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Scott River Watershed Coordinated Resource Management (CRMP) Council

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CRMP, a process for all

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Many people give lip service to the idea of community and working together for a common end. If everyone were asked just what the ideal community, socially, economically, and environmentally, would be like, the response probably would not differ much from one individual to another. The real differences often occur when the question is asked, "How do we get there?"

In the Scott Valley's history there are some fine examples of cooperative community efforts to address issues. One of the most outstanding is the Scott Valley Plan which was the result of many volunteer hours by a large group of concerned citizens in the early 1970s. That plan stands today as the basis for the Scott Valley's zoning ordinance.

The Scott River Watershed CRMP is another such effort to develop and apply community vision, in this case in resource management and restoration. One should not lose sight of the fact that the CRMP is not a group of individuals, it is a *process* - that of achieving a *consensus*. There is a group of devoted people who form the CRMP council and participate in the process, but it is the process which

allows them to reach an end. It is a difficult one. The individual needs to be able to look beyond his or her individual interests to seek the good of the whole.

Some people find the process cumbersome and frustrating. Others find it titillating. It is both. It does require more patience than many people have. Those who stick with it enjoy the challenge of finding consensus among diverse views. Those who don't, often walk off in disgust.

The group of people who participate in this process in the Scott River watershed deserve a great deal of credit for their perseverance and dedication. Their efforts have brought positive recognition by federal agencies listing species under the Endangered Species Act who see the restoration efforts as evidence of local cooperation. The catch phrase in many requests for proposals for funding projects is "cooperative, community-based". Without the CRMP, these funds for restoration would be



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unavailable to our community. The Siskiyou Resources Conservation District (RCD) deserves the credit for recognizing that need in 1992, when CRMP was founded.

In addressing the Constitutional Convention in June of 1787, Benjamin Franklin explained how the process must work: "We are here to consult, not to contend, with each other; and declarations of fixed opinion, and of determined resolution never to change it, neither enlighten nor convince us...harmony and union are extremely necessary to give weight to our councils and render them effectual in promoting and securing the common good."

The consensus process would be well used in many other aspects of our community. The difficulties within the community often occur because there is not enough communication among the parties involved and folks are unwilling to listen to each other with their hearts. Everyone can and does make false assumptions about each other without the mechanisms in place which facilitate communication. Although the process of making consensus decisions is long and grueling, every minute is worth it. In the end, the "community" wins.

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**SCOTT RIVER WATERSHED CRMP COUNCIL
(Coordinated Resource Management Planning)**

Final Report for the Period 12/96 - 12/97

The Scott River Watershed CRMP Council (formerly "committee") represents the community of the Scott River Watershed. The group, whose members represent landowners, agencies, and interest groups, seeks to solve some of the local natural resource problems through the consensus process.

Because of the listing of the coho salmon and the imminent listing of the steelhead as threatened species by the National Marine Fisheries Service, the CRMP has taken a particularly proactive approach in the construction of fish screens and implementation of other projects which improve the habitat of these species. The Council is prioritizing projects using their plans and "Strategy for Guiding Project Development and Selection". Monthly meetings provide a forum for all viewpoints to be shared and a springboard for cooperative actions to take place.

The CRMP Council is sponsored by the Siskiyou Resource Conservation District (RCD) and its operations are funded by the Klamath Fisheries Restoration Program under a cooperative agreement with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as by *For Sake of the Salmon*, who provided half of the coordinator's salary and support materials for 1997.

BACKGROUND

The first "official" CRMP meeting was held on September 3, 1992 with monthly meetings held since then. This is the third *Final Report* submitted to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The first *Final Report* covered two funding years FY 1993 and FY 1994 with an actual time span of three years, 9/92 - 9/95. The second report covered the period from October 1995 to December 1996. This report covers the period from December 1996 to December 1997. Background of the CRMP from its inception can be found in the first two *Final Reports*. This report starts where the second left off and continues through the end of 1997.

