



American River Basin Collaborative

A stakeholder group to develop, coordinate, and track projects and programs to improve water availability and ecological health of local watersheds; to reduce flood damage; and to support economic well-being of communities.

Draft Meeting Notes - Thursday September 17, 2020, 1:30 to 4:00PM

Webinar URL: www.gotomeet.me/BobHollis, phone +1 646-749-3112 (PIN: 705-840-021)

Attending: Christine Flowers – VFWC; Alta Tura - SACC; Jennifer Buchanan – GEI Consultants; Dalia Fadl – City of Rancho Cordova; Dylan Wood – CDFW; Bob Hollis – Mobius Intelligent Systems; Sharon Anderson – CalRecycle Illegal Dumping Tech Advisory Committee; Mackenzie Weiser, - SPLASH; Christina Shaw – Placer County; Chris Bowles – cbec; Esther Tracy – DWR Urban Streams Restoration Program; Sherill Huun – City of Sac DOU; Gregg Bates – VFWC; Dana Booth, Ken Ballard – Sac Co DW.

Agenda items notes in italics

1. 5 Self-Introductions, interests, background
2. 5 Review agenda - **Meeting objective:** Discussion of a Sac area LID/watershed conference, project updates.
3. 5 Review previous meeting notes
4. 30 Discussion – discuss impacts and strategies for working during the Covid 19 pandemic.
How has the pandemic affected employees, budgets, operations?

What have you done to adapt and accomplish objectives?

Have objectives and priorities changed?

How can collaboration among local jurisdictions be useful?

We're thinking of an informal discussion but would appreciate a presentation from anyone who can tell the group about their situation.

There was consensus that waste in streams and open space has increased. There are more evictions, more homeless, and more illegal dumping. Impacts on ecology of communities should be elevated as a significant impact. In that regard, CalRecycle Illegal Dumping Tech Advisory Committee now includes water professionals. The economic downturn changes local government resources and priorities. There are opportunities for some organizations such as SPLASH which can reach more people with virtual material. Bob offered to include SPLASH in online materials he works with. The Sacramento County Office of Education is trying to coordinate the virtual offerings of organizations. The opportunity for community service has diminished due to college students leaving campus and the need to socially distance. The Monitoring Council could use students to sort trash for projects.

The Sacramento Area Creeks Council annual cleanup was reduced to a few small cleanups and to individual cleanup efforts organized as "Random Acts of Cleanup." These can be announced to CSUS students.

The Regional Water Board has continued its cleanup program on Steelhead Creek, which relies on staff.

5. 10 Continue consideration of an LID/Watershed conference.

This project was tabled as it seemed to be too challenging in the middle of the pandemic.

6. 10 Update - Status of project/grant proposals:

Funded:

- ARB Stewardship and Citizen Science Project – ARB IRWMP/DWR, part of the package developed by RWA for the IRWMP implementation funding. The project will demonstrate use of a phone app for mapping trash and other parameters. *The project fits local stormwater agencies priorities. Proponents are working to structure a program.*
- Dry Creek stream restoration and streambank stabilization – City of Roseville. The project will move the channel away from a street and recontour the bank, and restore a natural riverine system and provide fish habitat.

The project was delayed by permitting and is expected to be implemented next season.

Request update:

- Regional Trash Mitigation Study and Synopsis Report – CVRWQCB, a focused plan for seeking funding.

The project is being promoted internally as a Supplemental Environmental Project.

- WASH:URC lower American River pilot – ARB IRWMP, a pilot project to discover stakeholders' interests; provide water, sanitation, and hygiene services; and to provide connections to organizations providing a variety of services to homeless persons.

Not Funded:

- Steelhead Creek - DWR Urban Streams Restoration Program, a planning grant proposal submitted by partners County of Sacramento and Valley Foothill Watersheds Collaborative. The project was developed by Roland Brady and Crystal Mathias.

Esther Tracy noted that the program had funding for a limited number of projects. There were aspects of the project that needed strengthening such as long-term maintenance and flood plain restoration

- Steelhead Creek instream trash removal project - Regional Sanitation. A project developed by Roland Brady and Crystal Mathias to remove instream debris using draft horses to minimize impacts and permit requirements.

Project funding was not secured in time for the fall window for instream work and may be pursued in the future.

- ARB Collaborative – Regional Sanitation, funding requested for organizing quarterly meetings.

The project did not fit Reg San guidelines since it funded maintenance of an existing program.

7. 10 Announcements, correspondence, resources

- City of Roseville creek video on FB and also on You Tube. Here is the FB link: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=343362763689166&extid=Cm0kO2uL1RpWUQrF>

8. 5 upcoming events of interest – Sacramento Area Creeks Council Fall Cleanup. <https://creekweek.net/>9. 5 Next meeting **December 17, 2020**

Possible topics:

Estimated time 95 minutes