

**PLUMAS COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
PLUMAS WATERSHED FORUM  
COUNTY OF PLUMAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**MEETING OF THE PLUMAS WATERSHED FORUM  
HELD IN QUINCY ON OCTOBER 24, 2006**

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

The Plumas Watershed Forum meeting convenes at 9:00 a.m. with Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District board members Ole Olsen, Bill Powers, Rose Comstock, William Dennison and Robert Meacher present. Members from the Department of Water Resources include Dwight Russell. Members from the State Water Contractors include David Okita, Tim Quinn and Tom Hurlbutt.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Forum Member Quinn, representing the Metropolitan Water District comments on a letter from the District Chair of the Board, Wes Bannister to Lester Snow of the Department of Water Resources regarding continued funding for the Plumas Watershed Forum. Mr. Quinn informs the Forum that the letter does not reflect the position of the Metropolitan Water District and that Mr. Bannister has resigned his position, effective November 01, 2006.

**3. PLUMAS WATERSHED FORUM  
TOUR HELD OCTOBER 23, 2006**

Overview and discussion of tour held October 23, 2006.

The tour of watershed restoration projects included Red Clover Valley, Ferris Creek and a low-water crossing on Last Chance Creek. All projects are in eastern Plumas County.

Forum Member Powers commends the CRM and the US Forest Service for working together and combing projects. This is a new attempt and the effort will make water projects more successful.

Forum Member Okita is impressed with the techniques being used, such as natural restoration, and states it is good to see projects moving forward.

Forum Member Quinn requests a briefing at the next Forum meeting on the broader scope of issues and projects in the Upper Feather River watershed.

**ANNUAL REPORT/IRWM UPDATE**

Brian Morris, General Manager of the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, presents the draft annual report to the Forum.

Forum Member Quinn questions a discussion on page 6 regarding withdrawal of funding. Forum Member Russell clarifies that the discussion addresses the issue of the Forum funding a project where additional funding is anticipated or budgeted from another sponsor, but the additional funding does not actually materialize. The report will be revised to clarify that it is not referring to suspension of payments under the Monterey Settlement Agreement.

Mr. Morris states that because of the overlap in membership and programs between the Forum and the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the Upper Feather River watershed, an IRWM update has been included in the Forum's annual report. The IRWM Plan was adopted in 2005, and the participants have applied for a \$10 million implementation grant, a portion of which would fund projects similar to the ones undertaken by the Forum.

## **BUDGET REPORTS**

### **2005/2006 Expenditures**

Review of expenditures for FY 2005-2006.

Forum Member Russell reminds the Forum that \$4 million under the Monterey Agreement Settlement was appropriated to Water for California, a non-profit organization. Mr. Russell questions how the funding is being used. Mr. Russell further states that if the funding is not being used by Water for California, this is an opportunity to fund projects in Plumas County. Mr. Russell requests that a report on Water for California activities be included in the annual report. The Forum members concur and direct staff to contact Water for California.

### **2006/2007 Proposed Budget**

Mr. Morris addresses the Forum with a report on the proposed budget for FY 2006-2007.

Discussion is held regarding the Lake Davis Water Treatment Facility. Forum Member Russell questions when construction will begin and if there is a plan to provide a backup water supply. Today, there is not a plan in place. Nancy Quan of DWR agrees to work with the Flood Control District to provide a plan.

Holly George, Cooperative Extension and a representative from the Sierra Institute are present and address the Forum regarding available funding for future projects. The Plumas Watershed Forum funding is interrupted until completion of the new Monterey Environmental Impact Report by the Department of Water Resources. Following discussion, motion is made by Forum Member Powers, seconded by Forum Member Comstock and unanimously carried directing staff to conduct an in-house assessment of all outstanding projects to determine available funding for reallocation.

The Forum directs staff to offer communication regarding funding for future projects but agrees to not advertise for solicitation of projects until determining availability of funding.

### **MONTEREY EIR**

Report and update by Forum Member Russell and Nancy Quan of the Department of Water Resources on the new Monterey Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The administrative draft EIR (confidential document) is out and the comment period ends November 2006. The public draft will be available late spring 2007.

Following discussion, motion is made by Forum Member Quinn, seconded by Forum Member Powers and unanimously carried directing staff to send a letter to the Department of Water Resources Director requesting they meet the September 2007 deadline for adoption and certification of the new Monterey EIR.

### **NEXT MEETING OF WATERSHED FORUM**

The next meeting of the Plumas Watershed Forum is scheduled for May 22, 2007, Quincy.

A conference call, to be determined, will be held for report by staff regarding revisions to the annual report, available funding for new project, and the final budget for FY 2006-2007.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Forum adjourns at 11:35 a.m. to meet again on May 22, 2007.