

**Draft Field Tour Notes**  
**May 19, 2011**  
**Lower Feather River Corridor Management Plan Meeting**

**Field Tour Objectives:**

- Acquaint work group members with current conditions of the river, channel, floodplains, levees, & adjacent uplands.
- Facilitate preliminary discussions on potential future vision of the lower Feather River landscape.
- Workgroup observe & 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 & 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.

**Lower Feather River Field Trip Itinerary**

Two vans left Sacramento for the field tour. One van (B) went to Maryville to meet other participants while the second van (A) went to the confluence of the Feather River and Sutter Bypass. The vans made the same stops in opposite direction from the following list:

**North to South – Downstream Tour Description:**

1. A stop at the State Cut drainage was made on top of the RD 784 Levee. Discussion on recreation usage, maintenance responsibilities and local agriculture uses in area occurred.
2. TRLIA Setback Levee stops were made to look at various sites along maintenance road and discussed future uses and potential activities in the area. Also, mitigation sites, the maintenance road, recreation uses and other potential future uses were discussed.
3. Lunch break was held at the Star Bend Boat Ramp.
4. DWR Boat Tour on river took about an hour. River recreation use, potential fish habitat, T&E species habitat, and river hydraulic dynamics were discussed.
5. Bear River Levee Setback stop discussed restoration effort in the corridor and how partnerships have been working with the levee maintenance agencies, TRLIA and DWR have occurred. The results of restoration were noted by many to have happen quickly.
6. The tour took folks near the small community of Nicolaus and the Lake of the Woods Wildlife Area. Discussion with the manager of RD 1001 Levee focused on the maintenance of the stretch of levees in the south end of the project area. The DFG Wildlife Area manager noted that the

majority of the wildlife habitat is being maintained by DWR and that special projects get occasional funding such as the effort proposed at Nelson Slough Wildlife Area.

7. The final stop was at the confluence of Sutter Bypass and the lower Feather River. Again, discussion focused on RD 1001 levee maintenance needs and the sediment build up at the confluence.

Both vans returned to Sacramento before 5:00 pm.

### **Attendees:**

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|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Earl Nelson       | (DWR -FPCP)           | 916-574-1244      |
| 2. Tony Danna        | (DWR FMO)             | 916-574-2738      |
| 3. Kelly Barker      | (DFG)                 | 916- 358-4353     |
| 4. Tina Bartlett     | (DFG)                 | 916-358-2898      |
| 5. Debra Bishop      | (H. T. Harvey)        | 530-753-3733 x102 |
| 6. Paul Brunner      | (TRLIA)               | 530-749-5679      |
| 7. John Carlon       | (River Partners)      | 530-894-5401 x224 |
| 8. Steve Chainey     | (AECOM)               | 916-266-4925      |
| 9. Stan Cleveland    | (Sutter Co)           | 530-713-7502      |
| 10. Juleah Cordi     | (Sutter RCD)          | 503-674-1461      |
| 11. Diane Fales      | (RD 1001)             | 916-656-2318      |
| 12. Nancy Finch      | (DWR)                 | 916-651-6840      |
| 13. Steve Fordice    | (RD784)               | 530-742-0520      |
| 14. Terri Gaines     | (DWR FESSRO)          | 916-653-6520      |
| 15. Jeremy Goldberg  | (DWR - Legal)         | 916- 653-6769     |
| 16. Lisa Grudzinski  | (USACE)               | 916-223-9538      |
| 17. Jennifer Hobbs   | (USFWS)               | 916-414-6541      |
| 18. Larry Lloyd      | (SCRCD)               | 530-674-1461 x130 |
| 19. Lisa Mangione    | (AECOM)               | 916-414-1605      |
| 20. Ron Melcer       | (DWR – FESSRO)        | 916-653- 6963     |
| 21. Susan Sanders    | (AECOM)               | 916-266-4921      |
| 22. Alicia Seesholtz | (DWR DES)             | 916-376-9848      |
| 23. Helen Swagerty   | (River Partners)      | 530-894-5401 x227 |
| 24. Ron Unger        | (DWR)                 | 916-574-0381      |
| 25. Matt Wacker      | (H. T. Harvey)        | 530-753-3733 x105 |
| 26. Dale Whitmore    | (CDFG)                | 530-743-5068      |
| 27. William Wong     | (DWR- Levee Asst Prg) | 916-541-1202      |

### **BOATMEN**

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|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1. Bob Duffy      | (DWR)   | 916-802-8293 |
| 2. Adam Henderson | (DWR)   | 530-529-7319 |
| 3. Rick Williams  | (USFWS) | 916-899-8044 |
| 4. Peter Coombe   | (DWR)   | 530-529-7377 |