

## **AGENDA**

### **East Alameda County Conservation Strategy Steering Committee Meeting May 6, 2008 10 am – 12 pm Zone 7 Conference Room 150A**

#### **ATTENDEES**

Mary Lim - Zone 7

Troy Rahmig – Jones & Stokes

Liz McElligott – Alameda County

Stefan Garcia – Alameda County Congestion Management Agency

Brian Mathews – Alameda County Waste Management Authority

Mark Lander and Jeff Baker– City of Dublin

Eric Brown, Steve Stewart, and Susan Frost – City of Livermore

Jim Kelcourse – City of Pleasanton

Chris Barton – EBRPD

Karen Sweet & Jim Robins – NRCS/ACRCD Partnership

Cay Goude & Kim Squires – USFWS

#### 1) Outreach Subcommittee Report

a) The Outreach Subcommittee included: Mary Lim & Boni Brewer, Zone 7; Janice Stern & Joanne Hall, City of Pleasanton; Al Donner, USFWS; Karen Sweet, RCD; and Steve Stewart, City of Livermore.

#### 2) Ground Rules – Recommended revisions

- a) Clarify duties of the UAG by expanding upon the UAG role and emphasize that comments go back to the Steering Committee
- b) Encourage UAG to bring additional information to help the development of the EACCS

#### 3) Outreach Options Memo

- a) Each proposed task in the JSA Outreach Options Memo were reviewed
- b) The Outreach Subcommittee agreed that the following tasks would require assistance:
  - i) Task 1: Communications Plan, which should include timelines and priorities
  - ii) Task 3: Website
  - iii) Task 6: Strategic Outreach Coordination
  - iv) The cost of these tasks round up to \$30K and is in addition to the JSA approved scope of work for the EACCS development
- c) With regards to developing informational material, the group decided that such material can be developed in-house using existing materials developed for various meetings.
- d) Note that the proposed Task 4 – Public Meetings is in addition to what JSA already included in their original project budget

#### 4) Admin Subcommittee Report

- a) Mary Lim, Steve Stewart, Karen Sweet, Jim Robins, and Marilyn Harvey (RCD) met and discussed the CALFED grant contribution toward the JSA contract.

- b) A spreadsheet was distributed that was supposed to provide a breakdown of how much the CALFED grant was going to fund the JSA contract and RCD tasks with the remainder to be cost-shared by the eight-funding partners.
  - c) In addition to the tasks scoped out by JSA to develop the EACCS, there are additional tasks in the grant that require cost-share and are effectively are conditions of the grant. The RCD included additional tasks meant to expand upon the anticipated EACCS document. This includes developing guidance and templates to expedite mitigation on private lands. In addition, a pilot project was anticipated as part of this project to demonstrate that the strategy, as it is being developed, is implementable. This also includes developing appropriate monitoring protocols. Finally, as required by the grant, there is cost-share anticipated to help fund the RCD's Watershed Adventures Program. The additional tasks increase the overall scope of work to complete the EACCS.
    - i) USFWS will look into whether they can contribute some cost-share to the Watershed Adventures Program.
  - d) An Admin Subcommittee meeting was scheduled in order to go over the budget
- 5) Redesignation of red-legged frog critical habitat in Alameda County
- a) Currently there are 450,000 acres designated as critical habitat, which is currently being recalculated.
  - b) On August 29<sup>th</sup>, the recalculated acreage of critical habitat will be sent to the Federal Register.
  - c) The proposed rule will come out about a week thereafter for review and comment.
  - d) The new critical habitat will likely be greater than the 450,000 acres.
  - e) Note that JSA will use the CRLF recovery plan as a reference for the species mapping.
- 6) Phase 1 Work Progress
- a) Finalize land cover classification
    - i) Received comments from California Native Plant Society
    - ii) Included
      - (1) Alkali meadow (alkali scald)
      - (2) Desert olive scrub
      - (3) Sargent cypress woodland
      - (4) Valley sink scrub
  - b) Finalize Focal Species list including recommendations to UAG
    - i) It will be important to note at UAG meeting that certain species are chosen as focal species to provide an umbrella or create one for species that do not fall within the focal species list.
    - ii) Species that will be added on to the focal species list
      - (1) Foothill yellow legged frog, which will overlap with stream/riparian species
      - (2) Prairie falcon
      - (3) Serpentine species as recommended by East Bay California Native Plant Society
    - iii) For those species not included in the focal species list, there will be a separate section that will define guidelines for species of interest on how to address or include these species in the future (i.e. studies).
      - (1) Species that will be included in the "Other" section include:
        - (a) Callippe silverspot butterfly

(b) Steelhead

- c) Discuss use of Ad Hoc technical team
    - i) Purpose of ad hoc technical group is to address specific issues as they arise
    - ii) Steelhead would be an ideal candidate for an ad hoc technical group
    - iii) Expected that groups will likely form during Phase 2
    - iv) In Santa Rosa, the team sent the entire strategy out for peer review, which became an appendix to the strategy
  - d) Discuss land use classification table
    - i) This item has been deferred to the next Steering Committee meeting and will not be distributed to the UAG.
- 7) Phase 2 Draft Scope of Work
- a) The Steering Committee decided that the scope should include Phase 3 – drafting & finalizing the Conservation Strategy and the outreach options agreed to above.
- 8) Next Steering Committee Meeting Date: **Tuesday, June 3, 2008**