

**CITY OF LODI
INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING
"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2007**

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, April 3, 2007, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members – Hansen, Hitchcock, Katzakian, and Mayor Johnson

Absent: Council Members – Mounce

Also Present: City Manager King, City Attorney Schwabauer, and Deputy City Clerk Perrin

B. TOPIC(S)

B-1 "Presentation by the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Steering Committee"

City Manager King briefly introduced the subject matter.

Chris Storm, Chair of the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Steering Committee, presented the video entitled, "Reflections in the River." He stated that in 1999 the San Joaquin County Resource and Conservation District received a CalFED grant to identify the stakeholders within the watershed area, which included agricultural businesses and property owners, citizens groups, and governmental agencies. In 2000, a grant was received for the purpose of creating the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan to manage the watershed. Mr. Storm reviewed in detail the following elements of the Plan, which were prepared by the consultant and reviewed and approved by the Committee:

- Education – Includes workbooks regarding sustainable farming practices and manuals geared toward homeowners in the Lodi area; workshops to educate farmers on implementing the tools in the workbook; plans to implement workshops to educate homeowners on the manuals, perhaps in coordination with the City; and promoting existing and new education programs in schools.
- Recreation – Includes fishing, boating, jogging, hiking, and bird watching. He stated that both the City's General Plan and the San Joaquin County's General Plan indicate that the Mokelumne River is an underutilized resource.
- Agriculture – Includes several agricultural programs, as well as a dairy quality assurance program.
- Biological Resources – The goal is to maintain and improve biological resources and to encourage habitat and conservation. He stated that the Mokelumne River is designated as an impaired waterway due to the heavy metals from Penn Mine.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Public Works Director Prima stated that the designation was a result of the copper and zinc in the river, which occurred prior to the clean up of Penn Mine. Subsequently, the State wanted to add aluminum to the list, which it ultimately did not do; however, it did not go back and "de-list" copper and zinc. This is one area that staff would like to address during the watershed survey process for the surface water plant.

- Flood Management – The Committee would like to facilitate the redistribution of fallen trees and debris in the river, which would allow water to pass through more easily, yet still provide a habitat for fish and water life. Additionally, the Committee would like to see release information provided to land owners.

Council Member Hansen questioned what efforts have been made to clean up the Mokelumne River. John Brodie, Watershed Coordinator, responded that the difficulty lies with the battle between various agencies on what is best for the environment (i.e. good habitat for fish versus eroding levies), as well as permitting issues. Council Member Hansen suggested he contact Northern California Power Agency to see how it

handled the Central Valley project permit process. Mr. Brodie stated there are groups who conduct classes on how to work with agencies in obtaining permits and there are other issues in getting the work done relating to cost and private ownership.

- Cultural Resources – Includes using cultural resources as an economic driver for the water, as well as programs that use native species.
- Economics – Includes efforts and activities that would support the economy.
- Emergency Services – Includes water protection and rescue.

Mr. Storm stated that in 2002 the element of “Restoration” was added to the Plan and since then approximately \$3 million has been raised, the majority of which has gone toward restoration, education, and agriculture. Future goals include directing funds toward the remaining elements, adding a sustainability element to the Plan, assisting with the successful completion of the Delta College campus, studying the Delta as a recreational waterway, strengthening the Storm Drain Detectives and other similar programs, and implementing workshops for homeowners. He would like to see Lodi be certified as a sustainable community and would also like an official City representative to be appointed to the Committee.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Kathy Grant, who supervises the Storm Drain Detectives Program, stated that Friends of Lodi Lake has dissolved, to which Mr. Johnson questioned what efforts have been made to reach out to other community groups. Mr. Storm responded that the Committee meetings are advertised regularly in the newspaper, notices are sent to interested parties, and a “Watershed Day” is held annually at Lodi Lake. The Committee is continuously identifying new stakeholders and inviting those interested to join the Committee in its efforts.

Discussion ensued between Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. Storm, Public Works Director Prima, and Water/Wastewater Superintendent Frank Beeler regarding the quality of the City’s well water, Mokelumne River water leaking into City wells, possible contaminants, regulations, and average age of water.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Storm stated that the river is owned by the people of California and that a majority of the property owners are willing to work with the Committee toward its goals. Mr. Brodie added that cooperation from property owners is not the concern; it is the high cost of performing the necessary work, which the property owners cannot afford. In those cases, grant funding would need to be secured.

Discussion ensued between Council Member Hansen, Mayor Johnson, Mr. Storm, and Mr. King regarding appointment of a City representative to the Steering Committee, for which there was general concurrence that a Council-designated member be appointed (i.e. Council Member or staff representative).

Council Member Hansen suggested that the City amend its design guidelines for residential homes, which currently has water runoff draining directly to the street, to which Mr. Prima agreed that they should be reviewed and addressed in the General Plan process. Mr. King added that the new phase for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit will most likely dictate how storm water is treated and the City will have no choice in the matter, for which there will be a cost.

C. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

D. ADJOURNMENT

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer M. Perrin, Deputy City Clerk



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation by the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Steering Committee
MEETING DATE: April 3, 2007 (Shirtsleeve Session)
PREPARED BY: City Manager

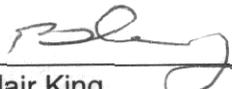
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and information purposes only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District works with public and private property owners to promote the conservation of the County's diverse resources. The Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Steering Committee, consisting primarily of various community groups and governmental agencies, is charged with the creation and implementation of the Lower Mokelumne River Stewardship Plan, which directly impacts the City of Lodi. The Plan, completed in May 2002, is a voluntary program that guides landowners, residents, and stakeholders in maintaining and improving the resources of the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed.

The Steering Committee will make a presentation regarding its activities, interaction, and partnership with the City. Specifically, the Committee is interested in increased cooperation and the issues of sustainability and resource management.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: N/A



Blair King
City Manager

BK/RJ/jmp
Attachments

APPROVED: 

Blair King, City Manager

LOWER
MOKELUMNE
RIVER
WATERSHED
STEERING
COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Lange Twins
Vino Farms
Mohr-Fry Ranches
Rossini Farms
Lodi Lake Docents
Friends of Lodi Lake
Sierra Club
San Joaquin County
Resource Conservation
District
San Joaquin Farm Bureau
Federation
California Farm Bureau
Federation
Woodbridge Irrigation District
East Bay Municipal Utility
District
Lodi Woodbridge Winegrape
Commission
Western Ag Appraisals
Woodbridge Golf and Country
Club
U.C. Cooperative Extension
City of Lodi Public Works
City of Lodi Parks and
Recreation
San Joaquin County Office of
Education
San Joaquin County
Agricultural Commissioner
San Joaquin County
Department of Public Works
San Joaquin County Mosquito
and Vector Control District
California Department of Fish
and Game

Ad hoc Members

Marden Wilbur
Murphy Creek Restoration
Project
California Native Plant
Society
Sloughhouse Resource
Conservation District/
Cosumnes River Task Force
City of Lodi
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Army Corps of
Engineers

Chair: Chris Storm
Vice-Chair: Brad Kissler

Watershed Coordinator:
John Brodie

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CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
March 5, 2007

Dear Mr. King,

Thank you for the upcoming opportunity to meet with the City of Lodi's City Council on April 3, 2007 at their 7:00 AM Shirtsleeve Session. We look forward to the prospect of introducing ourselves and sharing some of the exciting projects on which we have been working.

The San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District won a CALFED grant in 1999 to develop the Lower Mokelumne River Stewardship Plan. Their first task was to invite the general public and Mokelumne River Watershed property owners to work alongside government agencies and elect a steering committee. This steering committee oversaw the development and writing of the Lower Mokelumne River Stewardship Plan, which the committee is currently implementing. Please visit the San Joaquin County's RCD website: <http://sjcrd.org/>, to read the LMR Stewardship Plan or to learn more about the RCD.

The Mokelumne River is one of Lodi's most important and unique assets and we would like to discuss ways in which the Lower Mokelumne River Stewardship Plan, the committee implementing the plan and the city can work together to strengthen that asset and gain a mutual benefit.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions before the upcoming meeting. We will be sharing a video and PowerPoint presentation to discuss past and future work.

