

Alameda Creek Fisheries Restoration Workgroup
December 6, 2007
Zone 7 Water Agency
100 North Canyons Pkwy
Livermore CA 94551

Meeting Summary and Action Items

Agenda & Minutes

Action items: 1) Brenda will finalize minutes next week unless someone sends her comments before then. 2) Brenda will give Andy MOU as is for posting on website and will send copy to Gary Stern. 3) Brenda will update address list.

Flows Report

Final Report is coming today 12-6-07. Each subcommittee member will give it to appropriate parties in their organization for review and approval. **Action item:** Brenda will collect everyone's approvals before next meeting (March 08).

Updates

2008 Fish Capture (Pete Alexander, Jeff Miller, and all)

Pete has submitted permit request for radio tags of steelhead and fall-run Chinook and release then in pool below confluence with Stonybrook. Conversation with Gary Stern and Josh Fuller (via phone) followed. Josh requested report on past fish collection to NMFS. Pete agreed to send by end of the year. All involved in fish capture agreed to disinfect equipment to prevent spread of NZ Mud Snail.

Action items: 1) Pete sending report on fish collection/rescue efforts to date. 2) Tim Ramirez, Dave Houts, Eric Cartwright requested that they be kept updated by NMFS regarding fish release permit communications and decisions.

ACWD (Eric Cartwright)

Celebration for fish screens will be scheduled in spring. ACWD looking at notching lower rubber dam foundation to maintain grade control. Bunting pond screen expected to be installed early next spring, waiting for results of grant application.

BART Weir (Manny da Costa)

County and ACWD are starting RFQ solicitation process for preliminary design of fish passage over Middle rubber dam and BART weir. A consultant team would be expected to be on board by March. Gary Stern stated that the design should focus on the longest passage duration possible which means the fishway should accommodate as wide a range of flows as possible but if you have to choose, then choose flows on the lower end. There was a *consensus among work group members that this approach made sense*. Manny said that he anticipates a workshop focusing on design issues. Possible source of funds: CalTrans mitigations funds through NFWF. **Action item:** Manny and Eric to send out schedule for hiring consultants and design workshops once finalized.

NZ Mud Snail

In addition to items noted above, Manny noted that there would be an Alameda Creek Sediment Forum in February which might be a place to discuss the NZMS. **Action items:** 1) Manny will talk to Andy Cohen or Lester McKee of SFEI about NZMS. 2) Manny will follow up with Alameda Creek Watershed Council about communication protocols about the NZMS. 3) Manny checking with SFEI regarding their disinfection of equipment to prevent NZMS spread.

Fisheries Workgroup members requested an update on Union City Sanitary District's pipeline project. **Action item:** Manny is going to send Brenda a contact to invite someone to the next fisheries meeting.

Zone 7 Streamwise

Brad Ledesma of West Yost & Associates gave a presentation on Zone 7's SteamWise program, a planning effort for flood protection, water supply and stream restoration in the Livermore Valley. Brad's presentation focused on Arroyo de la Laguna, identification of fish passage barriers, and stream restoration projects.

SF PUC's Alameda Watershed HCP

Paola Bernazzani and Jesse Schwartz of Jones and Stokes gave a presentation about the work accomplished to date on the HCP and their approach for incorporating fish, particularly steelhead trout, into the HCP. The purpose of the HCP is to gain regulatory compliance for SF PUC's water supply system and land management operations and maintenance.

Next meeting:

Thursday March 13, 2008 at the SF PUC's offices in San Francisco