

**Alameda Creek Fisheries Work Group
Flows Subcommittee**

June 5, 2007 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
Teleconference

Draft Meeting Summary

Participants:

Eric Cartwright, ACWD
Thomas Niesar, ACWD
Stuart Moock, representing PG&E
Dave Houts, Zone 7
Mary Lim, Zone 7
Jeff Miller, ACA
Brian Sak, SFPUC
Tim Ramirez, SFPUC
Andy Gunther, CEMAR
Bill Trush, McBain & Trush
Gary Stern, National Marine Fisheries Service

Announcements, review agenda

Andy announced that Manny da Costa had sent an email indicating that the Alameda County Flood Control District will no longer be participating in the Flows Subcommittee, focusing their efforts instead on planning and construction of a fish ladder at the BART Weir/Middle Inflatable Dam. Eric noted that there are ongoing discussions between the County and the Water District

Andy also announced that Brenda sent an email noting that Thursday's work group meeting is in Room 203, not 230 as stated on the draft agenda.

Eric announced that construction on the fish screen at the diversion point behind the upper inflatable dam will commence this month.

Review of Draft Synthesis Comments

The Subcommittee reviewed the draft proposal for revision instructions prepared by Andy, based upon written comments received from Subcommittee members. The

Subcommittee first considered the eight instructions in general, and it was suggested one additional instruction should be included. This additional instruction would be to develop a study plan element to consider the potential for reservoirs to be used to assist recovery of salmonids in the watershed, including identifying limitations to their use in this manner.

Gary Stern noted that he would like to see the Phase 2 investigations include considering the restoration of the San Antonio Creek below San Antonio dam. He noted that the dam provides the opportunity for providing fish flows in this reach, and it is therefore possible this stretch of the creek could serve as spawning and rearing habitat for steelhead.

The specific language was discussed for each instruction. It was agreed that Subcommittee members would consider the need to make editorial changes, and bring these to the Thursday, June 7, meeting for review.

It was also agreed that it is essential to get detailed review of the draft by DFG and NMFS prior to its adoption and implementation.

Treatment of Chinook in Plan

The group considered how to address chinook salmon, which are neither listed or specified in the MOU, as they will likely colonize a restored watershed. There was agreement that Chinook should be considered as part of Phase 2 given the likelihood of their entry into the watershed, but many expressed a desire to maintain a clear indication that steelhead is the primary focus of the work conducted pursuant to the MOU.

There appeared to be consensus that work on chinook salmon should be presented in the study plan as an incremental addition to the work on steelhead, and Subcommittee members agreed to consider and suggest how best to present this in the draft report.

Budget status report

Eric noted that McBain & Trush have already invoiced for almost all of the \$60,000 for Phase 1. However, they have personally assured Eric that they will provide a level of effort for the revision of the draft as envisioned in their scope of work.

Items for upcoming meetings

It was agreed that on Thursday, June 7, Subcommittee members will continue discussing the draft instructions with the goal of finalizing this document for transmittal to McBain & Trush.

The teleconference was adjourned at 3 PM