

**SCOTT RIVER WATERSHED  
COUNCIL**

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## **Abstract for Final Report for # 2000-PC-09**

The Scott River Watershed Council (Council) for the period June 1, 2000 to January 31, 2001 has been very involved in positive and productive resource restoration activity, especially in educational events, project development, and the initial stages of planning.

The plenary Council has met in one form or another every month. June, July, September, October, November, January were regular business meetings three of which included special speakers. In August the Council held one special meeting for proposal review and prioritization and another special meeting for Community Mapping. In December the Council, in conjunction with the Siskiyou RCD, held a Christmas party.

The six standing committees (Land, Water, Fish, Community Relations, Monitoring, and Education) met nearly every month with a hiatus in the summer for some. The Technical Committee met at least once every month, sometimes twice. The Executive Committee met once a month to set the agenda for the meetings. Most of the last four or five months of committee time has been spent on planning.

Educational events included:

- Field workshop on landowner sediment monitoring by Dave Lewis and Ken Tate, UC Extension Watershed Specialists
- Community Mapping Event, Carlin Finke, HSU Graduate Researcher
- Forestry Stewardship Workshop, Gary Nakamura, Forestry Specialist, UC Extension Redding
- Tour and potluck dinner for the Klamath Fishery Management Council and the Scott River Watershed Council

Monthly newspaper articles and one newsletter were published. Another newsletter will come out in March 2001.

The Task Force funding lasted a little longer than expected because the amount designated for the Etna High School Watershed Education Program was not needed for the fall semester. There were funds left from the previous year's educational program that covered that semester. In turn, the second part of the Council project, funded by the California Department of Fish and Game, will be used for the Watershed Education Program.

Attached are minutes of all the Council meetings, the notes for all the committee meetings, the staff reports for the Coordinator and other project coordinators, newspaper articles, the newsletter, and planning documents developed by the Council.

The Council Coordinator will be sending to the USFWS a copy of the final report to CDFG for the next few months of Council activity.

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### BACKGROUND

The first “official” Scott River Watershed Coordinated Resource Management Planning Committee (CRMP) meeting was held on September 3, 1992 with monthly meetings being held since then. The organization is now known as the Scott River Watershed (Council), a change in name which reflects a change in process that happened in November 1999.

This is the seventh to be submitted to the US Fish and Wildlife Service since the founding of the CRMP. Complete background information can be found in the four previous *Final Reports*. This report covers a time period of eight months, June 1, 2000 to January 31, 2001, the eighth funding cycle provided by the Klamath Fisheries Restoration Program. The Siskiyou RCD identifies the project as CRMP VIII.

### ORGANIZATION AND PROCESS

#### Membership

The Council members do not represent specific organizations except in the case of agency representatives, who are serving in an advisory capacity. Every person in the Scott River watershed is a member, whether or not he or she likes it. The Council feels that this serves to empower the community, to be able to have consensus input whenever they walk in the door, and the individual nature of the input serves to reduce advocacy wrangling which has hamstrung the Council in the past.

#### Structure, Committees

There are presently six standing committees (Land, Water, Fish, Monitoring, Education, Community Relations). Each committee elects an executive representative to the Executive Committee, which meets to set the Council meeting agendas and acts as a fall-back voting body in the case of lack of consensus of the Council in a decision. That instance has not arisen since the Council initiated this process in January 2000 (See Council process description and flow chart in Appendix I).

In addition, the Technical Committee serves to advise the Council on project priorities and other technical matters. The Tech Committee has developed a project prioritization process (See Appendix II).

#### Meetings

The regular meetings of the Council are generally held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm, and the location alternates between the United Methodist Church in Etna and the Fort Jones Community Center to make the travel a fair shake for everyone. The Executive Committee and the Council Coordinator (Coordinator) meet every month to set the agenda after input from the full Council.

All meetings are publicized and open to the public. Sometimes an educational portion precedes the portion business of the meeting. (See Council Agendas and Minutes: Appendix III)

### **Council Staff**

Five part-time people and one full-time person have provided the staffing for the Council. The Council Project Manager oversees the Council's administrative and budget needs, takes notes for and writes up the minutes of meetings. The Council Project Manager is also the Siskiyou RCD District Manager. Carolyn Pimentel currently holds this position.

The Council Program Coordinator is responsible for "moving the vision" of the Council by means of a variety of tasks and strategies (See job description in Appendix IV for description of job tasks). Jennifer (Jeffy) Marx has been Coordinator during most of this period and has held the position since February 1996.

Gary Black has been a Council Project Coordinator since May 1995. His task is to coordinate Council project implementation through the RCD. Gary's direct involvement in Council for the purpose of planning and project development is funded by the Klamath Fisheries Restoration Program and the California Department of Fish and Game as he attends many Council meetings; the various projects sponsored by the Council and RCD fund most of his position.

