

**TULARE BASIN WORKING GROUP
AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 28, 2011 MEETING
NRCS – 3530 W. Orchard Ct., Visalia
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

Facilitator: Larry Saslaw, BLM-Bakersfield

1. Welcome and Introductions (1:00 – 1:05)
2. Finding a sustainable water supply/sustainable water supply funding for 25,000 acres of pre-existing NRCS WRP easements in South Valley; Review of NRCS habitat programs – *Karl Kraft (NRCS), Jesse Bahm (NRCS)* (1:05 – 1:20) **ty 11/1**
2. Tulare Basin Wetland and Riparian Water Supply Needs (February 16, 2010 statement - *attached*) revived in context of Tulare Basin Watershed Initiative – *Steve Laymon (BLM)* (1:20 – 1:30) – **ty 11/2**
3. Treating City of Delano wastewater for duck club use – *Derek Mynear (DU)* (1:30– 1:40) sent note/apology - **need tour information 11/1**
4. Solar power and wetland water supply – *John McCaull/Kris Tjernell (Conservation Strategy Group); Steve Laymon (BLM), Larry Saslaw (BLM)* (1:40 – 1:55) **ty 11/2**
- 4a. UC Merced update re:UC Natural Reserve Field Station at Atwell Island (“Tulare Basin Natural Reserve Research Station”), *Armando Quintero (UC Merced)*(1:55 – 2:00) **ty 11/1**
5. Presentation on the Tulare Lake Basin Data Collaborative – a water data collection project as a result of A.B. 303 and DAC funding for Tulare County – *Mike Hickey (Tulare County GIS)* (2:00 – 2:15) **ty 11/1**
- Break (2:15 – 2:20) -
6. Tulare Basin Watershed Coordinator update – *Kathy Wood (Watershed Coordinator)* (2:20 – 2:40) **ty 11/2**
7. Tulare Basin Watershed Initiative website – *Niki Woodard (TBWP, Spiral-PR)* (2:40 – 2:50) – **ty 11/2**
8. Greenprint update -- *Clark Thompson (Fresno COG)* (2:50 – 3:05) **ty 11/2**
9. CSG update: a brief review of water and land use legislative passed and signed by Gov. as of Sept. 30, and prospects for Water Bond in 2012 – *Tasha Newman/Kris Tjernell (Conservation Strategy Group)* (3:05 – 3:20) **ty 11/2**

10. High Speed Rail Draft EIR comments (letter attached)- *Steve Laymon (BLM), Rob Hansen (TBWP)* (3:20 – 3:35) – **ty 11/2**

11. CVJV's Foothill ring planning effort project update – *Ruth Ostroff (CVJV)* 3:35-3:45 – **TY 11/2**

12. CVJV update re: 2012 funding prospects for NAWCA, NABCI, CVJV & Migratory Bird programs – *Ruth Ostroff (CVJV)* (3:45 – 3:55)

13. Round of agency/NGO updates (3:55 – 4:15)

14. Spring tour of DU sites - *Derek Mynear (DU)* (4:15 – 4:20) – **11/1**

15. Announcements (4:20 – 4:30)

Upcoming TBWG meeting dates: April 27, 2012 (including tour of selected DU and CWA NAWCA-funded wetland restoration sites in Tulare Basin); October 26, 2012 (at NRCS-Visalia).