

The Project Summary, Llano Seco Riparian Sanctuary Planning Project and PowerPoint Slide Presentation were also handed out at the Public Meeting. These documents are available by selecting the links above.

## Feasibility Studies on Riparian Restoration and Pumping Plant Protection

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### How do I participate?

- Provide input at meetings and/or call or email project team members.
- Fill out and return comment cards and/or fill out web response form ([www.riverpartners.org](http://www.riverpartners.org)).

### How do I review draft and final reports?

- Review copies available at local libraries, USFWS, PCGID-PID, and River Partners offices.
  - Download from the River Partners website ([www.riverpartners.org](http://www.riverpartners.org)).
- Request a CD containing an electronic version or request a hardcopy, available at cost.

## Comment Form

### Feasibility Studies on Riparian Restoration and Pumping Plant Protection Riparian Sanctuary, Llano Seco Unit, Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge

April 28, 2004

Name	Affiliation	Address	Phone	E-mail

**Comments:**

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# **Public Meeting Summary - April 28, 2004**

## **Llano Seco Riparian Restoration and Pumping Plant Protection**

### **Meeting Time, Location, Purpose, and Notice**

The planning team for the Llano Seco Riparian Restoration and Pumping Plant Protection project conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00-5:00 pm at the Glenn Pheasant Hunting Center. The planning team includes River Partners, in cooperation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Princeton, Cordora, Glenn, and Provident Irrigation Districts (PCGID-PID). A team of consultants also supports the planning process.

The purpose of the meeting, as described in the official news release (Attachment 1), was to provide information on the Feasibility Studies and to help identify issues that the project team should consider during the studies. This news release was distributed on March 31, 2004, and supplemented the official public notice of the meeting (Attachment 2), which was published on April 2, 4, 9, and 11, 2004. The meeting described herein is one component of a public involvement approach that will allow stakeholders and interested members of the public a variety of opportunities to comment and make suggestions during the course of the project.

### **Meeting Overview**

Approximately 70 people attended the meeting on April 28. Attachment 3 presents the sign-in sheets for the meeting. River Partners staff greeted those attending at the building entrance, oriented them, provided them with informational materials, and requested that they sign in. Materials provided to those attending included an agenda, printed copies of the slide presentation, reproductions of a relevant newspaper article, and a project summary. Comment forms and pre-addressed envelopes were also available at the sign-in desk, for use by those wishing to provide comments by mail at a later date.

The format for the meeting included about one and one half hours of informational presentations, during which the attendees were encourage to ask general questions and make suggestions regarding project considerations. The agenda for the presentations included:

- Introduction
- Historical Background
- Project Overview
- Feasibility Studies

After the presentations, the presenters made themselves available for detailed questions and suggestions in an "open house" format.

## **Presentations and Comments**

This summary lists the presenters and meeting topics. Please see the slides at: [http://www.riverpartners.org/riparian/documents/RS\\_public\\_meeting\\_042804.pdf](http://www.riverpartners.org/riparian/documents/RS_public_meeting_042804.pdf) for additional detail.

### **Introduction**

Dan Efseaff of River Partners welcomed those attending and stated the purpose of the public meeting. Coral Cavanagh, meeting facilitator, reviewed the meeting agenda, the planning process, and the ground rules for the meeting. Mr. Efseaff continued with additional introductory material concerning the planning team, its role, and the project location.

### **Historical Background**

Lance Boyd of PCGID-PID provided an overview of PCGID-PID service, members, and facilities in the project area. He described PCGID-PID objectives and concerns regarding the project. Mr. Boyd introduced Todd Manley of the Northern California Water Association, who read a prepared statement describing concerns regarding potential bank stabilization methods.

Kelly Moroney of the USFWS and Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge provided a description of the USFWS role and responsibilities relative to the project. He presented a list of special status species in the area, discussed current land management activities on the Sacramento River, and noted the Comprehensive Conservation Plan schedule.

### **Project Overview**

Dan Efseaff reviewed project area problems and needs, and how the planning process has been structured to address them. He reviewed the project objectives, funding details, and schedule.

### **Feasibility Studies**

Joe Countryman of MBK engineers covered the approach for the Feasibility Study and described the analysis tools that would be applied to accomplish the scope. He reviewed the interrelationships between analyses to be conducted for pumping plant protection and riparian restoration alternatives.

Dan Efseaff provided a brief introduction to the team's approach to developing an interdisciplinary monitoring plan.

