

Plumas County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

PLUMAS WATERSHED FORUM

COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE MEETING OF THE PLUMAS WATERSHED FORUM HELD IN QUINCY, CALIFORNIA ON MAY 14, 2004

AGENDA

- 9:00 A.M.** Roll Call
- 9:05 A.M.** Public Comment Opportunity
- 9:10 A.M.** 1. Review and approval of the Feather River Watershed Management Strategy Document prepared by Ecosystem Sciences (Mark Hill).
- 10:00 A.M.** 2. Review proposed schedule of accepting and awarding project applications.
- 10:30 A.M.** 3. To consider funding of stakeholder costs to attend TAC or Forum meetings.
- 11:00 A.M.** Adjourn

1. Review and Approval of the Feather River Watershed Management Strategy Document prepared by Ecosystem Sciences (Mark Hill).

Recommendation: To approve the final draft of the Feather River Watershed Management Strategy Document as modified by the Technical Advisory Committee.

Discussion: At the last Forum Meeting on January 27, 2004, the members heard a presentation by Mark Hill and a draft of the Feather River Watershed Management Strategy Document was reviewed. Members present commented on portions of the document. The forum members approved the concept of requesting a public review and comment period.

The draft document was noticed to the public by public notices in the local papers as well as the Department of Water Resources website. The comment period ended on February 27, 2004. On March 15, 2004, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met in Oroville to review each of the comments received and to make final modifications to the draft document and to make a recommendation to the Forum. Mark Hill has made our requested changes to the document, and the

Technical Advisory Committee is recommending that you approve the final draft of this document.

2. Review of Proposed Schedule of Accepting and Awarding Project Applications.

Recommendation: To approve the following schedule of events for the acceptance and awarding of projects:

- Forum Approval - Strategy, May 14th
- Application for the Initial Project Submittal, June 18th
- TAC Meeting to review and select projects for full submittal, June 28th - July 1st
- Full proposals due, August 6th
- TAC Review and Recommendation, August 12th - 17th
- Forum Meeting to review TAC Recommendations, August 23rd - 27th
- Flood Control Board of Directors
- Agreement Approval - Anytime after Forum Approval

Discussion: The TAC created a schedule to review proposals and ultimately have the Forum approve the successful applications for the first round of projects. This schedule was predicated on receiving Forum approval of the Strategy document within the first week of April. Due to Tom Hunter becoming ill, this meeting did not get scheduled.

With the establishment of May 14th as the probable approval date. The schedule has been revised to accommodate the delay. Please review the proposed time table.

It is important to note that there are two submittals for project applicants to submit. The first submittal is brief but includes the project summary, schedule, and costs. These will be reviewed by the TAC, and viable projects will be asked to submit final proposals which will be much more detailed.

The TAC will evaluate these detailed proposals and make recommendations to the Forum. Part of the TAC review will use the available monies to determine which projects should be approved within the first round of approvals.

3. To consider using a portion of the Funds for Stakeholder Participation.

Recommendation: To approve stakeholders that are approved by the Forum to receive mileage and reasonable meal costs to attend TAC and/or Forum meetings:

Discussion: The proposal to cover certain costs of stakeholders has been discussed sporadically since the Forum formation. To my knowledge, it has never been finalized.

The District has received an invoice from Jan Stine, Sierra Valley RCD, in the amount of \$2,354.60. This includes 61 hours at \$35 per hour, plus 549 miles at .40¢ per mile.

The TAC membership is made up of several governmental agencies and stakeholders. The current stakeholders that have attended TAC meetings are:

- Jim Wilcox, Feather River CRM
- Jan Stine, Sierra Valley CRM
- John Sheehan, Plumas Corp.
- Farrell Cunningham, Maidu Cultural and Development Group
- John Schramel, Feather River RCD
- Carl Genasci, Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District
- Judy Dillon, Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District
- Burkhard Bohm, Plumas Geo-Hydrology

The stakeholders are interested in the process, and all have projects that they want to seek approval for. Their impact within both the TAC and Forum meetings are valuable to the process.

The TAC has discussed the payments for stakeholders and recommends that the Forum approve a list of stakeholders that can receive reimbursement for mileage and meals only. They can submit a proposal for further funding within the process that is currently proposed for the acceptance of projects.

