

# ***El Dorado County Agricultural Watershed Group Growers' Advisory Group***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

**March 13, 2008**

El Dorado County Department of Agriculture Building  
311 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667  
(530) 621-5520  
3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

### **I. Introductions/Housekeeping**

John Zentner - El Dorado Wine Grape Growers Association  
Jim Zeek – Goodness Organic  
Mike McGee – McGee Tree Farm  
Barbara Leidigh – Chateau Leidigh  
Kirk Taylor - EID  
Carlan Meyer – Placerville Fruit Growers Assn.  
Ron Mansfield – Grower  
Doug Leitz – Grower  
Bob Witters – Ag Council  
Carolyn Mansfield – Farm Bureau  
Lynn Wunderlich – UCCE  
Greg Boeger – EDWA  
Lloyd Walker – Ag Commission  
Wendell Smith – Farm Trails  
Shelley Janek – EDC&GD RCD

- a. Feb. 28, 2008 meeting minutes unavailable.
- b. Current organization and Responsibilities: no discussion.

### **II. El Dorado County Agricultural Watershed Group Organization & Management**

- a. Filing of 501(c)3 and 501c5 language to be reviewed by counsel; results expected in 7-10 days.
- b. Organizational committee to meet in next 2 weeks; comments on by-laws to be submitted via email or markup to J. Zentner.
- c. Farm Bureau to develop proposal for administration of EDC Agricultural Water Quality Management Corporation/Agricultural Water Education Corporation.
- d. Fee Structure: RCD advised first year estimated costs to be approximately \$100,000+. GAG directs RCD to send Proposed Fee Structure as is to all members of the EDCAWG.

### **III. Coon Hollow Creek Management Plan (CHMP)**

- a. GAG requests additional information on Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition's Management Plan (SVMP):
  - i. How does Coon Hollow MP align with regional MP? RCD to contact Coalition for clarification.
  - ii. SVMP does not adequately address foothill situations;
  - iii. SVMP should apply to Coalition members only, not "all individuals";
  - iv. GAG wants more thorough review, so cannot provide comments or approve this draft by due date.
- b. Coon Hollow Management Plan: comments/review

- i. CHMP to define “agriculture” as Coalition members only and not include agricultural activities of non-members; CHMP should define specific coverage.
- ii. Include introductory paragraph characterizing watershed to include:
  - 1. Dispersion of ag as intermixed with non-ag,
  - 2. Legacy issues,
  - 3. Identify entities that promote BMPs, and description of Irrigation Management System through EID,
  - 4. Soil information,
  - 5. Table of member parcels with irrigated acreages,
  - 6. Investigations and surveys to-date,
  - 7. No monitoring for 2008.
- iii. Focus of CHMP to be EDCAWG members, not all agriculture.
- iv. RCD to amend CHMP with comments and re-distribute to GAG/TAC.
- v. Subcommittee to review CHMP: C. Mansfield, D. Leisz, K. Taylor, R. Mansfield, and B. Leidigh.

**IV. Low-Threat Waiver**

- a. GAG shifts Waiver to low-priority pending development of CHMP and direction on toxicity issues.