ORGANIZATION & PROCESS

Membership

The CRMP Council is officially made up of 18 voting members (see list section #1) of whom only 13 are presently active, attending and voting regularly. Some of the inactive members maintain their interest by attending occasional meetings and educational events. The Bylaws Committee in their draft bylaws, presently being reviewed and edited by the CRMP committee, proposes a process for dealing with the official membership. It is

important to the CRMP that all interested parties be represented. The CRMP will be actively seeking other parties interested in membership in 1998 as per the *Five-Year Work Plan*.

The technical advisors to the CRMP, local staff of state and federal resource agencies, continue to attend regularly and assist in subcommittee efforts.

Meetings

The regular meetings of the full CRMP Council are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7PM alternately at the United Methodist Church in Etna and the Community Center in Ft. Jones. Three extra meetings, specifically for the purpose of prioritizing projects, have been held in 1997.

Usually a publicized, educational portion of the meeting precedes the business. Meetings are open to the public. Agendas are prepared ahead of time with input from all CRMP members and the executive committee. Concise minutes are prepared by the CRMP Project Manager and approved by the membership.

From July 1994 to February 1997 meetings were facilitated to help the consensus process reap results while minimizing unproductive conflict. Since February 1997, the Council's chair and vice-chair have conducted the meetings without the help of a facilitator. This change marks a big step in the growth of the CRMP Council as a working group. The group is very appreciative of the efforts of Freda Walker, the facilitator who helped them through times of conflict and taught them how to deal with it.

CRMP Staff

Three part-time people and one full-time person provide the staffing for the CRMP. The CRMP Project Manager oversees the CRMP's administrative and budget needs and is also the Siskiyou RCD's District Manager. Carolyn Pimentel has held this position since December 1996.

The CRMP (Program) Coordinator is responsible for "moving the vision of the CRMP" by means of a variety of tasks and strategies (See Section # 1 for description of job tasks). Jennifer Davis Marx has held this position since February 1996. The position was full-time in 1997 with additional funding acquired from *For Sake of the Salmon*.

One of the CRMP's Project Coordinators has been Gary Black since May 1995. His task is to coordinate CRMP project implementation. Gary's position is funded by the Siskiyou RCD and RCD/CRMP sponsored projects.

As of April 1997, Lorrie Morrison Bundy was hired by the RCD as another part-time Project Coordinator because of the increased in project load. Lorrie, because of her degree in engineering, complements Gary's skills well for the purpose of implementing projects.

Subcommittees

The CRMP has continued to use subcommittees for roll-up-the-sleeves work which requires particular expertise and attention to detail. An update of the committees and their work follows:

Water: The Water Committee, which has met four times this year is in the process of reviewing and revising the *Fall Flows Action Plan*. The final version should be approved by the February 1998 meeting.

Upland Vegetation Management: The Upland Committee has met probably seven times in 1997 and has drafted a plan which has not yet been finalized for consideration of the full Council. Hopefully, the Upland Committee meeting on January 12, 1998 will produce the draft for the Council to review.

Fisheries/Riparian/Habitat: This committee has succeeded in producing the 1997 revision of the *Fish Population and Habitat Plan* which was approved by the Council in the December 1997 meeting. (See Section #2)

Agriculture : The Agriculture Committee has not been as active in 1997 as in the previous year. They are in the process of revising the *Agriculture Action Plan* for full Council approval in February.

Bylaws: In nearly every Council meeting the group reviews a section of the draft Bylaws. The process has been a very slow one which seems to remain on the back burner. No one seems too worried about its final approval. Reviewing the draft at each meeting provides an on-going forum on group process a reminder to all on how to proceed in a positive direction.

Landowner Process: This committee has disbanded as the Landowner Outreach Process they developed has been approved and adopted by the CRMP (See Section #3). This document provides the protocol for the establishment of subwatershed landowner groups.

