

Thursday May 19, 2011

Lower Feather River Field Trip

Itinerary – VAN A (Van B Reverse Order)

Upstream (south to north) Route

Stop	Time	Location	Note	Road or Levee Distance
	8:00 a	LV JOC 3310 El Camino Ave	Travel time ½ hour	
1.	8:30	Confluence of Sutter Bypass & Feather River RD 1001 levee	River Oaks Golf Club at 201 Lee Road - north of Sacramento off Highway 99 in Nicolaus - riveroaksgolfclub.net (restroom)	50 mi
2.	9:00	Nicolaus & additional stop - Lake of the Woods	RD 1001 Levee & Vision DFG - Wildlife habitat	3 mi
3.	10:00	Bear River Levee Setback	TRLIA RD 784 Levee	2 mi
4.	10:30	Star Bend Boat Ramp	DWR Boat Tour on River & Recreation use	6 mi
5.	12:00	RTN to Star Bend Boat Ramp		9 RM
6.		Lunch	Bring your sack lunch & water	1 mi
Restroom Stop				
7.	12:30	TRLIA Setback Levee	Various stops along maintenance road & future uses	3.5 mi
8.	13:30	TRLIA Setback Levee	Anderson Site - maintenance road & future uses	1.5 mi
9.	14:30	State Cut	Recreation usage & agriculture	10 mi
10	15:00	LV Marysville	Return to Lee Road (restroom)	20 mi
11	16:30	RTN to JOC 3310 El Camino Ave	Travel Time 1 ½ hour	50 mi

Field Tour Objectives:

- Acquaint work group members with current conditions of the river, channel, floodplains, levees, and adjacent uplands.
- Facilitate preliminary discussions on potential future vision of the lower Feather River landscape.
- Workgroup observe and discuss the flood conveyance conditions on tour.
 - Low resistance passageway.
 - How wide necessary to preserve conveyance capacity?
 - Grass plain or meadow low resistance flood flow areas
 - Multiple channel alternative in some locations
 - Can the low resistance channel be continuous for the length of the study area?
- Workgroup members observe environmental condition on tour.
 - Discuss future river restoration landscape design to allow for compatible multiple uses in river channel while maintaining flood flow capabilities.
 - T&E species habitat: Bank Swallow, Swainson Hawk & potential Giant Garter Snake.
 - Shaded riverine aquatic habitat.
 - Mixed riparian forest
- Workgroup observe and discuss agricultural uses within channel
- Discuss future vegetation maintenance concerns for the river.
- Does vegetation on levees meet new USACE vegetation standards at all locations?
- Observe recreation uses along river.
- Determine additional future concerns (not previously mentioned) for work group consideration.