout for possible funding opportunities. I meet with Dr Laura Rademacher on a couple occasions and she is very interested in forming a water quality monitoring team.
8. Calaveras River Habitat Conservation Plan
 - Open House 4-8 pm on November 9, 2006 at the Linden Lion's Club. A flyer was distributed.
9. Questions and Discussion
 - The watershed coordinator noted that he was invited to speak a Federation of Fly Fisher meeting and that they are interested in partnering on projects.
10. Next meeting date and agenda items (5 minutes)
 - **January 17, 2007, 6:00 PM at Stockton East Water District**

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