

**DRAFT Meeting Notes**  
**January 20, 2011**  
**Lower Feather River Corridor Management Plan**  
**Work Group Meeting**

AECOM Coastal Conference Room

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**1. Corridor Management Plan Status Report**

- Timeline Update Summary – presented by Tony Danna
- DFG/DWR Feather River Wildlife Area MOU
  - Earl Nelson discussed the Section 7 issues under the DFG and Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA)
  - Gary Hobgood – Likes the RMA revision and thinks that the DWR will move this along to legal.
  - Jennifer Hobbs – Permitting for the bigger picture is still early.
  - Earl Nelson – Abbott Lake wildlife area was the purpose for the DFG/DWR MOU.
  - Gary Hobgood – DFG property is only addressed in the MOU and has a smaller scope.
  - Earl Nelson – This DFG/DWR MOU does include the larger DFG area (60%) in the region.
  - Jeff Twitchell – Corridor CMP should include the RMA agreement for the regular maintenance tasks.
  - Gary Hobgood – only DFG will be included in The RMA and it could be modified to include a broader scope for LMA in the future.
  - John Carlon – The O’Connor Lake MOU is the place to start. Elderberry on DFG property is a major issue. The bulk of the properties in the CMP are covered under State lands and then later on other property holders could be included.
  - Nancy Halley - Safe Harbor (Like) agreement could be the baseline.
  - Jennifer Hobbs – Elderberry is only one concern, there is potential for others.
  - Earl Nelson – Baseline is only a target. We management lands above to Chico will have
  - Task Order Phases I - Deliverables – What has been completed
  - MW - Not available work. Field notes will update with Chico data

**2. GIS base map has been released but not March and April.**

- Earl Nelson – Budget targets we need to streamline the cost. Sharpen the pencil to cut cost.
- Debra Bishop - A Negative Declaration would reduce cost.
- Paul Brunner – Scope down the cost but how could we do that
- Earl Nelson – Planning Guidance only it needs to cover the maintenance document future projects covered elsewhere.
- Kelly Barker – Explained the CEQA process.
- Gary Hobgood – Is this only concept document without any specific? We have only the bones, with no meat.
- Debra Bishop – The Small Erosion Repair Program is the only project with this now.
- John Carlon – Past maintenance work should show us what needs to be done. New projects may not be needed at this time. We need to do more effective maintenance projects. By focusing on channel enhancement through maintenance there may be no need to do new projects.
- Gary Hobgood – Small effort for a smaller portion of the bigger picture. Easily expanded is not right in my opinion.

- Earl Nelson - we will list the bigger task for maintenance and anything bigger will be listed in the future.
- Debra Bishop – CVFPP start the process in the shorter period. Expensive issue. Work here and can be expanded else.
- Gary Hobgood – Asking for the Concept meeting this afternoon.
- Earl Nelson – Keep it simpler than EIR. Stakeholder meetings
- John Carlon – RCD work on the Feather River – development of the
- Task Order Phase II – Scope of Work
- HD out of the draft.
- MW – covered the out
- Earl Nelson – Draft the documents and what we have scope and effort.
- Budget talk will not include the data collection
- Stacy Cepello – the cost of the budget. Terri has said. Priority of the project

#### **4. CEQA/NEPA**

- Missing puzzle piece of the project. Three quarter of million dollars to decide to what to do. More definition of the defining the project will be very helpful definition.
- Earl Nelson – Definition is added. Task II was not the place yet and we will do that into the future.
- Stacy Cepello – We need more meat that will give the Board the information to make a decision. Is routine maintenance needed any change to the baseline. Can the CMP fix without Hydro because we don't have the hydraulic. Does this plan do modeling after we have a direction? Million dollars need now or later.
- Earl Nelson - \$400K in modeling. Tools being developed to find the tools for future.
- Jeff Twitchell – Baseline modeling the future of the issues. Most here know where those areas are Place holders to decide where we are going to get a starting point.
- John Carlon – What are the existing Physics? Where everyone already knows. Statewide model that the political issues. Move the levee who owns the extra conveyance. Hydraulics that is political. Why are we talking an inch of freeboard change? Other changes may be cost effective to cover the political on the long term issues.
- Stacy Cepello – Funds have to fit into CVFPP and the Board. May require detail.

