

PAC TECHNICAL GROUP MEETING

April 14, 2010
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
3:30 – 5:00 pm

Attendees:

Fran Borcalli, floodSAFE Yolo
Mark Deven, City of Woodland
Tim O'Halloran, YCFCWCD
Dave Pratt

Mark Cocke, City of Woodland
Stefan Loranzato, YCFCWCD
Donna Gentile, WRA

1. Summary of Meeting with Congressman Herger and Colonel Chapman

Overall the feedback about the meeting was very positive. The USACE made a commitment to engage DWR in communications with regard to Cache Creek flood issues in collaboration with floodSAFE Yolo activities. The local partners received good feedback on mercury and abandoned mine issues and the USACE offered to work with the local partners to help them secure funding. The PAC discussed that the USACE needs to know who to communicate with at the DWR flood planning division. The PAC felt that if the USACE initiated the communication with DWR instead of floodSAFE Yolo it would be more effective. Now that the USACE better understands the local concerns, progress on Cache Creek issues should be forthcoming with the feasibility study continuation.

2. Update of Federal (USACE) Appropriations FY 2011

Fran forwarded an email the PAC that the USACE increased the \$100,000 appropriations funding request to \$500,000 as a direct result of the April 1st meeting. Fran advised that the information prepared for the April CAP-to-CAP trip should be revised to reflect this change. Also, a follow-up letter should be sent to both Senatorial and Congressional representatives indicating the increased USACE funding request for the FY11 appropriations for the Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study. Fran will prepare letters for Donna to execute through the YCFCWCD.

3. USACE Feasibility Study – Cache Creek Flood Risk Reduction Project

- a) *Project Management Plan:* The final document is being routed through USACE for signature now.
- b) *Review Plan and*
- c) *Communications Plan:*
The plans are being finalized by the USACE. Stefan inquired whether mercury management was included in the Plan. He informed that DWR is currently doing mercury investigation/studies in the Cache Creek Settling Basin. He recommended keeping track of DWR's progress and insure all agencies keep in communication with one another.
- d) *Timeline:* Work will begin on the continuation of the feasibility study on October 1, 2010.
- e) *Cost sharing agreements:* The City of Woodland has verified the local cost share spent since the inception of work on the feasibility study is approximately \$1.5 million. Hopefully the State will see they need to catch up to what the locals have spent.

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f) *Feasibility Study Budget – cost share and work in-kind:* USACE does not have sufficient staff to manage the contract right now. Ideally the USACE would agree to let the YCFCWCD (as the contract implementing local partner) to administer with contractors and be part of the contract negotiations. It is possible, but would be a departure from USACE's normal protocol.

4. **Draft Letter to Central Valley Floodplain Evaluation & Delineation Program**

Fran distributed a draft letter to Mr. Liang at the Floodplain Management Branch/DWR for PAC review. Donna will update the letter with the PAC's feedback and prepare for Tim's signature and mailing.

5. **IRWM Application for Stormwater/Flood Management**

Fran inquired about the status of the \$1 million flood planning grant under Proposition 84/1E. Stefan informed that this is being coordinated through the Westside Regional Water Management Group. The Yolo County portion of the 5 county group could be implemented by floodSAFE Yolo. The Westside RWMG has discussed the WRA being the preferred grant applicant; however, a fiscal agent will need to be selected prior to application. The anticipated application timeline is October 2010.

6. **Budget Status**

Fran updated the PAC on the current budget status. As of 4/1/10, approximately \$100,000 is remaining of the original \$600,000 contributions by the MOU partners. Mark Cocke indicated that YCFCWCD, as fiscal agent for floodSAFE Yolo, could invoice the City of Woodland for the next \$100,000 for the third year. No one from Yolo County was in attendance to confirm authorization to invoice for the next program installment.

7. **Other**

Tim O'Halloran reported that he gave a presentation to the City of Davis city council yesterday on the Yolo County IRWMP and floodSAFE Yolo. Davis city council expressed interest in joining floodSAFE Yolo, but Fran should follow up with Davis staff to educate them on how the City would benefit and the negative impacts of flooding for Davis.

Fran inquired whether the PAC would want to update the Annual Report in June. Copies of the 2009 Annual Report are almost gone. The PAC decided to wait on publishing another annual report given the budget status.

8. **Next PAC Meeting: May 12, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**

Summary of Action Items:

- Send letters to senatorial and congressional representatives regarding increase in FY 11 appropriations request for Lower Cache Creek Feasibility Study (Fran/Donna)
- Send letter to Central Valley Floodplain Evaluation & Delineation Program (Fran/Donna)
- Send invoice to City of Woodland for \$100,000 3rd year Pilot Program contribution (Tim/Fran)
- Follow-up with City of Davis staff regarding benefits of joining floodSAFE Yolo Pilot Program (Fran)

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Submitted by:

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