

**Stewardship Council
McArthur Swamp Pilot Project Orientation
Redding Public Library Community Room, Wednesday, December 19, 2007**

Summary of Meeting:

I. Welcome and Review Agenda

Ric Notini (Director of Land Conservation for the Stewardship Council) welcomed the participants and introduced Nicholas Dewar (Facilitator) who reviewed the agenda and developed a list of Ground Rules with the help of participants.

II. Introduction

Jayne Battey (Executive Director of the Stewardship Council) led a round of introductions from each participant.

III. Update and Overview of Pilot Disposition Process

Jayne Battey presented information on the status of the Pilot Disposition Process.

IV. Working on the Pilots and the Focus on Collaboration

Nicholas Dewar facilitated a discussion about the value of collaboration in the preparation of land disposition proposals. Ideas were recorded on an easel pad and summarized below. There is no significance to the order of listing. Except for the list of ways in which the Stewardship Council can help stakeholders to collaborate (list #3), no attempt was made to prioritize these lists. In list #3, the items identified by participants as most significant are italicized.

1. The forces that *support* collaboration at McArthur Swamp

- We know that, to get what we want, we need to collaborate;
- There is a very high level of interest in this process among the stakeholders of McArthur Swamp;
- Stakeholders are already experienced in the process of collaboration;
- There is an existing acknowledgement among stakeholders that diverse interests need to be addressed in the plans for McArthur Swamp;
- Learning more about this process makes collaboration seem more useful;
- The completeness of the easements means that all interests are included;
- The deadlines help us to move towards a conclusion;
- Breaking the process into manageable pieces will help us.

2. The forces that *restrain* collaboration at McArthur Swamp

- The difficulty for stakeholders to participate because of lack of time or because of they are spread so far apart;
- It's the details of the agreement that will be the problem;
- The difficulty of finding funding to implement any proposal;
- We need to ensure that no stakeholders are excluded;
- Lack of confidence in the ability to participate in the long-term;
- Easements are incomplete or poorly drafted so that some interests are excluded;
- There's very little time available;
- There are conflicting interests (we may need some dispute resolution help);
- It's a big and complicated issue.

3. How can the Stewardship Council help McArthur Swamp's stakeholders to collaborate?

- *Provide a Watershed Planner to take the existing McArthur Swamp Management Plan to the next level;*
- *Provide feed-back about the adequacy of the plan that we're developing as we develop it;*
- *Provide efficient and inclusive ways for stakeholder communication, such as a designated folder on a web-site;*
- *Provide funding for items such as any required studies and management plans;*
- *Provide support for enforcement, regulation and measurement;*
- Provide facilitation for the collaborative group;
- Stakeholders need to feel heard by the Stewardship Council;
- Provide culturally sensitive dispute resolution;
- Enable meetings of stakeholders in multiple locations;
- Provide technical assistance such as surveys and documentation;
- Give adjacent property owners pre-notification of the start of work on Volume III;
- Give assurance that there will be full disclosure of all agreements.

V. Wrap up and Next Steps

- Jayne Battey thanked everyone for participating and brought the meeting to a close.