Sincerely yours,


Chris Storm
Chairman
Lower Mokelumne River Stewardship Committee

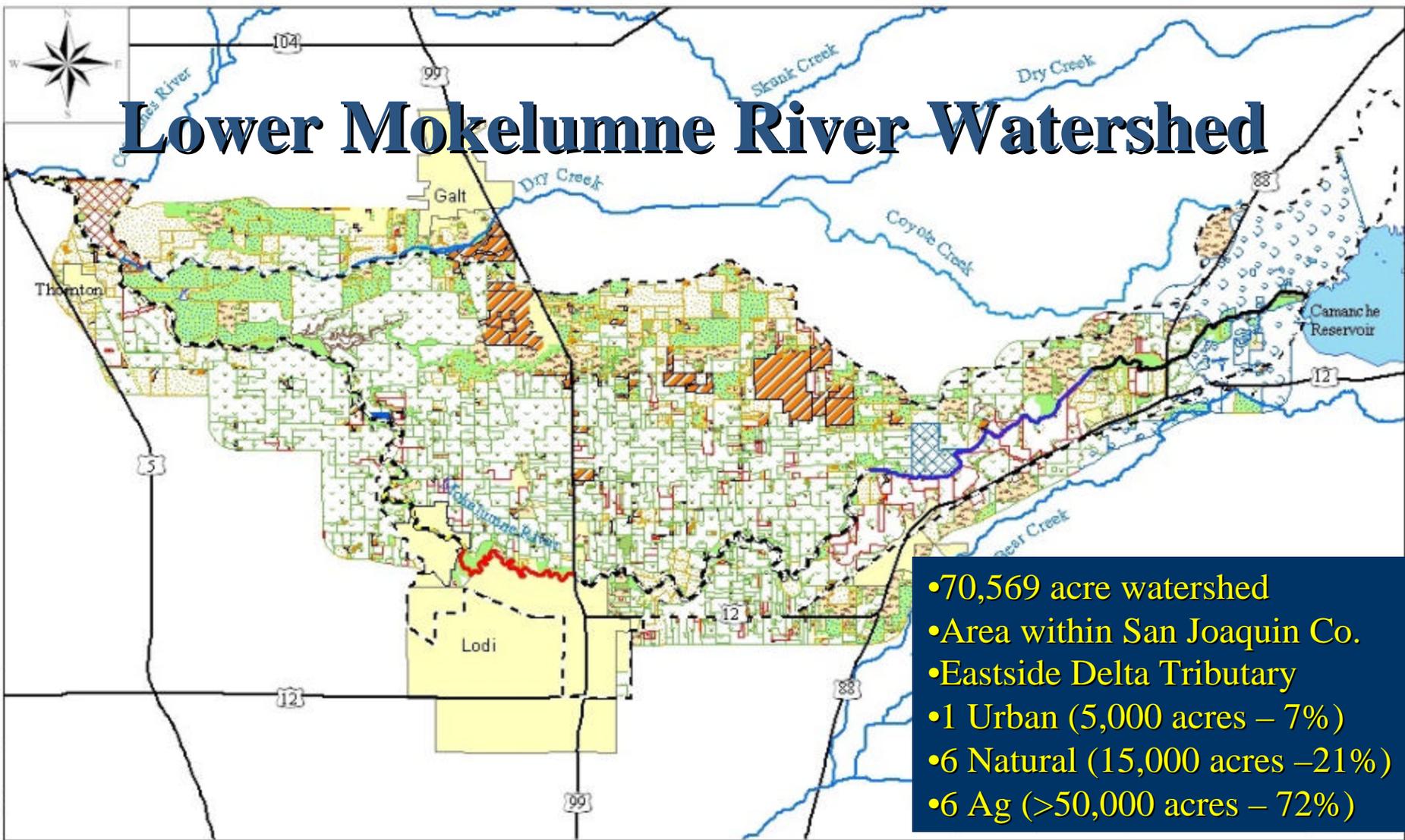


Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Steering Committee



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Lower Mokelumne River Watershed



- 70,569 acre watershed
- Area within San Joaquin Co.
- Eastside Delta Tributary
- 1 Urban (5,000 acres – 7%)
- 6 Natural (15,000 acres – 21%)
- 6 Ag (>50,000 acres – 72%)

Fig 1. Lower Mokelumne River Watershed.

Watershed Boundary	Agricultural-Industrial	Deciduous Orchard	Urban	River Reach # 3
El Rio Farms	Agricultural-Urban	Freshwater Emergent Wetland	Valley Foothill Riparian	4
Ferreira Property	Annual Grassland	Irrigated Field Crops	2	5
Mohr-Fry Property	Blue Oak Woodland	Irrigated Hayfield/Pasture	Valley Oak Woodland	6
	Vineyard			

Map prepared by James Jones, Fisheries & Wildlife Technician, East Bay Municipal Utility District, March 30, 2004



