

**NOTES FROM PUBLIC HEARING
CONDUCTED ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2003 AT 2:00 P.M.
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BEDFORD WASH AND TEMESCAL WASH
FLOOD PROTECTION CORRIDOR AND HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT**

A public hearing was held on Wednesday, August 27, 2003 at 2 p.m. in Building "B" at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Resource Conservation Center, 4500 Glenwood Drive, Riverside, California, 95201. All interested persons were invited to attend and to express their views concerning the proposed Bedford Wash and Temescal Wash Flood Protection Corridor and Habitat Restoration Project. The hearing was conducted by Earl Nelson, Program Manager for the Department of Water Resources (DWR), 3310 El Camino Ave., Sacramento, California, 95821.

Mr. Nelson outlined DWR's authority to fund flood corridor improvements and wildlife habitat enhancement as established by Proposition 13, the Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection, and Flood Protection Act as approved by California voters in March 2000. Mr. Nelson reviewed the Proposition 13 provisions as found in Section 79035 et seq. of the California Water Code. Mr. Nelson discussed whether or not, and under what conditions, the projects would be funded.

Mr. Nelson indicated that 45 projects totaling \$143 million had been submitted to and were being reviewed by DWR. He said that a total of \$29 million was available and that 14 of the 45 projects would be fully or partially funded.

Mr. Nelson introduced the intention of DWR, acting in partnership with the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District, to provide funding for flood corridor improvements and wildlife habitat preservation and enhancement along Bedford Wash and Temescal Wash within the Temescal Canyon Redevelopment Area in the vicinity of Temescal Canyon Road and Cajalco Road, in the City of Corona, Riverside County. Mr. Nelson distributed comments sheets to all in attendance.

Mr. Kerwin Russell, Program Manager for the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District presented a Power Point presentation providing the following information (a copy of the presentation is attached at the end of this document):

- History and organizational structure of the RCRC
- RCRC service area
- Services provided by the RCRC
- Review of RCRC projects
- Historical review of Temescal and Bedford Wash
- Photos of the proposed project areas
- Delineation of actual project area

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- Review of proposed restoration work
- Review of proposed restoration methods to be employed
- Review of alternative restoration program in response to reduction of available funding
- Review of adjacent RCRCO projects

Mr. Nelson indicated that actual funds to be made available to the proposed project would be 50 percent of the actual funding requested. He indicated that flood management was the first and foremost criteria for funding the proposed project.

Mr. Brian Jensen, Director of Engineering for SE Corporation and Temescal Canyon Properties-8, LLC reviewed RM-1 and RM-2 bank stabilization methods in depth. Mr. Russell discussed restoration and filter approaches within bank areas undergoing stabilization. Mr. Nelson indicated that DWR's team of biologists would be made available to work with and to guide the RCRCO in restoration methods to be employed once bank stabilization flood control mechanisms had been completed. Mr. Nelson also re-stated the importance of the Bedford/Temescal confluence area transitory storage and sedimentation basin as part of the overall flood management tools anticipated as a result of the project. Mr. Nelson acknowledged that due to budget constraints and limitations in the amount of FPCP grant funding for the project, only the 5-acre right-of-way easement for the basin is being provided as part of the current funding package.

The hearing was opened for questions.

Mr. Don Williams, City of Corona, Public Works Department requested a copy of the Power Point presentation on CD.

The hearing was continued to Wednesday, September 3, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the same location.