

Final Minutes of the
San Joaquin River Management Program
Action Team Meeting
March 2, 2001

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Modesto, California

Introductions and Approval of Minutes

The San Joaquin River Management Program Action Team met in the office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Modesto, California. There were no comments on the draft minutes of the January 31, 2001 meeting. Draft minutes from the most recent meeting and pertinent documents are posted on the SJRMP website at the following internet address:

<http://www.dpla.water.ca.gov/sjd/sjrmp/index.html>

Letter of Support for TRPT

Patrick Koepele with the Tuolumne River Preservation Trust asked for a letter of support for acquisitions related to two properties on the Tuolumne River. Koepele discussed the project proposal with the group and explained the necessity of the two properties, Todd and Venn II. The acquisition of the parcels will be in fee and a conservation easement. Koepele also mentioned that flood reduction and habitat restoration are benefits in acquiring the parcels.

The group suggested that SJRMP draft a letter and have it circulated before the next meeting. This allows the group to comment and include language acceptable to everyone.

Goals, Principles, and Actions

A revised draft dated February 12, 2001 of the SJRMP Goals, Principles, Management Guidelines and Actions was handed out at the meeting. The group was encouraged to review the draft and make changes. The revised draft document, based on Action Team comments, is attached and will be included on the website.

CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Wendy Halverson Martin, CALFED Deputy Director, attended the meeting and provided information about CALFED. Halverson Martin talked about regional implementation by having projects locally based and supported. She added that for projects to be considered for funding, it is important that the project be consistent with the overall vision

of the region and CALFED wants SJRMP to derive this vision. Future Action Team meetings will include a CALFED agenda item.

MOU

An initial draft of a SJRMP MOU was handed out at the meeting for member review and comments. A question was raised if an MOU is needed between SJRMP and CALFED and/or SJRMP and its members. Halverson Martin explained that it was not likely that SJRMP would get an MOU with CALFED. It would be too exclusionary to other organizations. Instead, she volunteered to write a letter explaining what CALFED wants from SJRMP. This letter will be useful in developing a SJRMP MOU. The group also suggested a redraft of the MOU to one page only.

Other

Member Lists

An Action Team and Advisory Council member list was distributed at the meeting. The Team was asked to review these lists and make corrections. Updated information is needed for the SJRMP website.

TMDLs

Mike McElhiney briefed the group on the San Joaquin River Salt and Boron TMDL Progress Workshop, held on March 1 by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. McElhiney indicated that there are 3 ongoing TMDL processes in the San Joaquin River Basin. McElhiney added that the Regional Water Control Board received a petition by 67 organizations to revoke the waiver on agricultural return flows. A public meeting will be held in July.

Next Action Team Meeting: March 28, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at CSU Fresno.

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