

9 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

9.1 CEQA REQUIREMENTS AND THE PROPOSED PROJECT CONSULTATION PROCESS

This chapter describes ongoing consultation and coordination efforts made by TNC and USFWS and led by CBDA to engage the local community; stakeholders; and local, state, and federal agencies in management of resources located within the inner river zone of the SRCA.

Section 15083 of the State CEQA Guidelines authorizes and encourages an early consultation or scoping process to help identify the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects to be analyzed in depth in an EIR, and to help resolve concerns of affected agencies and individuals. CBDA issued an NOP on November 5, 2004, to inform agencies and the public of the preparation of an EIR on a proposed project to restore and enhance native riparian habitat on three project sites within the SRNWR. The NOP provided a general project description of the project concept and solicited the views of agencies and the public on the project and the scope of this environmental analysis. CBDA also held a scoping meeting on November 16, 2004, at the Ord Bend Community Hall for the public and agencies. Notices were published in local newspapers announcing the date, time, location, and purpose of the meeting. The scoping meeting presented an overview of the meeting's purpose and a description of the proposed project relative to the SRNWR. Written comment letters were received, and comments were presented by individuals at the public scoping meeting. All comments received during the scoping process have been considered during preparation of this EIR. At least one public meeting will be held during the public review period for this Draft EIR.

In addition to public scoping described above, focused consultation and coordination efforts have been conducted in the following ways:

- ▶ Coordination with the SRCA Forum Board of Directors and Technical Advisory Committee at meetings and in the *SRCA Forum Notes* that is distributed to 650 SRCA Forum stakeholders.
- ▶ Meetings and correspondence with local government officials and the public that have included representatives from the Hamilton City Community Service District and its members, Sacramento River Reclamation District Board of Directors, Glenn and Butte Counties, and local landowners.
- ▶ Meetings with neighboring landowners to gather views, opinions, and insights on the restoration process for possible incorporation into plans for the proposed project sites.
- ▶ Early consultation letters were sent to State agencies informing them of the proposed project, in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.3, on or around September 29, 2004. This included the following individuals and offices (all offices located in Sacramento unless otherwise specified):
 - Wayne Donaldson, State Historian III, Office of Historic Preservation
 - B. Noah Tilghman, Resource Management Division, Environmental Stewardship Section, California Department of Parks and Recreation
 - Scott Flint, CEQA Program Supervisor, Environmental Services Division, California Department of Fish and Game
 - Banky Curtis, Regional Manager, California Department of Fish and Game, Region 2, Rancho Cordova
 - Jean Sarino, Environmental Specialist III, State Lands Commission

- Sandy Hesnard, Environmental Planner, Division of Aeronautics, California Department of Transportation
- Steven Herrera, Program Manager, Division of Water Rights, State Water Board
- Central Valley Regional Water Board, Region 5 (Redding)
- Nadell Gayou, Environmental Review, Resources Agency
- Natural Reserve System, University of California, Oakland
- Dennis O’Bryant and Jeannie Blakeslee, Division of Land Resource Protection, California Department of Conservation

CBDA has also consulted informally with Jenny Marr, DFG Region 2 Biologist on October 6, 2004 regarding potential biological issues; and with Analena Bronson, The Reclamation Board, on September 22, 2004 regarding the Hamilton City Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project Final Feasibility Report and EIS/EIR.

9.2 NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION LIST

The following entities will receive a copy of the Draft EIR or notice of its availability. Individuals who have expressed an interest in the Draft EIR will receive a notice of its availability and public libraries in Willows, Oroville, Red Bluff, Colusa, Yuba City, and Chico will receive a copy of the Draft EIR for public review.

Local Agencies

City of Chico
 City of Colusa
 City of Oroville
 City of Red Bluff
 City of Willows
 City of Yuba City
 Butte County Agricultural Commissioner
 Butte County Board of Supervisors
 Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation
 Butte County Development Services Department
 Glenn County Agricultural Department
 Glenn County Board of Supervisors
 Planning Division of the Glenn County Planning & Public Works Agency
 Glenn County Water Advisory Committee
 Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
 Sacramento River Reclamation District Board of Directors

State of California

California Department of Boating and Waterways
 California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection
 California Department of Fish and Game, Region 2
 California Department of Food and Agriculture
 California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
 California Department of Health Services

California State Lands Commission
California Department of Parks and Recreation
California Department of Transportation, District 3
California Department of Water Resources
Native American Heritage Commission
State Office of Historic Preservation
State Water Board, Division of Water Quality
Central Valley Regional Water Board, Region 5 (Redding)
The Reclamation Board

Federal Agencies

Army Corps of Engineers – Regulatory Branch
Department of Agriculture, Nature Resources Conservation Service
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Fish and Wildlife Service – Ecological Services Division
NOAA Fisheries

Representatives

California State Assembly – Assemblymember Rick Keene (District 3)
California State Assembly – Assemblymember Doug La Malfa (District 2)
California State Senate – Senator Sam Aanestad (District 4)
U.S. House of Representatives – Honorable Wally Herger (California District 2)
U.S. Senate – Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate – Senator Barbara Boxer

Stakeholder Groups

Hamilton City Community Services District
SRCA Board of Directors

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