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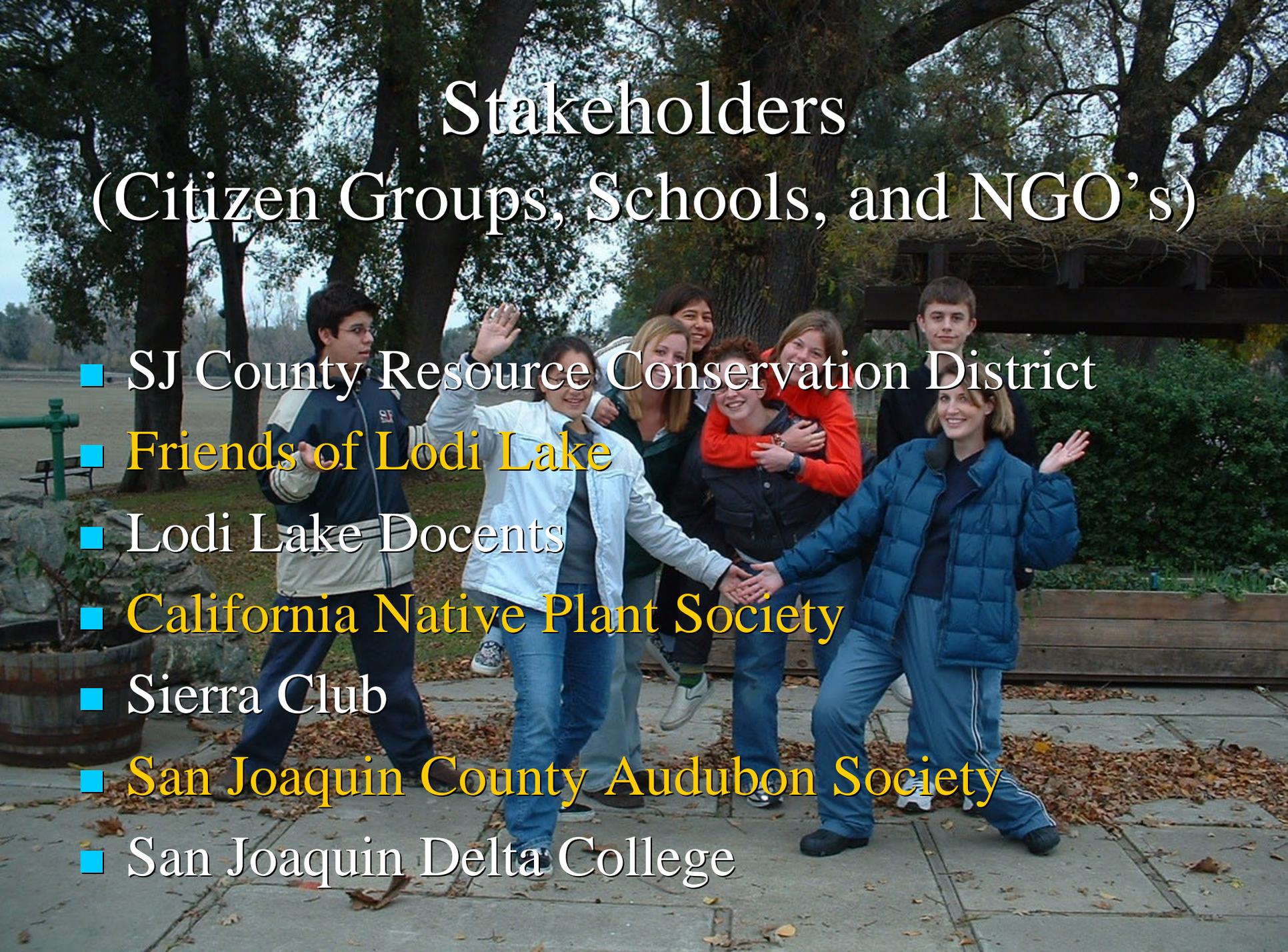


Stakeholders (Agriculture & Business)

- Lodi-Woodbridge Winegrape Commission
- San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation
- California Farm Bureau Federation
- Lange Twins Farms
- Vino Farms
- Mohr-Fry Ranches
- El Rio Farms
- Sparrowk Land & Livestock
- Locke Ranch
- Western Ag Appraisal Services
- Woodbridge Golf and Country Club

Stakeholders

(Citizen Groups, Schools, and NGO's)

- 
- SJ County Resource Conservation District
 - Friends of Lodi Lake
 - Lodi Lake Docents
 - California Native Plant Society
 - Sierra Club
 - San Joaquin County Audubon Society
 - San Joaquin Delta College



Stakeholders (Government)

- City of Lodi Parks and Recreation
- City of Lodi Public Works
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- California Dept. of Fish and Game
- East Bay Municipal Utility District
- U.C. Cooperative Extension
- SJ County Agriculture Commissioner
- SJ County Public Works
- SJ County Mosquito and Vector Control
- Woodbridge Irrigation District

