

MEETING NOTES
East Alameda County Conservation Strategy
Steering Committee Meeting
August 3, 2010

Attendees: Mary Lim (Zone 7), Brian Wines (RWQCB), Kim Squires (FWS), Cay Goude (FWS), Liam Davis (DFG), Marcia Grefsrud (DFG), Susan Frost (Livermore), Liz McElligott (Alameda County), Kent Reeves (RCD), Terry Huff (NRCS), Janice Stern (Pleasanton), Mark Lander (Dublin), David Zippin (ICF), Troy (ICF), and Chris Barton (EBRPD)

1. Document Revisions

a. Chapter 3, Streams section 3.5.2.7

- i. Brian Wines (RWQCB) and Carol Mahoney (Zone 7) worked together in further clarifying the language in the streams section of this chapter.
- ii. Brian and Carol agreed that, in most parts of this area, full stream restoration back to pre-development days is not feasible. Therefore, the language “or enhancement” in Objective 10.1 was added.
- iii. Since there was a distinction between stream and bank stability, a new conservation action that addressed bank stability was added. See Conservation Action STM-9.
- iv. To supplement the Streams section, Appendix F - Water Quality Objectives for Use in Designing and Implementing Projects with Impacts to Creeks or Wetlands will be added.
 1. Brian noted that this document was developed from a Regional Board staff report for Region 2’s riparian policy (currently in development).
 2. This document has not been formally adopted by the Regional Board.

b. Chapter 5

- i. Implementation Committee – Mission Statement
 1. Currently the mission statement in this chapter is “recommended.” The group would like to see this statement as the Mission Statement for the Implementation Committee (as opposed to just a recommendation). In that way, the Implementation Committee has a focus when it begins to meet. As the Implementation Committee starts to meet, they can choose to modify the mission statement as appropriate.
 2. The mission statement may be moved up further in the subchapter.
- ii. In section 5.7, DFG would like to see a write up for their Voluntary Local Program.
- iii. DFG noted that they have guidelines for developing management plans that they may be able to provide for the toolkit.
- iv. Chapter 5 will be sent out to the UAG prior to the release of the entire document.

c. Habitat Scoring Sheets

- i. The City of Livermore ran two of its already approved projects to the habitat scoring sheets to compare the species mitigation ratios that EACCS would require and the project's actual species mitigation ratios that were in the approved biological opinion/consistency determination. The City was concerned because the EACCS mitigation ratios were greater than what was actually approved.
- ii. The group was encouraged by the fact that the City did not have trouble with the habitat scoring sheets.
- iii. In both project cases, the upland habitat EACCS mitigation ratios were double than the actual project mitigation ratios. FWS was surprised to see that the actual upland mitigation ratios were 1:1. This was likely because for at least one project, the impact site was adjacent to a road and a golf course and the mitigation site was of higher quality in an open space area.
 1. In the case of Livermore's project, development occurred where it should, within the already developed area and mitigation occurred where it should, within an open space area.
 2. It was suggested that the habitat scoring sheets for certain species should consider locality (i.e. if the site is contiguous to development).
- iv. FWS noted that we have to look at mitigation as a whole as opposed to in parts (i.e. wetland only and upland only).

2. Community meeting

- a. Date: Tuesday, September 14th
- b. Location: Dublin Library Community Room (200 Civic Plaza)
- c. Format
 - i. 7 pm: Open House
 - ii. 7:30 pm: Welcome (Mary)
 1. Mary will recognize the UAG members for their efforts the past two years.
 - iii. 7:40 pm: Presentation (Troy)
 1. Troy will send out the presentation prior to the meeting to obtain feedback
 - iv. 8:20 pm: Introduction of Panel and Q&A Session
- d. Panel Volunteers
 - i. Cay Goude (FWS) and Liam Davis (DFG) will be in attendance.
 - ii. Suggested UAG members to be on the panel: Lech Naumovich (CNPS) and/or Allison Batteate (landowner)

3. Schedule

- a. August 16th – All final comments due
- b. August 16th – August 27th – Steering Committee will address any final comments and ICF will incorporate any necessary changes.
- c. August 30th – Release Public Draft of EACCS.

- d. September 14th – Community meeting.
- e. September 30 – Close of comment period.
- f. October – Produce final draft.
- g. November/December – Local agencies to adopt/approve the EACCS as a guidance document.

4. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Community meeting: Tuesday, September 14, starting at 7 pm at the Dublin Library Community Room
- b. Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 5 @ 10 am