#### **5. Corridor Management Plan Specific Objectives**

- Public Safety Statement added.
- Earl Nelson – Goal – Public Safety statement.

#### **6. Permitting Subcommittee Meeting**

- Earl Nelson – making the group larger
- Matt Wacker – A menu of permitting options feted to Policy Group. How do we want to move forward? Has discussed
- Paul Brunner – Who is doing the working Group to be involved. Input to the agenda and
- Matt Wacker – Memo of options & DWR and that this will be prepared for the Policy meeting.
- Earl Nelson- this is not the final for the decision.
- Paul Brunner – The Group is rep on the Policy Group.
- Earl Nelson – AECOM draft. DWR review. Working Group for comments. And then to the Agency Group meeting. Working Group will see the document.
- March 9th meeting.

## **7. Hydraulic Subcommittee Meeting**

- Jeff Twitchell – Cost cutting of the T.O. Modeling is being completed so other can use. MBK – cebec are doing the T.O. modeling without the Field gathering work and do only the modeling.
- Jeff Twitchell – the lower two miles \$65K model to base line. Model the Sutter bypass
- Don Triu – Working toward the Sutter from the 99 bridge. Working with CVFPB.
- Paul Brunner – Vegetation growth is the issue is Star Bend downstream. Modeling is the most important below the south end of the river.
- John Carlon – Area with the most opportunities. Sand collection area. Sediment area and use for strengthening the levee. 2-d model required by the Board.
- Don Triu - 2-D Sutter Bypass, but no 2-D issue with US99 Bridge.
- Stacy Cepello – What?
- Jeff Twitchell – Model is included in the issue development for the Feather CMP.
- Earl Nelson – Model not using calibration. What do you need from WG?
- Jeff Twitchell – Evaluation Potential Modifications & Maintenance Priorities. Is this a place to reduce the cost? Page 5 of T.O. Draft. Knock out \$50K off the baseline.
- Earl Nelson – Not necessary for the geomorphic data collection. Corp and Board will do
- Ryan Larson – as long as the 1957 flow data is in the modeling is calibrated.
- Nancy Haley – low flow data that deals with an observed level and is not set. Mark is dealt with in a case by case. Mean and high is a mark to look at.
- Gary Hobgood – above ordinary high water mark is not a mark of issue and he wonders why we need that.
- Earl Nelson – 404 permits needs. A general Regional permit.
- Jeff Twitchell – Band level needed for the Westside is on plateau. Eastside lower than the right bank.
- Nancy A Haley - Interpolate the data.
- Matt Wacker - Frequency of activated flood plains will be defined.

## **8. Agenda Development & Topics for discussion**

- Earl Nelson – Define what the meeting is all about.
- Gary Hobgood – Andy Atkinson, Kelly Barker on the Policy Group
- Earl Nelson – we will look at the Policy Group
- Kelly Barker – Will the Policy Group make decisions on permitting.
- Earl Nelson – Will be briefed and a consensus will be sought. The Regulatory will be making the decisions. DFG will be consulted.
- Debra Bishop – FESSRO needs to be on the list.
- Earl Nelson – Modeling discussion prompted, and timing.
- Paul Brunner – Why just brief and status report. Major issues only and an opportunity to get higher level opinion. The budget and the technical side of the issues need to be considered. What is the Cost of this program? A policy issue and issue and see where we go from here. And how this input could help.
- Debra Bishop – Ecosystem model update Matt – Ray McDowell.
- Jeff Twitchell – Permitting group to handle Safe Harbor (like).

## **9. Who owns the extra capacity? Free Board.**

- Budget issue defensive. Cost defined for the meeting to make recommendations.
- Goals and Objective and the effort to support the cost.
- Geomorphology & Hydraulic Modeling Subcommittee Meeting
- Policy Team review of Task Order Phase II – Cost Budget.
- Paul Brunner – Safe Harbor like discussion has

## 10. Next Meeting

- Identify the next meeting (February 17th meeting) & agenda topics.

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