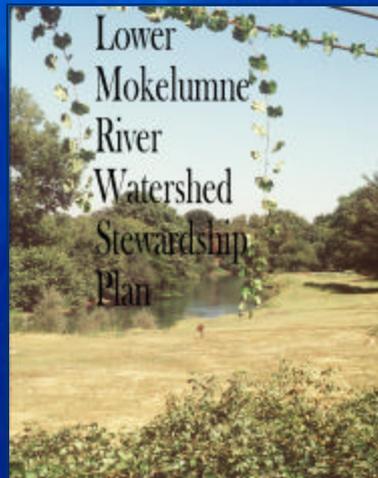


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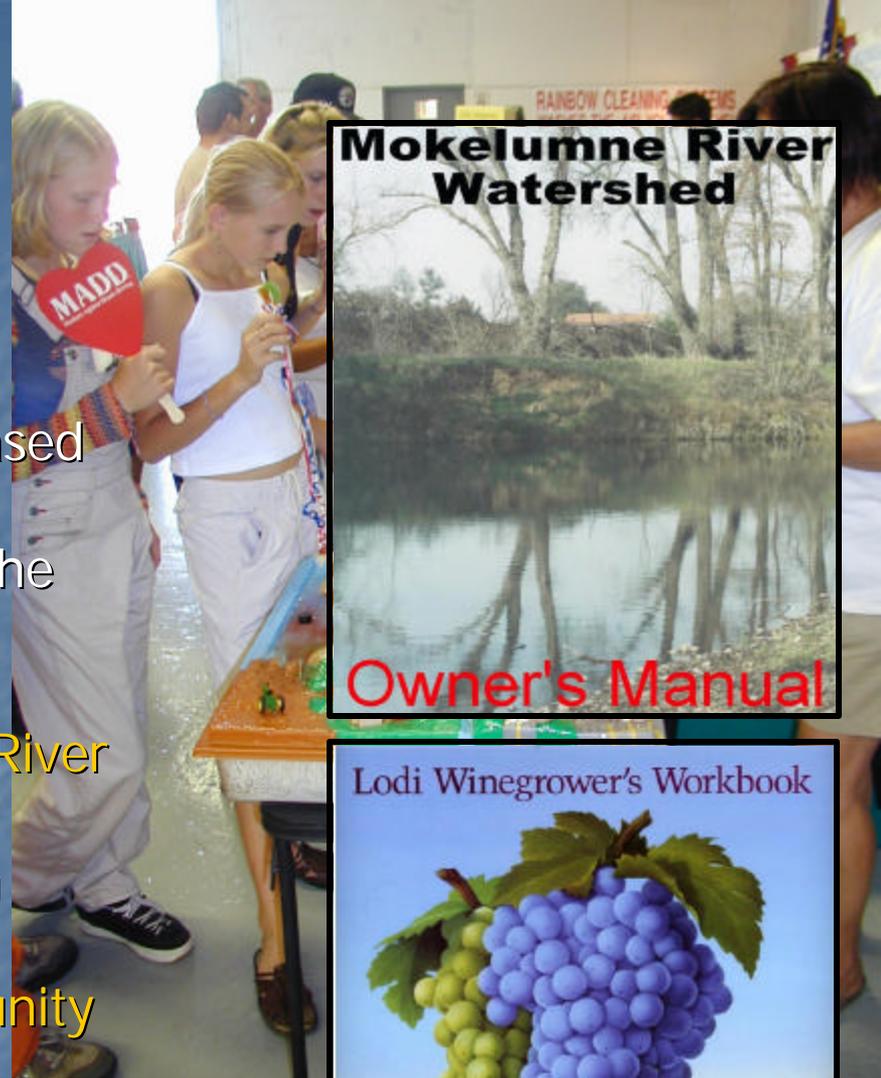
Grant to write the
Lower Mokelumne
River
Watershed
Stewardship Plan

- Our guideline
for future work
- 9 elements



1. EDUCATION

- 28 implementation programs
- Encourage voluntary stewardship-based activities
- LWWC workbook- a tool to assess the sustainable practices growers use in their vineyards
- Other workbooks – the Mokelumne River Watershed Homeowner's Manual
- Promote existing and new education programs in schools
- Presentations to schools and community groups

