

San Geronimo Valley Salmonid Enhancement Community Workshop 2

Notes transcribed from group flip charts

Regulatory and Voluntary Strategies

1. Overlap or conflicts between task groups' findings
 - * Making it easy for property owners to do the right thing
 - * Crafting a voluntary program
 - > Water resource board (cows w/in 100 ft.)
 - 5 yr. effort monitored by regulatory agency.
 - > Give community ownership of this issue.
 - * Representatives could help community deal / move efficiently

Permit Fees

- * Grant writing / relief fund to help property owners w/ permit fees.
- * Programmatic approach

- * Differentiating / fine tuning
 - > ephemeral vs. intermittent v.
- * Goal setting
- * JARPA → avoid getting different advice from different agencies
- * Who is lead agency on creek restoration?
- * Is there a site specific plan outlining what an ideal creek would look like?
- * 2 categories:
 1. I'd like to do restoration
 2. I just want to build my deck → how do I do that?
- * Are we protecting creek or fixing creek?
- * Solve issues collectively
- * Can we move districts for septic?
 - Sonoma / Napa – we're more like them.

Action Plan

1. What are next steps
 - > Representative?
 - concern: Who does this representative represent?
 - pro: having a clear point of contact?
 - unlike police officer b/c community is trying to take action
 - * Fear of liability for going to County for one permit
 - * Changing the process from a system that says "Don't go there" to "make this area better" → moving to proactivity.

2. Who else needs to be at table?
 - > community
 - > NMFS
 - > water resources board [. . .]
 - alerts <?> a master plan . . .
 - > increase property value
 - > make a real agreement w/ County so we have assurances, so we can sell our property w/ confidence

3. What other resources?
 - > a detailed plan → so we can know what we need
 - > \$\$

4. > Activity
 - > establishing a clearing house of sort / advocacy program
 - > By whom?
 - > Our task group
 - > By when?
 - > July 6 (NOAA comments)
 - > provide responsible service
 - > map out how it works now / flow chart
 - by → County of Marin
 - > Get County agencies together for a “Process Dialogue”
 - DPW
 - CDA
 - Building
 - Fire
 - EHS

Property Values / Rights

Action Planning

- * Next steps: short & long term
- * What resources are needed?
- * Who? by when?

- * SCA – treat migratory / fish bearing streams different from non-migratory
- * County Outreach local experts
 - > help with applications
 - > input to committees
 - > resource list for homeowners

* County contact coordinate all agency

- 1) Set up Community Resource list of local Experts (Task Forces)
2 – 3 months
 - * help with applications (resource homeowners)
 - * input to committees
- 2) County contact / work with other State/Fed agencies –
Facilitator – Single ap form (County)
- 3) Treat Fish bearing streams differently (ordinance & regs)
> ID specific actions in SEP & NMFS workshops
- 4) Direct meeting with County staff, attorneys, & Valley Group to discuss
Riparian Vegetation ordinance

Homes in 35-ft Riparian Zone

Issues / Comments

1. What's happening with water? → 0
2. Incentives v. Amnesty → 1
3. Time & Cost Streamlining → 1
4. Voluntary → no harm → 2
5. JARPA – Different standards & response times → 4
6. Needs to have sufficient staffing --> 4
7. Provide Flexibility (e.g., tree species & Septic) → 3
8. Need to be consistent with Fire regulations. → 3

Action Planning

What are the next steps?

* Who else needs to be at the table?

*What other resources are needed?

*Assignments

- > activity
- > by whom?
- > by when?

Action Plan

Protocol for Access

Grey water
Reclamation, too

All houses should be allowed to build out to median house size (current)
* trade impervious surfaces
* install bio swales

<u>Action</u>	<u>Who's responsible</u>	<u>When</u> ASAP / soon / later
Access Protocol	Property Rts County	ASAP
Regulation to allow home expansion	Property rights people 35 foot limit County	soon
Make use of Gray water Cheap & easy	septics EHS DPW	soon
Identify immediate habitat restoration actions that property owners can do <u>now</u> for cheap	Habitat 35 foot County	ASAP
Put more water in stream	MMWD	soon / later

HABITAT

What steps can people on intermittent creeks do to support health of downstream
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Removal of plants / roots in creek area
County

Ability to add onto homes.

Conflict: Is the log in the stream a good thing or bad thing?

Conflict: the water level of the creek is fallen (sediment build up / need to allow scouring from floods)

Overlap / Conflict between task Groups

<u>Overlap</u>	<u>Conflict</u>
logs are good fore habitat, creates pools & eddies that provide shelter & feeding for fish.	logs can cause clogging and interfere with the scouring effect needed to keep sediment from choking creek.
<u>Access</u> All recognize need for access to monitor creek.	<u>Access</u> There needs to be respect for privacy and property rights
<u>Grey water (reclamation)</u> * replenish groundwater * lessens strain on septic	<u>Grey Water</u> * health concerns * costs of permits
Habitat Restoration & erosion methods	☆ existing vs. future ☆

<u>Overlap</u>	<u>Conflict</u>
Love living here in their “old houses”	Can’t add on another room because of extg regulation
communal septic septic improve septic retrofit	communal septic doesn’t necessarily work