## Public Input

Coral Cavanagh closed the presentations with a description of public involvement opportunities, and advised those attending that the remainder of the meeting would be conducted in open house format. Planning team members circulated among those attending and received comments, heard suggestions, and answered questions.

The planning team gathered a number of questions, comments, and suggestions during the meeting. They are presented here as recorded on flip charts. Written comments received at the meeting (on comment cards) are presented below *in italics*.

- At which locations is rip rap being considered?
- What other methods of bank revetment might be considered?
- Will the CALFED grant pay for work beyond the Plan development?
- Perhaps the focus should be on “maintaining the ability to pump” to allow for exploration of more options.
- The current location of the pumping plant intake was selected with significant public input.
- The river migration that is of concern was predictable earlier.
- Look at breaching a spot on the river upstream.
- Whose rip rap is it in the current location? Is it needed?
- Is there any possibility that this project could raise the amount of flow into Butte Basin? That is a concern.
- Would there be plantings in the river (that might affect flows)?
- Will future funding go for restoration, or for pumping plant protection?
- Is the pumping plant the higher priority?
- The project needs to look further upstream and inland, and should consider the effects on Butte Basin.
- Is that a control weir on the East bank? That might be a “sacred” height that should not be altered. Please investigate that.
- Who is responsible for maintaining the rock? Is there an insurance agreement associated with it?
- Please provide a copy of the map on the East Wall in reproducible format (black and white is ok) to the newspaper.
- *1) Who will be responsible for maintenance on the restored property? Are there monies earmarked for this?*
- *2) Will the cumulative effect be considered for this project relative to other restoration projects on the Sacramento River?*
- *3) Goose Lake overflow needs to be considered as a source of more flooding to Butte Basin during high water.*
- *I feel the wildlife should not own or have any land down along the river. There is enough land in the mountains for them. The fish will make it in the river.*
- *Is USFWS committed to long-term maintenance of the restored property? Is there an endowment or identified source of funding for ongoing maintenance into perpetuity?*

**Informational meeting Wednesday on plans to restore habitat along Sacramento River**

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Plans are in the works to restore habitat and look at solutions for the Princeton, Cordora, Glenn and Provident Irrigation District (PCGID) irrigation intake points along the Sacramento River.

River Partners, a nonprofit group that has done restoration projects on about 3,000 acres in Northern California, is hosting a public input meeting from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Glenn Pheasant Hunting Center, 1522 Highway 45, in Glenn.

With CalFed funding, the group is working on studies to look at river to meander. The PCGID for example, recently completed an \$11 million fish screen project along the river at their pumping plant, but if the river moves, that infrastructure could be at risk of not working properly.

Dan Efseaff of River Partners said there is also wildlife property, the Llano Seco Wildlife Refuge, across the river so the study is trying to find a solution that helps both irrigators and wildlife.

In 2001 River Partners received a grant to buy 258 acres north of Butte City. Currently most of the property remains in agricultural production and 27 acres of existing riparian forest.

Looking at the area, there will need to be studies as to how wildlife responds to erosion and sedimentation.

"There's a lot of guessing that happens on the Sacramento River," Efseaff said.

He said the studies will look at how different types of restoration plantings can affect the flows of the water, in other words, where the river moves.

Rather than only consider reinforcing banks with rock, which can add hydrological pressure somewhere else on the River, Efseaff said they want to look at ways to maintain the bank's stability in the least ecologically damaging way.

"I think we will get a lot of interest," he said. "All of us are looking forward to the solution."

The project area is located near the intersection of County Road 44 and Highway 45.

"The project provides a unique opportunity to address multiple concerns in an open, collaborative, science-based effort. The purpose of this public meeting is to provide information on the feasibility studies and to help identify issues that the project team should consider during the studies," he said.

Representatives from will include U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, PCGID and the technical team

For more information, call Efseaff at 894-5401 or visit [www.riverpartners.org](http://www.riverpartners.org). #

## **Notice of Public Hearing**

River Partners, in cooperation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Princeton, Cordora, Glenn, and Provident Irrigation Districts (PCGID-PID), invites comments on planning efforts to investigate alternatives for restoring the Riparian Sanctuary on the Llano Seco Unit, Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge and protecting the PCGID-PID fish screen and pumping plant. We encourage all interested parties to attend and express their views. The project area is located at River Mile 176-178.5L on the east bank of the Sacramento River in Butte County.

**Meeting Date:** April 28, 2004

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**Location:** Glenn Pheasant Hunting Center  
1522 Highway 45

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