

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
SVRCD/PLUCORP

This **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** sets forth the terms of a working relationship between the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD) and the Feather River Coordinated Resource Management (FRCRM) group – as administered by the Plumas Corporation (PLUCORP) - to carry out natural resources project work within the boundaries of the SVRCD.

The overall objective of the project is to restore and manage the Sierra Valley watershed systems so that they become naturally self-maintaining in terms of inflow and outflow of water and sediment within the system. Specific project objectives include:

- Restore the hydraulic system in the watersheds wetlands and riparian habitat by rewatering the meadows, restoring shallow meandering channel and floodplains, and closing and realigning roads that impact stream channels and wetlands.
- Achieve sustainable resource management of timber, grazing lands and wildlife.
- Improve habitat for wildlife.
- Develop the capabilities of the partnership through watershed assessments.
- Demonstrate innovative approaches to watershed restoration which can be applied to degraded watersheds.

Through this agreement SVRCD and PLUCORP acknowledge their individual responsibilities and agree to provide the following services necessary to carry out the above referenced grant in a timely and appropriate manner.

The SVRCD accepts responsibility for overall project management through the following tasks:

1. Provide project oversight to ensure that all activities are undertaken in accordance with subcontract conditions;
2. Administer all subcontracts with partnership organizations and for other services and materials as the project requires;
3. Handle the scheduling and logistics for partnership/ stakeholder meetings;
4. Provide quarterly programmatic reports to EPA regarding the progress of the project team toward meeting project objectives;
5. Maintain accountable records for the project.

PLUCORP will provide the following technical services:

- 1. Training in technical data collection;
- 2. Design data collection;
- 3. Restoration design;
- 4. Project implementation;
- 5. Public outreach and education; and
- 6. Partnership coordination.

PLUCORP accepts responsibility for providing the following in a timely manner:

- 1. Quarterly progress reports to SVRCD, due no later than the 5th following each fiscal quarter (due on or before the 5th of each April, July, October and January), 2004;
- 2. Quarterly estimates of expenditures, due no later than the 5th following each fiscal quarter (due on or before the 5th of each April, July, October and January), 2004;
- 3. Invoices for expenses based on approved budget;
- 4. Tracking of any in-kind match;
- 5. Final report documentation to SVRCD, due no later than 30 days upon request; and,
- 6. Maintenance of all financial records related to this project, made available upon request.

Amendments: This MOU may be amended with the written approval of SVRCD and PLUCORP.

Cancellation: This MOU may be canceled by either party upon the giving of thirty (30) day's advance written notice.

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District:

By *Larry C. Woodard*
President

Date: 6/6/04

Plumas Corporation :

By *John Steuk*
Executive Officer

Date: 5/3/04

Memorandum of Understanding

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District, Plumas Corporation and Feather River Coordinated Resource Management

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish guidelines for coordinated resource management and planning between Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District, hereinafter referred to as SVRCD, and the Feather River Coordinated Resource Management group, hereinafter referred to as FRCRM, administered by Plumas Corporation, to reduce erosion, improve water quality, and promote watershed stewardship in the Upper Feather River Watershed.

The Coordinated Resource Management Plan for the East Branch of the North Fork Feather River established the Feather River Coordinated Resource Management group as a partnership organization, with multiple local, state, federal, and private agencies. This MOU, as signed by SVRCD, Plumas Corporation, and FRCRM, will append the aforementioned plan. The original plan sets forth the ground rules for coordination, CRM roles and membership, structure, and service area. This MOU amends that service area to include all of Sierra Valley and the Middle Fork Feather River within the jurisdictional boundaries of the SVRCD.

II. Objectives

The objectives of the parties signing this MOU are to:

1. Achieve sustainable resource management of timber, grazing lands and wildlife.
2. Provide assistance in addressing erosion, water quality and watershed function issues in Sierra Valley watersheds, wetlands and riparian habitat.
3. Improve habitat for fish and wildlife.
4. Build partnership capacity through collaborative watershed assessments and projects.
5. Where appropriate, demonstrate innovative approaches to watershed restoration which can be applied throughout Sierra Valley.

III. Responsibilities

The parties agree to the following responsibilities in order to achieve the above objectives:

A. SVRCD

1. Work with partners to prioritize natural resource issues and needs in Sierra Valley, as resources allow.
2. Provide input to updates and amendments to the Feather River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, 2006.
3. Act as a liaison between Sierra Valley landowners requesting watershed restoration assistance and the FRCRM.
4. Enlist support of local landowners for watershed restoration projects that improve water quality.

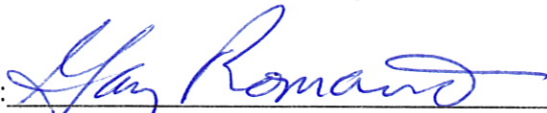
B. FRCRM

1. Collaborate with SVRCD to seek funding for watershed restoration projects.
2. Provide technical services for training in technical data collection; design data collection; restoration design; project implementation; public outreach and education; and partnership coordination.
3. Formulate proposals for watershed restoration projects brought forth by the SVRCD.
4. Coordinate the design and implementation of funded restoration projects.
5. Acquire all necessary permits for restoration projects.
6. Award and administer contracts for watershed restoration projects including construction, insurance, bonding, and documentation.

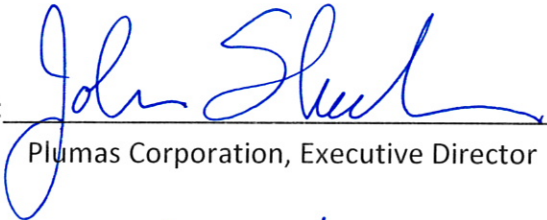
IV. General Provisions

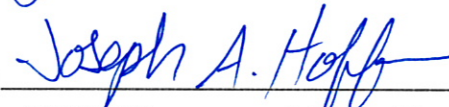
1. Each and every provision of this MOU is subject to all applicable Federal and State laws.
2. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as obligating any party to the expenditure of funds in excess of available appropriations.
3. Parties shall not be required to provide any information that they consider to be proprietary.
4. This MOU may be amended with the written approval of SVRCD and FRCRM.
5. This MOU may be cancelled by either party upon written notice given sixty (60) days in advance of the cancellation.
6. Parties may be added to this MOU by their signature hereunder indicating their commitment to the objectives of the MOU and agreement with the General Provisions.

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District:

By:  Date: 5/1/09
SVRCD Board of Directors, President

Plumas Corporation and FRCRM:

By:  Date: 3 2 09
Plumas Corporation, Executive Director

By:  Date: March 2, 2009
FRCRM Management Committee, Chair