

**CARPINTERIA CREEK
WATERSHED COALITION**



CCWC Meeting Minutes
Carpinteria City Hall, Carpinteria, CA
March 15, 2007

Attendance:

Vince Semonsen	City of Carp; Biologist
Ken Owen	Channel Islands Restoration
Suzanne Feldman	CEC
Moe Gomez	Coalition Chair
Kay Mercer	Ag. Watershed Coalition
Betty Songer	Carp Nature Park/Bluffs
Bob Hansen	Carpinteria Creek Committee
Nick Bobroff	City of Carp; Planner
David Chang	Ag. Commissioner Office
Tom Lockhart	Cachuma Resource Conservation District
Jennifer Becker	California Conservation Corps

Introduction/Announcements:

Avocado Tour Workshop—Thursday June 28th (see handout below)
Culvert & Road Drainage Practices—October 23-25 (see handout below)
UCCE Trees, Streams and Fish in the Upper Salinas River Watershed—June 27th (email sfeldman@cecmail.org for more information)

Discussion topics:

1) Carpinteria Valley Land-to-Sea Tour—Kay Mercer

Kay began by stating some changes to the tour since she last saw the group. The County will no longer be funding a portion of the tour, and now the coalition will be funding the tours through donations/sponsors. The tentative date for the Carpinteria Valley tour is Thursday, Sept. 20th, though that will be contingent upon the availability of a location for lunch.

Kay went on to talk about promotional plans: they will probably do little advertising because of the small number of participants possible, but will invite members of the media to cover the event. Invitees will more or less come from contacts of involved persons and will be aimed at getting 8-10 people in each 'interest group' to attend.

Kay then handed out the updated schedule for the day and a list of possible donors/sponsors to see if anyone in the group had contacts on the list they would be

willing to get in touch with. The group expressed real excitement for the tour and the prospect of having a CCWC/RCWC joint lunch during the tour at the Lion's Club.

2) Project Updates, Carpinteria Creek Bridge Projects—Moe Gomez

Moe spoke about the three projects expected to move forward this year: Bliss, Cate and Raya. He began by touching on some current hurdles, one being permits. The projects are permitted except for County permits, which applications are being worked on right now. The Bliss project plans also still need to be finalized. He still believes that the projects can be begun around the end of August, beginning of September as long as there are no major hitches with the County permits and Coastal Commission review.

The Widdoes project is still in the draft phase of its designs. The landowner and adjacent property owner are going to need to do a little more work in coming to terms with the project and negotiating the area to be covered by the work—but things are looking good. Moe applied for grant funding through the Ca Dept. of Fish and Game for this project, and if it is awarded we should know by March/April of 2008.

The County Debris Basin project, just upstream from the Widdoes project, has gone back to the drawing board. It was funded by DFG to go ahead this year, but the engineer's estimate was around 1.8 million dollars for the project. The County thus returned the funds and are looking for a less expensive way to complete the project.

3) Other Project Updates

a. City of Carpinteria

The 8th Street Foot Bridge project is moving along, designs are almost done, stay tuned. Also, the City of Carp got awarded \$15,000 from the city council to begin surveying estuaries in the area and create maps. Finally, the Creeks Preservation Program is beginning a new outreach campaign to landowners along the creek, letting them know about regulations and BMPs they could employ.

b. Steelhead Festival

Suzanne Feldman gave a quick run-down of the festival's activities and shared that over 1,000 people had participated in this year's events. The sculptures are up on State Street through the beginning of July.

c. Norman's Nursery

Jennifer Becker updated the group about a project adjacent to Norman's Nursery that has already received funding from DFG. The project will focus on removing some dead arundo, laying back the creek bank to a 2:1 slope, and then employing biotechnical bank stabilization methods such as willow mattresses. Stay tuned for when it gets underway!

d. Final Rincon Creek Watershed Plan

Moe shared with the group that the final RCWC Watershed Plan was complete and ready for downloading at the RCWC's website: www.rinconcreek.org

e. Newsletter

Suzanne Feldman updated the group as to the status of the Summer Newsletter. It is nearing completion, thanks to a story from Kay and another from Ken Owen, and should be in the July 5th Coastal View News.

a. Draft Rincon Creek Watershed Plan—www.rinconcreek.com
Now available online! Please check it out. Comments will be shared at the next RCWC meeting on March 28th, and a casual bbq/dinner will hopefully be held in April at the Carpinteria Veterans Memorial building to share the plan with the community.

Next CCWC meeting will be July 19th at Carpinteria City Hall, 10:00-12:00

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Salmonid Restoration Federation

Central Coast Field School

Culvert and Road Drainage Practices to Protect and Benefit Steelhead and Water Quality In the Central Coast Region

August 14-16, 2007

Arroyo Grande, California

Course Instructors:

Bill Weaver and Danny Hagans

Pacific Watershed Associates

The course will include several sessions in the field. At a minimum the following topics and examples will be covered in the course:

- 1) *Proper ditch relief and stream crossing culvert installation, with and without downspouts, flared inlets, trash racks, etc.*
- 2) *Proper installation of critical rolling dips or measures to eliminate stream diversions,*
- 3) *Classroom and field methods to determine appropriate culvert sizing for peak stream flows, sediment and woody debris in transport,*
- 4) *Proper approaches for addressing potential road fill and landing failures, as well as spoil disposal techniques,*
- 5) *Illustrate a variety of road bed and ditch drainage approaches. These include when, where and how to convert insloped and ditched roads to outsloped roads with or without a ditch, when, where and how to construct rolling dips with and without rock, and when, where and how to dispose of berms along roads,*
- 6) *How to properly excavate a stream crossing fill to minimize post excavation erosion and sediment delivery to streams, and*
- 7) *How to reduce roadbed width on excessively wide segments of road.*

Attn: Ranchers and Farmers:
 Full course is equal to 20 hours of continuing education toward Ag Waiver

Course fee: \$100 (fees are non-refundable)

Includes lodging for August 14-16, and class materials.

Class will begin Tuesday at 8am and end Thursday at 6pm. Space is limited to 30 participants.

To register for the field school, complete the following information:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Organization: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Submit with payment to: CCSE 592 S. 13th Street, Grover Beach, 93433 (Checks payable to SRF)

For more information contact Nicole at CCSE 805-473-8221

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Avocado Orchard Field Tour/Meeting

Refugio Creek Ranches

Thursday, June 28th, 2007 - 8:30 to 1:30 pm

8:30 AM	Registration and donuts \$10.00 Registration Fee RSVP by Friday, June 22	Take Refugio Rd about 1 mi. to El Refugio Ranch at 575 Refugio. Turn left onto the Ranch and park along the driveway.
9:00 - 11:00 AM Field Tour	<u>Erosion Control</u>	Ben Faber, UCCE, and Dale Gropp, Cachuma RCD
	<u>Invasive Weeds</u>	David Chang, SB County Ag Commissioner's Office
	<u>Collaborative Projects</u>	Michael Feeney, Land Trust for Santa Barbara County
11-11:30 AM	Drive to Circle Bar B Ranch	3.5 miles from the freeway
11:30 AM - 12:10 PM	<u>Salinity and Fertility</u>	Ben Faber, UCCE, Farm Adviser
12:10 -12:30 PM	<u>Cut-the-Crap - Pathogen Management and Food Safety</u>	Guy Witney, Avocado Commission
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Free Lunch at the Circle Bar B Ranch	

3 hours of Conditional Waiver Continuing Education Hours are approved

Please RSVP by Friday, June 22, 2007
Call (805) 928-6301

For Information call Kay Mercer (805) 928-6301 or Monica Barricarte (805) 928-9269 X120