Monitoring Committee: This important group is in the process of developing a monitoring strategy for the Scott River Watershed and for RCD/CRMP projects. Although no strategy has been finalized, they have provided input for a monitoring program submitted to the CA Department of Fish and Game for funding.

Plan Committee: This group in six meetings has drafted and has had approved the *Five Year Work Plan* (See Section #2) which specifies quantities and a timeline for the goals and objectives of the other plans. In addition, they are providing input for the Coordinator in the consolidation of all the CRMP plans into one action plan which will be in the format approved by the Subbasin Strategic Planning Committee, sub-committee of the Technical Work Group of the Klamath Basin Fisheries Task Force.

EDUCATION

Educational news articles: See Section #4.

Fair Booth: The 1997 Siskiyou County Fair display, done in conjunction with the Shasta Valley RCD, included informative handouts, maps, pictures of projects, and a cute farmer(dummy) laying on hay bales having "Conservation Dreams" in accordance with the fair's theme. The booth won a **blue ribbon** in its category.

Invited Speakers:

The following list of speakers addressed the public/CRMP in regular meetings:

1. Flood Forum Panel - Jay Power, USFS; Kay Bryan, County Supervisor; Jennifer Foster, NRCS; Brent Wallace, County Administrator

Addressed a crowd of about 50 people. Spoke mostly on what actual damage had been done and on flood assistance programs.

2. Marc Prevost, Director of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments and Robert Horton, PhD, Technical Writer/Analyst spoke about the Southwest Oregon Salmon Restoration Initiative. The CRMP was very interested in there plan as was Subbasin Strategic Planning Committee. Portions of the Oregon plan have been incorporated into the Klamath Basin Format for Subbasin Plans.

3. Steve Orloff, UC Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor - Report on preliminary results of program Assessing Alfalfa and Pasture Irrigation Needs in Scott Valley

4. Jim Vancura, Ore-Cal RC&D - What is the Ore-Cal RC&D and funding opportunities for CRMP using the RC&D's 501c3 status

5. Bill Hoy, Siskiyou County Supervisor, District 3 and member of the State Water Quality Control Board - Coho and Water Related Issues affecting Siskiyou County.

6. Tom Reichert, KNF Hydrologist; Leslie Burkhart, KNF; Jim Davis, KNF; Jeff Keiser, KNF; Tom Reid, USFWS - spoke and answered questions on the Callahan Watershed Analysis.

7. Andrew Eller, Cal-Forest - slide show and report on the CRMP planting program on the mainstem Scott.

8. Mike Belchik, Chair of the Technical Work Group of the Klamath Fisheries Task Force/ Klamath River Watershed Flow Studies (IFIM) and the Scott River CRMP's role.

Newsletters: Two newsletters were published in 1997, one in January and one in July (See Section #4) They were both mailed to over 200 people and left in places of business for interested community people to pick up.

Workshops:

Klamath Basin Restoration and Management Conference March 11,12, and 13, 1997

The CRMP Coordinator participated in the planning, organization, presentation, and facilitation of the *Klamath Basin Restoration and Management Conference* held in Yreka. The Scott River Watershed CRMP was one of many sponsors of the conference and offered a tour of Scott River Projects which was attended by over 30 people. See Section #4 for agendas.

What's Going on Upstream? October 16, 1997

The workshop/field trip entitled *What's Going On Upstream?* was held at the Scott Valley Grange on October 16, 1997. It was attended by nearly 70 people. The speakers were of particularly high caliber and the focus on the Shackleford/Mill area provided an especially effective message: the importance of the whole watershed top to bottom in management of resources. All but one of the speakers was able to look the area over prior to the workshop and field trip. See Section #4 for agendas and articles.

Tours: The CRMP has shown its projects to many interested individuals and groups including National Marine Fisheries Service representatives, a representative of the UC Davis Sustainable Agriculture and Research Education Program (SAREP) representative, the large group from the Klamath Basin Conference, two representatives of the State Water Quality Control Board and Task Force members.