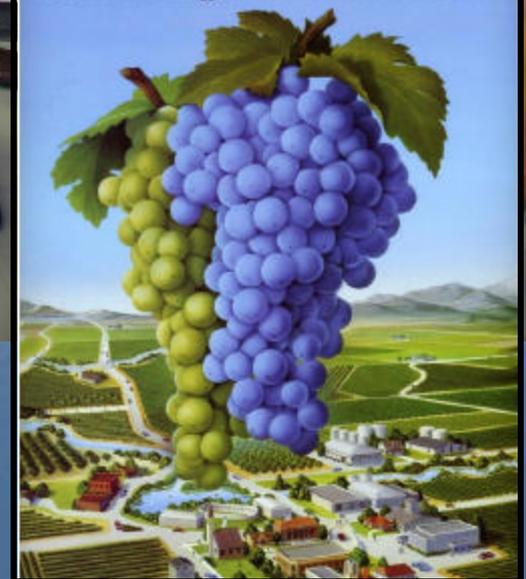


Mokelumne River Watershed



Owner's Manual

Lodi Winegrower's Workbook

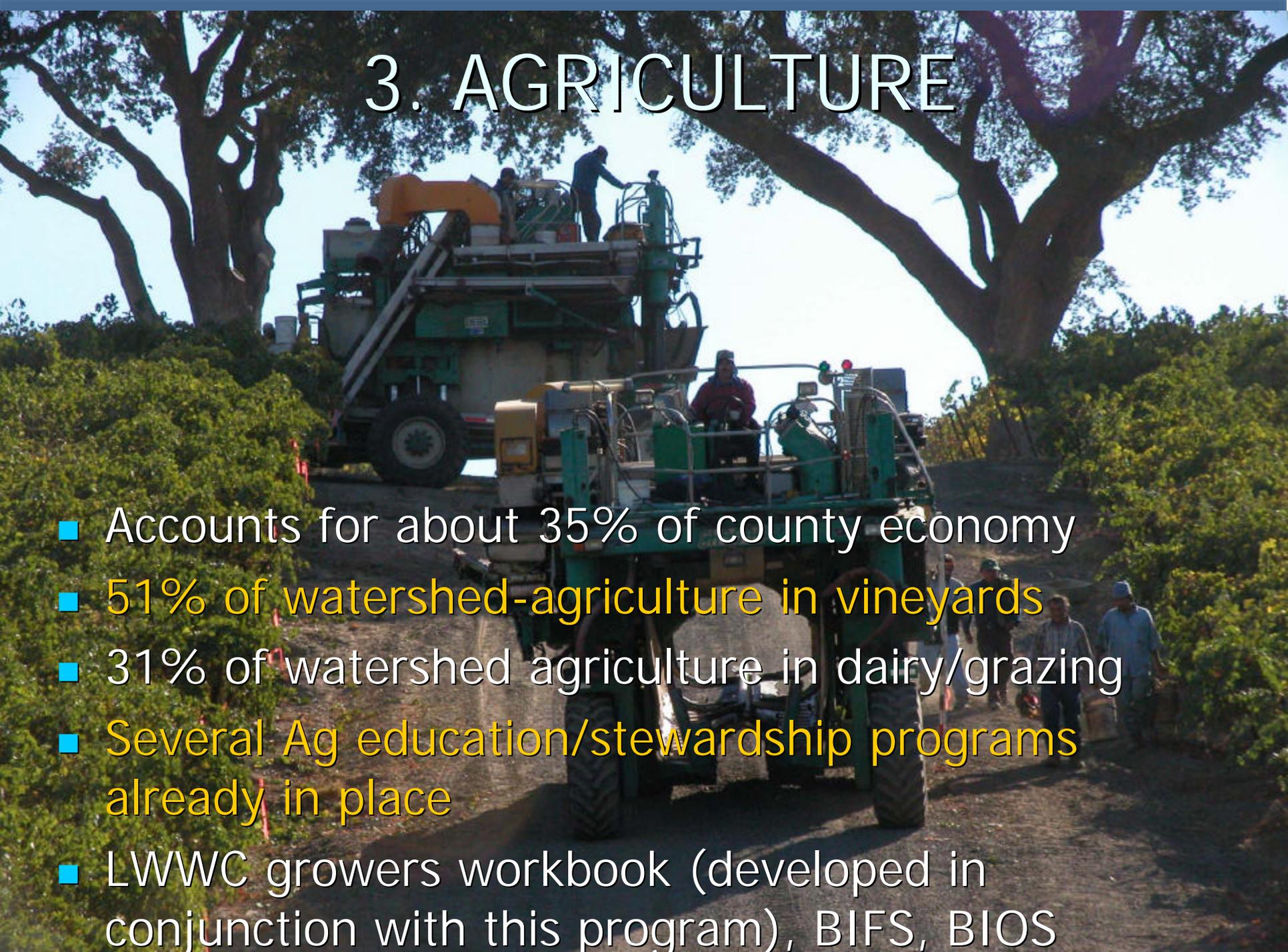


2. RECREATION

- Underutilized resource
- Fishing
- Boating (rafting, canoeing, kayaking, tubing)
- Swimming (Lodi Lake)
- Walking, hiking, jogging, running
- Nature Study



3. AGRICULTURE



- Accounts for about 35% of county economy
- 51% of watershed-agriculture in vineyards
- 31% of watershed agriculture in dairy/grazing
- Several Ag education/stewardship programs already in place
- LWWC growers workbook (developed in conjunction with this program), BIFS, BIOS

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- Maintain and improve quality and quantity of watershed's biological resources
- Encourage conservation and habitat preservation
- Work to support/complement programs already in place

5. WATER QUALITY

- Currently designated impaired for copper, zinc, and aluminum (mostly runoff from abandoned Penn mine)
- Gaps in monitoring stations and measurements
- Use internally and externally developed education programs
- Get involved in TMDL planning

6. FLOOD MANAGEMENT

- Camanche and Pardee Dams
- Minor flooding of adjacent farmland at 3,000 cfs (through Camanche)
- Major flooding at 5,000 cfs ('69, '70, '86, '97, '06)
- Facilitate debris redistribution
- Get water release information to landowners including an early warning system
- Consider flood management in restoration projects

7. CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Use CR to promote economic development
- Conservation and restoration of cultural resources within open spaces
- Promote restoration program that use native plants (i.e. USDA NRCS Vegetation Restoration Program)
- Take advantage of PMC in Lockeford

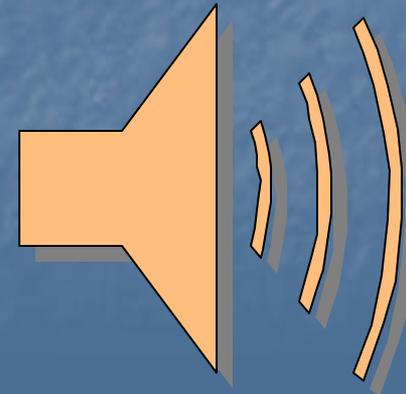
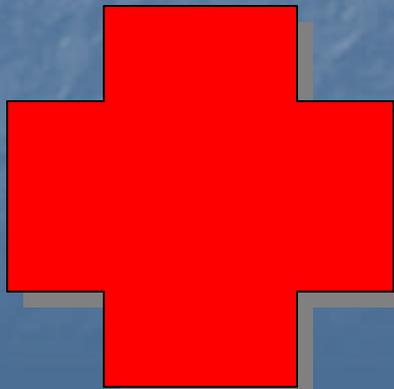
8. ECONOMICS

