



Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Date: Monday, August 18, 2008
Time: Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Location: Willows USDA Service Center
 132 N. Enright Avenue, Suite C
 Willows, CA 95988

Present: Betsy Karle, UCCE; Rob Vlach, District Conservationist NRCS; Leslie Corp, Western United Dairymen; Dennis Nay and Lyle Thompson, NRCS; Guy Chetelat, RWQCB; Bryann Ybarra-Weckman and Rick Beauchesne, USACE; RCD Directors – Mike Landini, Jerry Ehorn, Bruce Roundy, Donnan Arbuckle; Kandi Manhart, District Manager; Claudia Street, Conservation Planner.

I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

RCD President, Mike Landini, welcomed those who were present and asked for introductions.

II. OVERVIEW & PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Mike Landini explained the purpose of the meeting is to gather landowner, designated manager and agency input regarding their natural resource concerns within Glenn County. He noted the information gathered at meeting would be used to assist the District in relaying this information to the District Conservationist, Rob Vlach, for prioritizing areas of resource concerns for use in managing the EQIP program.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)

Rob Vlach discussed the EQIP Program and provided a handout: **LOCAL EQIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Environmental Quality Incentive Program – Fiscal Year 2008**. Also presented were two maps: 2005 CSP Contracts, Willow FO and EQIP Contracts in Glenn County. These maps provided a visual representation of the geographic distribution of EQIP and CSP projects in Glenn County. Vlach noted the 2008 programs prioritized (1) Croplands and (2) Rangelands. Each county is allocated money and the counties prioritize areas of resource concerns through brainstorming sessions held at stakeholder's meetings.

IV. LOCAL PRIORITIES BRAINSTORMING SESSION (Bullet Points)

- ⊙ Dairy Interests: of high priority (or greater) due to increasing water regulations
 1. Tail Water Recovery Systems
 2. Primary Storage of Waste Waters
 3. Diverting and Holding Run-Off
 4. Manure Transfer

- 5. Primary Storage Expansion
 - 6. Sealing New Ponds
 - 7. Anaerobic Digestive Products
 - ⊙ Olives & Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Strategies
 - ⊙ Olives, Almonds & Rice
 - 1. Tail Water Recapture
 - 2. Use Data from Colusa Glenn Subwatershed Program to address and identify water quality issues
 - 3. Wildlife Enhancement Opportunities
 - ⊙ Air Quality
 - 1. Almond Harvest Issues
 - a. Use of Wind Breaks
 - b. Use of Cover Crops
 - c. Conservation Tillage Practices
 - 2. Fuel Management in Brush Lands
 - a. Wildlife Enhancement
 - b. Watershed Protection
 - c. Stocking Capacity
 - d. Increase Air Quality
 - e. Prevention/Enforcement
 - ⊙ Range Lands
 - 1. Livestock Water capabilities
 - 2. Utilize Available Range Water
 - 3. Solar Powered Watering Systems
 - 4. Adequate Storage (high volume requirements)
 - 5. Assist in Grazing Management Strategies
 - 6. Recognizing New Invasive Weed Species
 - a. Goat Grass; Purple Starthistle; Smut Grass; Pepper Weed
 - 7. Recognizing Educational Opportunities
 - 8. Range Ranking Priorities
 - a. Irrigated Pasture (fencing and irrigation systems)
 - b. Wildlife Habitat Potential
 - ⊙ Irrigation Systems
 - 1. Local Ranking Criteria TBD
 - ⊙ **NEW PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2009**
 - ⊙ **DAIRY 25%**
 - ⊙ **WATER 25%**
 - ⊙ **RANGE 25%**
 - ⊙ **CROP 25%**
- LIMITING FACTOR: WATER CONSERVATION**

V. REVIEW & CLOSE

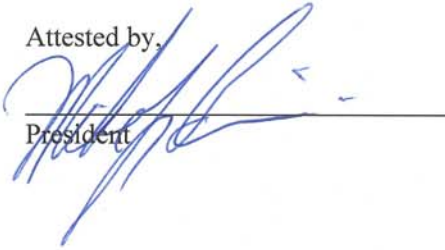
- 1. Need to ask ourselves: "Is EQIP working and/or is it a good thing?"
- 2. Importance in developing a comprehensive Conservation Plan
 - a. If a CP is already established, projects WILL score/rank higher
- 3. Develop a Conservation Plan BEFORE considering a project
- 4. 4 year contracts are ideal for NRCS

Respectfully Submitted,

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Approved on September 15, 2008 by the Glenn County Resource Conservation District Board.

Attested by,



President



Secretary