Landowner Outreach

As part of the *Landowner Outreach Process*, the CRMP is seeking the establishment of subwatershed groups to help bring the resource management process yet closer to those who make it happen on the ground (See Section #3).

The **Shackleford/Mill Landowner Group** has been meeting regularly under the facilitation of the CRMP Coordinator. Although they have not yet established a formal administration or a plan, they have followed the first three steps of the CRMP's Landowner Outreach Process.

The CRMP Coordinator has also helped out with the facilitation of the **Moffett Creek Landowner Group** because they were seeking assistance from the RCD, although at this point, they are not considered by the CRMP a priority area.

PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION

Goals and Objectives

The Long Term Goal of the CRMP is to "Seek coordinated resource management in the Scott River watershed which will produce and maintain a healthy and productive watershed and community".

Each of the following plans has its own short term goals and objectives. These are too numerous to be listed here but can be read in each of the plans.

Watershed Planning

In 1997, as much as any year, planning has been the primary focus of the CRMP. Planning is, after all, the purpose of the CRMP Council.

Processes

The CRMP established two processes this year, one for endorsement of proposals of outside organizations or individuals, another for Landowner Outreach (See Section #3)

Plans (See Section #2)

The Fish Committee has produced and the CRMP has approved the 1997 *Fish Population and Habitat Plan*, an updated and revised version of the 1995 plan of the same name.

The Plan Committee has produced and the CRMP has endorsed a *Five-Year Work Plan* in order to quantify and chronicle the goals and objectives of the CRMP's *Fish, Water, AG, and Upland Plans*. This plan is to be updated once a year.

The Upland Committee, after four years of stalemate has succeeded in drafting an *Upland Plan* which will go to the Council for endorsement in February 1998.

The updated and revised version of *Water Plan* has left committee and is waiting for some requested information for updating. The staff is in the process of seeking the necessary information.

The *Ag Plan* will be updated by February 1998 also.

The biggest of the planning hurdles will be the consolidation of the many Scott River Watershed plans into one Scott River Watershed Action Plan, and adapted to the Klamath Basin Format for Subbasin Plans. The Coordinator will have completed that task by March, barring any unforeseen obstacles.

Funded Projects and their Status

A great number and variety of projects have been funded and some implemented for the 1997 and 1998 funding years, a total of \$457,815 worth.

A complete list of projects and their status can be found in section #5.

The CRMP is in the process of proposing more projects for the 1998 funding year as the RFP dates for some sources have been moved up.

CRMP Administrative Funding (See Budget Summary Section #6)

The RCD obtained \$39,006 from the Klamath Fisheries Task Force for CRMP's fifth funding cycle which is just beginning. The CRMP VI cycle was recently approved for \$34,322. The first two years' funding, CRMP I and II lasted for three years. The CRMP III funding lasted 15 months mostly due to the fact that no CRMP coordinator was on staff for four months. The CRMP IV funding lasted just twelve months.

The CRMP Coordinator obtained needed additional funding for the 1997 funding year from *For Sake of the Salmon* (\$23,331) specifically to make the Coordinator's position full-time, but there is no guarantee that it will continue for 1998 because of changes in the wording of federal laws which affected how those funds are used.

CONCLUSION

The year 1997 has been one of great growth, particularly in functionality for the CRMP, in its committees, and in the outreach process. The monitoring and planning committees are indicative of that growth. The subwatershed landowner groups are indicative of the expanded outreach process. The success of the workshops and high attendance are further proof of successful education efforts.

Also, projects have expanded in number and exigency of implementation skills, as for fish screen construction and installation. The Project Coordinators have also been continually challenged by agency coordination and regulations due to worry over the listing of coho salmon. Since the RCD is designing their own fish screens now, much more of the responsibility resides with the RCD/CRMP for the efficacy of implementation.

The CRMP reflects the over-all necessity of the local community to take responsibility for the management of local resources. This group deserves a lot of credit for the continual growth and dedication they have demonstrated since 1992.