Danielle Quigley came into the RCD as a regular project coordinator in the spring of 2000 following a year as an AmeriCorps steward with the RCD. Danielle's expertise is in monitoring. In addition to coordinating a year 2000 monitoring project funded by the CDFG, Danielle has been coordinating the Council Monitoring Committee's meetings. Danielle has also been the project coordinator for the Etna Union High School Watershed Education program, presently included in Council funding.

Missey Dunaetz was hired by the Siskiyou RCD as a project coordinator in September 2000. For the Council, Missey has been coordinating and facilitating the Education Committee and has, since December 2000, taken over responsibility for coordinating all the educational activities of the Council. Missey is also coordinating projects for the RCD, especially those related to agriculture.

Mike Schafer was also hired by the Siskiyou RCD in September as a project coordinator. Mike's expertise is in upland issues. Therefore, he has taken on the upland-related RCD projects such as the Moffett Creek Upland Gross Assessment and various road inventory and erosion reduction projects. In addition, Mike is coordinating the Council's Land Committee.

### **Funding Sources**

The Klamath Fisheries Restoration Program has funded approximately half of the Council's activity for the 2000-2001 funding year with \$34, 722.. The California Department of Fish and Game has committed \$36,146 to the Council for 2000-2001. That funding is what the Council will be operating with from February 1, 2001 until June 1, 2001 or, most likely, beyond.

## **EDUCATION/OUTREACH**

### **Etna Union High School Watershed Education Program**

This year the Council has also funded the Etna Union High School Watershed Education program, which augments the High School's Natural Resource Class curriculum with special

field trips, which provide hands-on experience for the students and connect the class to the Council's restoration efforts in the watershed. As stated in the abstract, the funding for that piece will be taken from the second semester's CDFG funding as the program has been operating off of funds left over from last year's program for the first semester. A list of actual high school activities will be included in the Council final report in

**Educational/informational News Articles:** The Coordinator writes monthly articles for the local *Pioneer Press*, which inform the public of the activities and some of the issues of the Council. In addition, articles announcing educational events and describing projects and programs of the Council and RCD are published often. (See articles Appendix V )

**Fair Booth:** The Council did not set up its usual Siskiyou County Fair Booth in 2000 because the Fair administrator basically booted us out. Although we had signed up for the space, the administrator took over the free space with paying customers. We were not notified in time to take a paid space.

**Workshops:**

DATE	CONTENT	PRESENTERS	#OF PARTICIPANTS
May 30, 2000	Landowner Sediment Monitoring Field Trip and Workshop	Dr. Ken Tate, UC Extension, Davis	6/50
August 15, 2000	Community Mapping Gathering (dessert provided)	Carlin Finke, HSU Grad Student, and Al Olson,USFS	25
August 18, 2000	Landowner Sediment Monitoring Field Trip	Dr. Ken Tate, UC Extension, Davis & David Lewis, UC Researcher	10
Sept. 21, 2000	Socio-Economic Study Introduction	4 Proposers: Matt Carroll, UW; Bob Lee, UW, Charlie McKetta, University of Idaho, Hank Robison, University of Utah, and Rick Krannich, University of Utah.	?
Oct.13, 2000	Forestry Stewardship Workshop & Field Trip	Gary Nakamura & Richard Harris, UC Extension Forestry Specialists	23
Oct. 26, 2000	Klamath Fishery Management Council Field Trip and Dinner	Fishery and Watershed Council Members	20

**Invited Speakers at regular meetings:**

January 16, 2001 – Marcia Armstrong, Chair of the Steering Committee for a Siskiyou County Socio-Economic Study/Model, reported on the progress and prognosis of the study. The Council had supported the initial visit by the study proposers as an educational event (See above table).

November 14, 2000 – Dr. Sari Sommarstrom, Sommarstrom and Associates, gave a brief description of the sediment study (McNeil Sampling Method) she did in 1989 and repeated in 2000. The results of the 2000 study will be available in April 2001.

September 19, 2000 – Jim Eisner, BLM, Prineville, Oregon, gave a Powerpoint Presentation on the three-day riparian grazing workshop put on by the Interagency Riparian Team. The actual workshop will be happening March 6-8, 2001.

**Newsletters:** One newsletter was published in July 2000. Another edition will be published on March 14, 2001 as an insert in the Pioneer Press. Over-run newsletters will be mailed out to people who do not receive the Press.

(See Appendix )

### **Subwatershed Landowner Groups:**

- ◆ The Moffett Creek landowner group had a meeting in January 2001 for an update on the Moffett Creek Upland Gross Assessment project funded by the State Water Quality Control Board. The meeting was positive. The intent is to lead to crucial landowner involvement in the project.
- ◆ The South Fork Group has finished the road inventory that will lead to road improvement, partly funded by the Task Force. The Northern California Resource Center, Fort Jones, has been the entity to try to keep inventory protocol consistency across the various land ownerships. The group has met twice in the last eight months. The Council's Land Committee will be reviewing the inventory and helping to guide the road improvement efforts.
- ◆ The Sugar Creek water diverters have had a project partially funded by the CDFG to do a feasibility study and engineer piping of their ditches to allow 4 cfs to be dedicated to instream flows. Actual increase in flow from this project would be much greater. The group will be meeting soon to review the project.