- Support economic development that promote watershed resources while enhancing and preserving them
- Eco-Tourism events
- Agro-Tourism



9. Emergency Services and Fire Prevention

- Special Training and equipment for swift water rescues
- Address fire prevention issues with stakeholders





SJC RCD received a grant to ID stakeholders

Grant to fund a watershed coordinator- John Brodie

Since 2002, the committee has been implementing the Plan through a series of grants totaling over \$ 3,000,000

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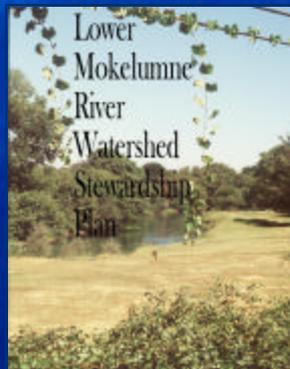
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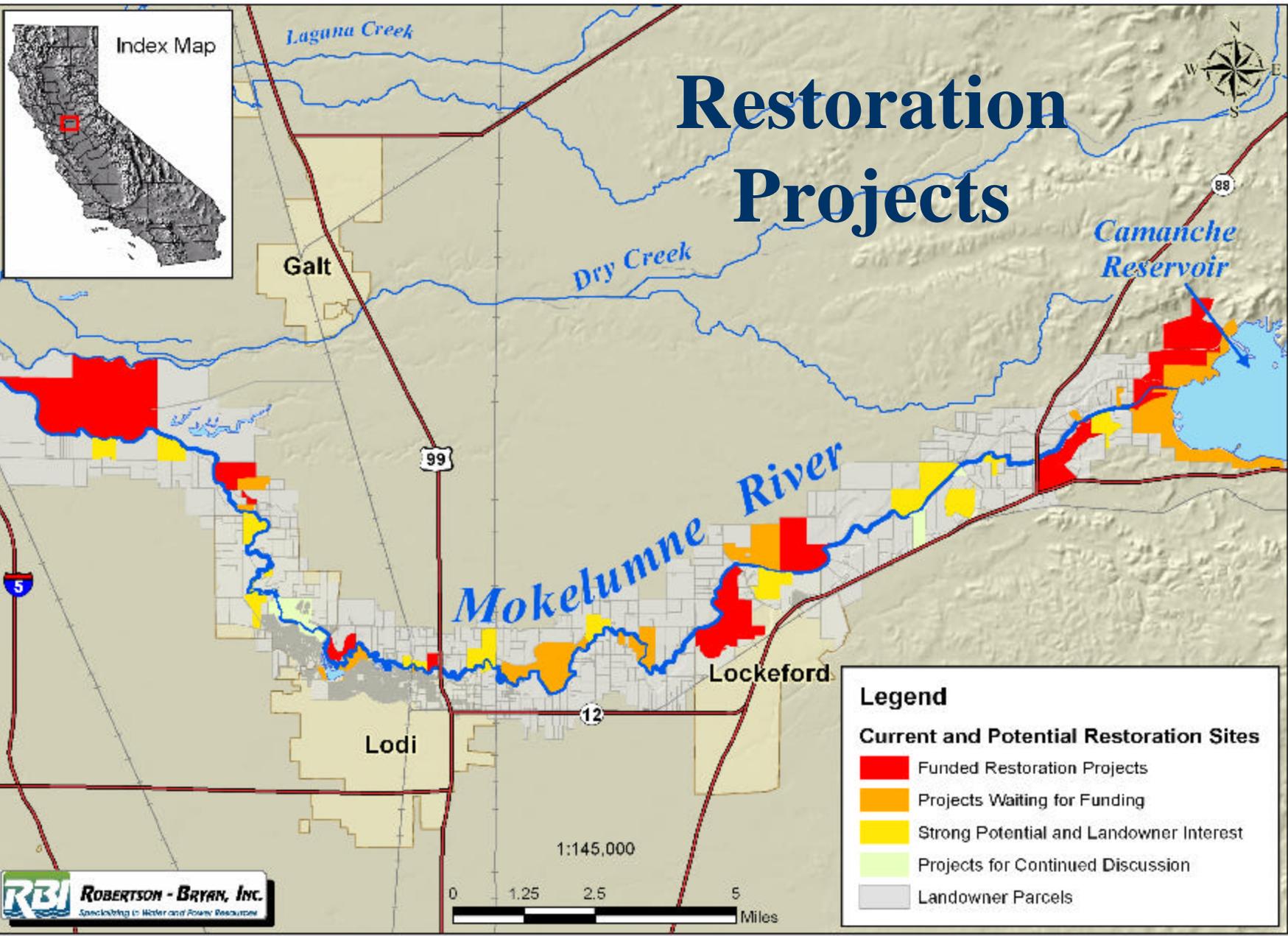
Grant to write the Lower Mokelumne Watershed Stewardship Plan- Our guideline for future work



