

Glenn County RCD
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
Lower Stony Creek Project
January 8, 2009

In attendance:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Graham Matthews	GMA	Brooke Connell	GMA
Donnan Arbuckle	GCRCD Board/Landowner	James Beckham	Glenn Co. Road Dept.
Margie Graham	Dept. of Water Resources	Del Reimers	Landowner
Barry Cavanna	Syar Industries	Kandi Manhart	GCRCD
Claudia Street	GCRCD		

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Claudia Street, GCRCD Conservation Planner. Attendees introduced themselves.

Street explained the purpose of the meeting was to receive all final comments to the third, draft Lower Stony Creek Watershed Restoration Plan (Plan). Street noted the draft Plan posted on the website had been revised as of January 5, 2009 based on broad and specific suggestions from landowners concerned about having references to salmon habitat included in the Plan. The version of the Plan used for the purpose of the meeting had all references to salmon habitat excluded. The meeting would proceed using this revised document. Street opened the floor for comments (comments are listed per TAC member)

Street asked for each meeting attendee to provide their comments. Comments are listed per TAC member.

Graham Matthews: nothing.

Brooke Connell: nothing.

James Beckham: nothing.

Margie Graham:

General Comments:

Graham expressed a word of caution when deleting an entire topic, specifically salmon in this case. Graham felt it may compromise credibility of the Plan in the eyes of agencies when reviewing for funding opportunities.

Graham referenced the Colusa Basin Plan as being a document that also chose to not address fish, so understood the concerns of Lower Stony Creek landowners. Graham felt the Plan flowed well, was easy to read and a document landowners could understand and utilize to implement projects on their property. She felt the Plan provided good discussion on what did not work well in Lower Stony Creek as a result of the Demonstration Site.

Specific Comments:

Section 2.4: The second paragraph should also be included in the Executive Summary.

Response: Second paragraph added to Executive Summary.

Donnan Arbuckle:

General Comments:

Arbuckle sincerely appreciated Graham's word of caution, but maintained the position to exclude references to salmon habitat out of the Plan. Arbuckle referenced a prior project conducted by the Bureau of Reclamation that

attempted to create models that would simulate salmon habitat in Lower Stony Creek. The modeling failed at re-creating Lower Stony Creek as salmon habitat

Donnan Arbuckle:

Specific Comments:

Section 1.1: Fourth paragraph: remove first 3 sentences.

Response: Removed first 3 sentences.

Del Reimers:

General Comments:

Reimers agreed completely with Arbuckle's comments. Reimers reinforced the concern of including salmon habitat in the Plan at the risk of compromising other species.

Barry Cavanna:

Specific Comments:

Section 1.1: Fifth paragraph: delete last part of last sentence "that address the sediment balance issue".

Section 1.1: Fourth paragraph: delete reference to actual size of sediment (removed "large").

Responses: deletions made

Claudia Street:

Specific Comments:

The entire Biological Opinion will be removed. Specific projects may need to refer to Biological Opinion, but it is not necessary to have in the Plan and removal of Biological Opinion had been suggested by Margie Graham at an earlier date.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Claudia Street
GCRCD Conservation Planner