

PAC TECHNICAL GROUP MEETING

March 10, 2010

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
3:30 – 5:00 pm

Attendees:

Fran Borcalli, floodSAFE Yolo
Mark Cocke, City of Woodland
Panos Kokkas, Yolo County
Tim O'Halloran, YCFCWCD
Bob Schneider, Tuleyome
Donna Gentile, WRA

John Bencomo, Yolo County
Mark Deven, City of Woodland
Stefan Lorzato, YCFCWCD
Warren Westrup, Yolo County
Philip Bachand, Bachand & Associates

1. Summary of Congressman Herger meeting on February 16, 2010

Fran and Tim informed that the meeting with Congressman Wally Herger went well and that they were able to make a good imprint on the important issues with him. He was engaged and very responsive to helping floodSAFE Yolo arrange a meeting with Colonel Chapman of the USACE. Both Bill Marble and Skip Davies also attended this meeting. Fran reported that he also spoke with Congressman Mike Thompson's representative, Elly Fairclough, to keep him informed about key issues.

2. Summary of meeting with CVFPB/DWR representatives on March 9, 2010

Fran and Tim met with representatives from the Central Valley Flood Protection Board and the Department of Water Resources. The purpose of this meeting was to see if some agreement could be reached regarding the different perspectives in solutions presented for Cache Creek flooding issues. Fran stressed that the purpose of continuing the Feasibility Study is to investigate solutions and hopefully resolve issues. All parties agreed to keep an open mind to solutions as further study investigations determine the best options. The exchange of information was beneficial for everyone.

Continuation of the Cache Creek Feasibility Study is still scheduled to begin October 1, 2010. Cost share agreements were discussed: 50%/50% Federal/non-federal and of the 50% non-federal the share would be 50% state/ 50% local. The local cost share needs to be identified in the Project Management Plan (PMP), which can be cash or in-kind funds. Fran informed that the local cost share can include money spent by the City of Woodland for the feasibility study as early as 1999. Definitive amounts will need to be determined by the end of April to include in the PMP. The amount of the Federal cost share needs to be determined first in order to determine what the local cost share amount will be. Fran will recommend areas in the PMP that the PAC may want to maintain local control and communicate that information in the PMP. The PAC agreed that keeping the focus on the study is the best next step and the strategy for moving forward is critical.

The issue of mercury TMDL in the Cache Creek Settling Basin was raised. This discussion is not in the forefront of the Cache Creek Feasibility Study. This is a long-term planning issue and would

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require special studies on a dedicated timeline with specific agencies participating. Stefan proposed the idea of tying into DWR's developing workgroup on TMDL.

3. Meeting with Col. Chapman on April 1, 2010

- a) *Location:* Fran anticipates that there will be approximately 12 people at the meeting with Col. Chapman. Fran will verify with Fran Peace if anyone else should be there for Federal representation. The PAC decided that the City of Woodland's Municipal Service Center meeting room would be an acceptable location without incurring any additional meeting room costs.
- b) *Primary message:* Congressman Herger's office wants the overall message to be positive. The PAC agreed that Skip Davies and Bill Marble would be good candidates to articulate and deliver a positive message and key issues. The PAC will also ask Matt Rexroad, Yolo County Supervisor to be included in this meeting. Mark Deven will arrange a time to meet with Tim, Fran, Matt, Skip, Bill and John Bencomo to prepare them for April 1st.

4. Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study

All of these items were discussed as part of Item 2 above.

- a) *Cost sharing agreements: USACE, CVFPB, and local agencies*
- b) *Project Management Plan, USACE*
- c) *Review Plan, USACE*
- d) *Work-in-kind*

5. Other floodSAFE Yolo activities

Fran inquired if there are any other activities floodSAFE Yolo should be focusing on at this time. The Feasibility Study has currently been the main focus. Panos inquired about the status of acquiring the blended topo data from the State. Fran indicated that the State has been struggling with the volume of information collected that needs to be blended which has slowed this task. He anticipates it may be available within a month. The PAC also discussed various floodplain management issues in Yolo County related to storm water.

6. Other Items

Tim introduced Phil Bachand, Bachand & Associates, an applied science water resources and environmental engineering firm in Davis. Tim wanted to educate floodSAFE Yolo about the the floodplain management and storm water programs that Phil has been working with, especially in relation to the IRWMP Yolo County Sloughs, Canals & Creeks Management Program. Phil discussed his participation in various watershed modeling and stormwater management projects. He has worked collaboratively with many partners such as UC Davis, YCFCWCD, Yolo County RCD, and USGS. Tim thought Phil might provide an opportunity to utilize other resources to accomplish some of floodSAFE Yolo's tasks. It was suggested that the Sloughs, Canals & Creeks Management Program partners meet with Phil and discuss potential benefits of a collaborative partnership to establish a more integrated approach to watershed management (academic and agri-business).

7. Next PAC Meeting: April 14, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

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Summary of Action Items:

- Fran Borcalli will recommend areas in the PMP that the PAC may want to maintain local control and incorporate that information into the PMP for the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study.
- Mark Cocke will compile in-kind costs incurred by the City of Woodland for the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study since 1999 to present (for inclusion in PMP).
- Mark Cocke will reserve Woodland's MSC conference room for the April 1st meeting or another City location depending on the number of attendees.
- Fran Borcalli will speak with Fran Peace (Congressman Herger) to confirm attendees of April 1st meeting.
- Mark Deven will arrange a meeting with Tim O'Halloran, Fran Borcalli, Matt Rexroad, Skip Davies, Bill Marble and John Bencomo to prepare them for the April 1st meeting with Col. Chapman, USACE.
- Stefan Lorenzato will convene a meeting of the IRWMP Yolo County Sloughs, Canals & Creeks Management Program partners with Phil Bachand to discuss collaborative partnership benefits.

Submitted by:

Fran Borcalli, Program Manager