

Meeting of the Pilarcitos Restoration Workgroup

Monday, March 5, 2007 - 1:00 PM - SAM Plant

Meeting Notes

Attendees: **Coastside County Water District:** Ed Schmidt, Tony Condotti, Bob Feldman, Chris Mickelsen
Resource Conservation District: Kellyx Nelson, Rich Allen
San Francisco Public Utilities Commission: Tim Ramirez, Jim Salerno, Jane Lavelle
Pilarcitos Creek Advisory Council/ Farm Bureau: Tim Frahm
Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside: Jack Foley, Leonard Woren
Committee for Green Foothills: Lennie Roberts
Half Moon Bay City Council: John Muller
County of San Mateo: Julie Casagrande
Philip Williams & Associates: Mike Liquori
Surfrider: Carolann Towe
NOAA Fisheries: Pat Rutten (by phone)

Opening

Comments:

Kellyx Nelson, Executive Director, San Mateo County Resource Conservation District

- Reported on the agencies that have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Remaining agencies to sign the MOU include, Department of Fish & Game, State Parks, City of Half Moon Bay, two sanctuaries, HMB Fishermen's Association, Regional Board

Comments:

Tim Ramirez-

- (Coho) - Planning Document - Pilarcitos Creek
- Recovery Plan for Coho Salmon - listing was final last January, off and on the register the last 8 to 9 years

Kellyx Nelson-

- Thanked Jack Foley of the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside for hosting the meeting. Reported Fitzgerald Marine Reserve Watershed Management Plan is working on a statement of intent

Mike Liquori -

- **Asked group for one word describing what they hope to get out of the plan**
 - Solutions
 - Certainty
 - Clean Water
 - Non- Regulatory Solutions
 - Certainty
 - Balance
 - Concern
 - Community Involvement
 - Habitat
 - Lagoon
 - Sharing
 - Water
 - Timely
 - Collaboration
- **One word describing strength of the watershed**
 - Pristine – Jurassic Park
 - Fascinating
 - Limited property owners
 - All natural
 - Fog forest
 - Truly fabulous
 - Positive group
 - Mysterious, production
 - National Park
 - Collaboration of property owners
 - Visibility
 - People talk together
 - Problems have been identified
 - History, protected, diverse
 - Fish recovery
 - Building blocks

- **Weaknesses**
 - Allocation
 - Pristine
 - Obligations to customers
 - Non-natives
 - Major landfill
 - Over-subscribed
 - Cape Ivy, Eucalyptus - riparian vegetation
 - See it through – data gaps
 - Diversity
 - Vulnerable
 - Will never see a natural stream
 - Lost our lagoon, rearing habitat
 - Willows
 - Competing demands for limited resources
 - Access
 - The process – sustaining momentum
 - Water quality, storm drains
 - Under-funded
 - Small watershed, vulnerable, accountable
 - Another plan on shelf

- **Opportunities that should be on the table**
 - Additional storage, lagoon
 - Recycled water
 - Fix siphon that was filled in years ago
 - Amended delivery system
 - Cemetery water consumption
 - Off stream storage pond
 - Remove agriculture wells and get on CCWD water
 - Rate adjustment for farmers
 - Remove Eucalyptus trees
 - Watershed access
 - Attitude shift
 - Increased fish passages
 - Don't try to fix everything, pick a couple of the best and do them first

Additional comment from Mike Liquori-

- Will not use water quality consultant at this time, will use their own resources
- Might be too early – nutrient cycling in a lagoon
- No degradation in water quality

- Discussed need for a baseline snap-shot in time
- Will use existing resources on the team

Kellyx

- Need to set a regular meeting time for the workgroup
- Need to meet every two months
- First afternoon of the month, every other month
- May 7th - next meeting date
- Same time as the meeting today - 1:00 p.m.
- Will conduct the meeting at SAM again

- Tour - want to see dams, Pilarcitos Lake, fish barrier projects, landfill, wastewater treatment - will do separate lower and upper creek tours
 - May 7th - AM - watershed tour (upper)
 - July 9th - PM - watershed tour (lower)
 - May 7th - PM - next workgroup meeting
 - July 9th - 1:00 PM - next workgroup meeting (cottage)
 - September 10th - 1:00 PM - next workgroup meeting

- Long -term due dates
 - Initial report due this June (2007)
 - Final Plan due next June (2008)
 - Discussed the need for oral history
 - Water Summit comments will be posted on the RCD website