

Upper American River Foundation

“A Voice for the River”

Final Minutes

Thursday, April 28, 2011

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m

Telcon

1. Board Member Reports:

a. Treasurer: John Gaffney

- i. Account Balances: \$5016.77 (savings); \$533.25 (checking)

b. President: Bill Carnazzo

i. PCWA FERC Relicensing Update

Complete agreement has been reached between PCWA, fed and state agencies, and NGO's on all flows including recreational flows, minimum instream flows, and how peaking flows will be controlled. Agreement includes peaking and bypass reaches. Also as part of agreement, PCWA will be posting daily flows on their website the day before. One significant gain was PCWA's agreement maintain in perpetuity a spawning channel for a half mile below Oxbow Dam. This spawning reach will have 30cfs cold water for entire spawning and rearing period. PCWA will also replace spawning gravel. Special regulations will be pursued that bans fishing in the reach during spawning and rearing (April through late summer), and suction dredge mining will be permanently banned. PCWA is also going to try to establish some spawning habitat on Horseshoe Bar property via re-watering, which will take funding. Sierra Nevada Conservancy Prop 84 grant funding may be a potential funding source.

ii. NFAR Book Progress: no progress to report

iii. Recruitment of additional board members

Bill T.

John Sikora, Trout Unlimited, El Dorado Chapter

Julie Leimbach, Foothill Water Network

Jim Ricker and Ron Gould, North Fork American River Association

Bill C.

Gary Espes: private citizen

Julie Lineback: private citizen

Jim Richer

Ron Gould

Drea

Melissa Marquez: SFARWG/EDRCD

Mark EDRCD

Tony Valdes: ENF

Chris Fisher: TNF

Carrie Monohan: Sierra Fund

Rick Gruen: PCRCD

Dan B.

Thinking on it

iv. DFG suction dredge DEIS update and comments

Proposed regulations and DEIS drafted. Both documents are out for public comment. Bill C. is commenting for three groups. DFG plans to open entire wild and scenic on N. Fork AR. The largest issue is only considering significant and unavoidable impacts at the statewide-level, and not site-level, which is completely inappropriate under CEQA. Another big issue is mercury resuspension and methylation. Comments are due May 10. Drea will provide comments to Bill C. on capacity and point source issue by Monday.

c. Vice-President: Bill Templin

i. Strategic Plan Status: nothing new to report

ii. Hats, Banner: nothing new to report

iii. Website: making good progress; up and running

iv. Cal Trans NPDES MS4 permit application

We missed the deadline for comments; however, Eric Bernsten of SWRCB is interested in stormwater impacts on fish issues will see that our concerns are included in the record for the CalTrans MS4 permit.

d. Secretary: Drea Traeumer

i. April 7, 2011 meeting minutes approval: minutes approved.

ii American River Mercury TMDL update

The loading analyses remains in progress by the CVRWQCB.

iii. Fish Consumption Survey

Bill T. will lead and will try to schedule Carrie Monohan of Sierra Fund to present her results at June or Sept quarterly meetings. Bill C. will see if he can coordinate a presentation by Carrie Monohan to Granite Bay.

Next Meeting and Adjournment: Our next meeting is June 8 11:45 a.m.