The committee added the Restoration Element to the Plan



Restoration Projects



Legend

Current and Potential Restoration Sites

- Funded Restoration Projects
- Projects Waiting for Funding
- Strong Potential and Landowner Interest
- Projects for Continued Discussion
- Landowner Parcels

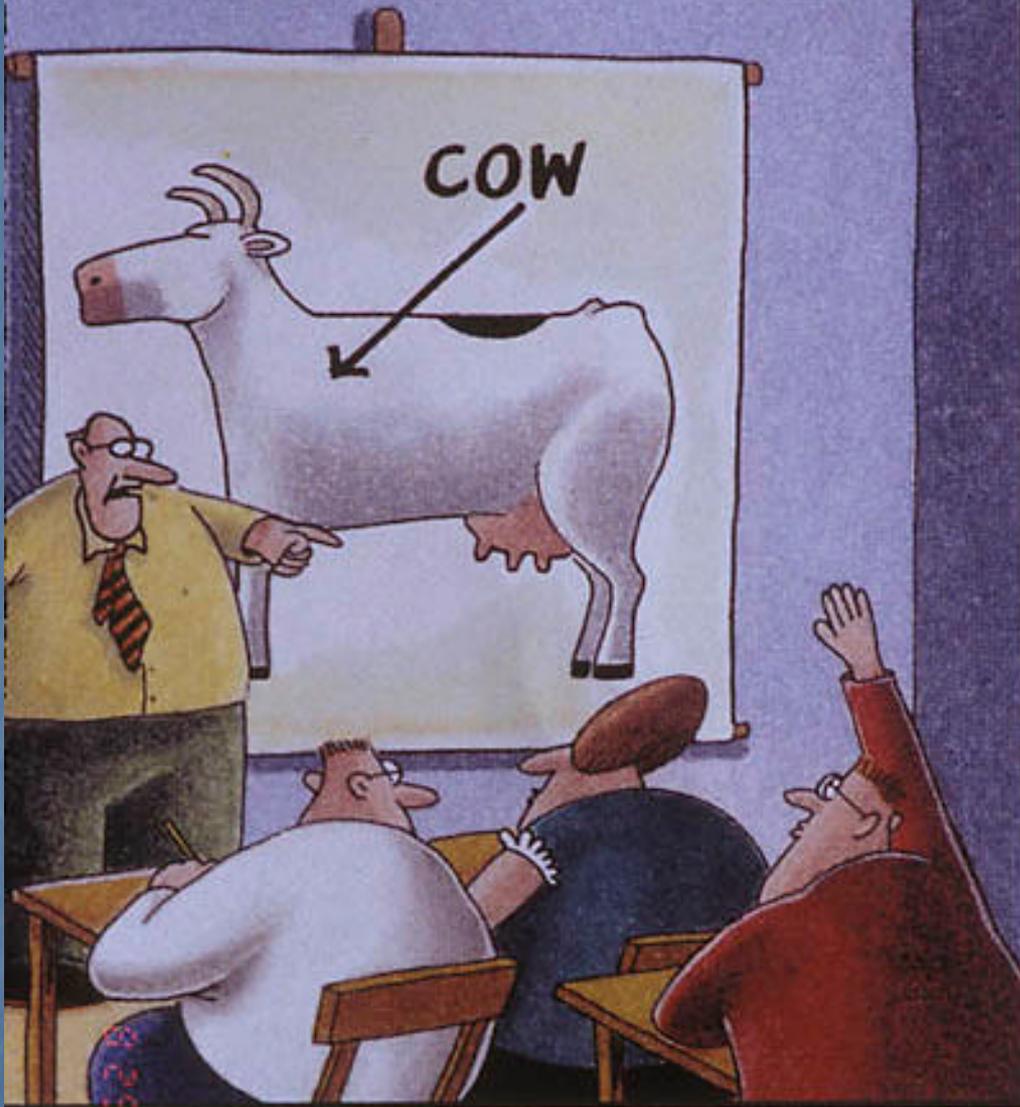
Future

- Address the other 7 the elements
- Add a Sustainability Element to the Plan
- Help with the successful completion of the new Delta Campus
- Work with the National Park Service to study designating the Mokelumne River as a Recreational Waterway
- Continue working closely with the city to strengthen the Storm Drain Detectives program and other public outreach programs
- Conduct workshops with the Homeowner's Manual
- Assist Lodi in getting Certified as a Sustainable Community (first in CA) by Audubon International
- We've submitted a concept proposal to CALFED that includes funding for city projects.

Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan > \$3,140,000

- Over the last 8 years, the City of Lodi has had tremendous influence on the Watershed Stewardship Plan and has received funding for numerous projects.
- However, we have never had an official City Council appointed representative.
- All watershed residents have a shared interest in the Mokelumne River because it is one of our greatest, yet underutilized assets and we as a committee would like to find ways in which we can all work together to strengthen that asset.

Larson



Questions?

www.sjcrcd.org

"Yes ... I believe there's a question in the back."