## **PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Subbasin Planning through the Technical Work Group and Humboldt State University:**

Carlin Finke, a Humboldt State University graduate researcher who is using her planning assistance for the Council as part of her thesis project, has been funded by the Task Force to help the Council in their planning efforts. Carlin has attended many Council and committee meetings and has met with individual community members and groups for the purpose of identifying and locating limiting factors for anadromous fish and a healthy watershed. Carlin, unlike so many graduate students who cannot continue with a process they have begun, has been coming from Humboldt to the Scott Valley for nearly two years. Although she is in the midst of writing her own thesis, Carlin has stuck through us thick and thin. She has not been able to complete the "limiting factors" portion of her project with us because people are having a difficult time accepting the "Community Mapping" aspect of the project, but the table and information are ready for when the Council can agree on its use.

In addition, Carlin is providing the Council with other innumerable planning tools: Several GIS layers which, when combined, help in the prioritization of projects, a database bibliography of resources useful in our planning efforts, and a database of projects to help the RCD in tracking progress. Carlin has been a warm and patient friend to the Scott River community and to me personally. (See some draft products: Appendix VI)

The Task Force's Technical Work Group has visited the Scott River watershed on a tour and reviewed the planning efforts to that date. They have also supplied comments for the Council to help in the writing of the *Scott River Watershed Strategic Action Plan (Plan)*.

### **Planning within the Council:**

The Council has been concentrating, especially within the committees, on preparing information so that a professional planner can come in, and, working with the Council and Technical Committee, analyze data and write the *Plan*.

Committees have all identified issues and prepared goals and objectives related to their particular subject matter. Because of the inter-relatedness of the various resources, there is some duplication which a planner can extract. (See committee notes in Appendix III)

The Technical Committee has developed steps to be used for planning. (See Appendix VI)  
The flow chart will help the committees to keep some consistency in their processes.

### **Council Projects and their Status:**

As part of the regular Council activity the Council Coordinator and a Council member, Mary Roehrich, have been interviewing community elders about their recollections of resource conditions in their earlier lives. Jeffy and Mary interviewed and filmed Clarence Dudley and Beulah King. We do not wish that the valuable information our elders hold in their memories be lost.

A current list of projects which have been approved, prioritized, and funded through proposals written by the Council and RCD can be found in Appendix VII. Projects are implemented by the RCD in coordination with the Council.

### **Budget Summary**

In-kind and matching funds have been beyond proposal estimates. The Council members have volunteered hours at around the number estimated in the budget (1800/year). Although we have not counted up every hour of every month, two average months show around 160 hours of volunteer hours, not counting the hours of phone conversations and emails.

In addition, the Coordinator has very willingly and consistently housed and fed the Humboldt State graduate researcher, Carlin Finke, who has been helping with the planning over the last two years. Recently, Although Carlin has always contributed chocolate truffles to the cause, lately, as her visits became more frequent and prolonged, she has felt more comfortable contributing some dollars toward her lodging costs.

One budget adjustment had to be made. The travel and materials and supplies categories had been underestimated in the original budget, so that \$1,750 had to be moved from personnel to those categories. What has been and will continue to make budgeting difficult is the increasing number of personnel taking on coordination tasks.

### **CONCLUSION**

For nearly nine years the Scott River Watershed Council has consistently set goals, objectives, written plans, prioritized projects and obtained funds for those projects which enhance the health of the watershed while trying to benefit a resource-based economy. The Council does not wish to

lose the agricultural and timber based economy for fear an alternative which would either be far more detrimental to the environment or remove humans from the landscape altogether. The Council wishes to educate and work with the people of this community so that they understand resource issues and how to sustain resources for beneficial use. The Council seeks to entice ever-greater commitment at a local level where people can realize the benefit that conservation offers to future generations and can have a direct effect on that future. The Council has the daunting task of achieving a plan within the next 18 months that will guide the Council's and community's efforts toward the most effective, fair, and efficient resource protection and restoration program possible. The process of drafting the plan should, ideally, educate and bring people together and produce a product that everyone can accept. Since any plan's assumptions and conclusions will change with time, the plan needs to provide This year the Council has also funded the Etna Union High School Watershed Education program, which augments the High School's Natural Resource Class curriculum with special field trips, which provide hands-on experience for the students and connect the class to the Council's restoration efforts in the watershed. As stated in the abstract, the funding for that piece will be taken from the second semester's CDFG funding as it has been operating off of funds left over from last year's program for the last few months.

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