



## ***El Dorado County Agricultural Watershed Group Meeting***

### ***Minutes***

**January 14, 2008**

El Dorado County Department of Agriculture Building  
311 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667  
(530) 621-5520  
2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

#### **I. Introductions.**

Linda Cardanini – Grape Grower  
Richard Bush – Grape Grower  
Ron Mansfield – Grower  
Bill Frost – UCCE  
Kirk Taylor – EID  
Doug Leisz – Grower  
Jerry Visman – Grower  
John Zentner – Grape Grower  
Dan Hinrichs – DJH Engineering  
Ed Goltz – Grower  
Evelyn Abel – Grower  
John MacCready – Grower/Winery  
Ed Akin – Grower  
Bill Bacchi – Rancher  
Jerome Pasto – Grower  
Mary Lou Pasto – Grower  
Jim Ramos – Grower  
Terry Silverthorn – Grower  
Bob & Barbara Leidigh – Grower/Winery  
Dan Eden – Apple Mt. Golf Course  
Stan Geel – Sun Mountain Farm & Vineyard  
Dee Kobervig – EDC Christmas Tree Growers Assoc.  
Bill & Margaret Leitz – El Dorado Wine Grape Growers Assoc./Grower  
Edio Delfino – Grower  
Brad Visman - Grower  
Maryann Argyres – Apple Hill Growers  
Wendell Smith – Farm Trails  
Jim Zeek – Grower/Chairman, Growers' Advisory Group  
Shelley Janek – El Dorado County & Georgetown Divide RCDs

#### **II. Coalition Subwatershed Group Organization and Management.**

- a. RCD presented the RCD Letter of Commitment.
- b. RCD provided summary of Growers' Advisory Group (GAG) meeting of Jan. 14, 2008.

#### **III. El Dorado County Agricultural Watershed Group.**

- a. Coon Hollow Creek Management Plan (MP): RCD led discussion on re-draft of MP at request of the GAG. Questions from members re: MP cost, member responsibilities, exceedances and water quality results.
- b. Information regarding the Irrigated Lands Program and its requirements was shared with members by RCD and EID.



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- c. K. Taylor provided information on monitoring site selection, pesticide use and water quality impacts.
- d. Member provided historical information on Coon Hollow Creek in area of exceedances.

**IV. Education & Outreach.**

- a. RCD updated group on TAC initiative to develop a grant-funded self-assessment pamphlet for farm and ranch members focusing on water quality. UCCE to revise Farm Plan Short Course and RCD to develop text.
- b. H. Dang provided information on upcoming Xerces Society workshop, Jan. 15, 2008.

**V. Conservation Planning with NRCS and Fish Friendly Farming.**

The RCD has applied for grant funding to implement FFF on member acres in El Dorado County. RCD gave introduction to FFF Environmental Certification program, its implications in meeting requirements of the ILP, and inclusion in Coon Hollow Management Plan under Conservation Planning Technical Assistance.

**VI. Items from the Floor.**

- a. J. Zentner suggested a member mailing to include GAG member list as outreach to all members. GAG members will serve as representatives to general EDCAWG members for information and outreach efforts.