



Tulare Basin Working Group

When: April 27, 2012, 9 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

What: Celebration of Waterfowl and Migratory Bird Stewardship, Habitat Restoration, and Integrated Resource Management in Tulare Basin

Tour: 9 a.m. meet at the Los Alamos Duck Club (12695 Gun Club Road, Wasco, CA 93280; phone 661-747-8581 cell to reach Tom Stanton, host) (*Please rely on Google Maps for directions from your location.*)

9:05 a.m. Coffee, donuts and welcome by Tom Stanton, Tulare Basin Wetlands Association (TBWA) and Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners (TBWP) on behalf of the TBWA and TBWP Boards of Directors

9:10 a.m. Load into three 12-passenger Classic Status vans sponsored by Central Valley Joint Venture; self-introductions. Jacob Byers will drive Kern NWR Suburban if necessary to accommodate any unexpected passengers. Radios will be provided for the van hosts, who will direct the van drivers. Coffee and water will be available on the vans. Host for van 1: Chris Hildebrandt, Ducks Unlimited; host for van 2: Jonathan Pickett, California Waterfowl Association; host for van 3: Rob Hansen, TBWP president. *Please bring snacks to share.*

(1) 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. tour Rancho Visalia (Ducks Unlimited NAWCA and Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners in Fish & Wildlife Partners project) – Chris Hildebrandt, DU (lead in van 1)

(2) 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. tour Widgeon Duck Club (California Waterfowl Association NAWCA project) – Jonathan Pickett, CWA (lead in van 2)

(3) 11:15 – 12 noon tour El Cinco and Los Alamos Duck Clubs (NAWCA projects, possible tri-colored colony at Los Alamos) - Rob Hansen, lead in van 3, with Tom Stanton

Lunch: 12 – 12:30 p.m. hosted by TBWA at Los Alamos Duck Club (Tom Stanton, Pat Marchbanks)

Meeting agenda: 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. at Los Alamos Duck Club meeting room

Facilitator: Larry Saslaw, retired BLM Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, TBWP Advisor

(1) 12:30 – 12:35 p.m. Welcome (Larry Saslaw and Rob Hansen, TBWP President): Special recognition and thank you to Jack Thomson, Los Alamos Duck Club President; Mike Unser, Rancho Visalia Duck Club

President; Fran Burgess, Widgeon Duck Club President; Jeff Thomson and Tom Stanton, TBWA leadership and TBWP Board members; and Pat Marchbanks, TBWA

(2) 12:35 – 12:40 p.m. Self-introductions

(3) 12:40 - 12:50 p.m. Central Valley Joint Venture update, federal funding updates, other program updates – Bob Shaffer, Ruth Ostroff, Greg Yarris

(4) 12:50 – 1:10 p.m. Goose Lake Habitat Protection, update re: CVP – CP grant to TBWP, discussion of other potential Goose Lake opportunities -- Dan Strait, Scott Frazer, Chris Hildebrandt, Carole Combs, Rob Hansen, Larry Saslaw, all

(5) 1:10 – 1:20 p.m. Ducks Unlimited Wetland Restoration Projects and Plans in Tulare Basin – Chris Hildebrandt and Derek Mynear

(6) 1:20 – 1:30 p.m. California Waterfowl Association Wetland Restoration Projects and Plans in Tulare Basin – Jonathan Pickett

(7) 1:30 – 1:40 p.m. Kern NWR easement program update, Partners in Fish & Wildlife Program update – Scott Frazer, Jacob Byers

(8) 1:40 – 1:50 p.m. BLM Atwell Island Project update, other BLM program updates - Steve Larson

(9) 1:50 – 2:00 p.m. Elizabeth Palmer, NRCS Declining Species Initiative, other NRCS program and funding updates

2:00 – 2:10 p.m. Ten-minute Break!

(10) 2:10 – 2:20 p.m. Keiller Kyle, CA Audubon Tulare Basin projects and programs update

(11) 2:20 – 2:30 p.m., Julie Rentner, River Partners Central Valley Program overview

(12) 2:30 – 2:40 p.m. John Shelton, CA Department of Fish and Game, CA Wildlife Action Plan Update, other CA DF&G - partners project updates

(13) 2:40 – 2:50 p.m. Kathy Wood and Niki Woodard, Tulare Basin Watershed Initiative annual report

(14) 2:50 – 3:00 p.m. Kris Tjernell, Conservation Strategy Group, CA Water Bond update, selected highest priority state legislative initiatives

(15) 3:00 – 3:05 p.m. Skip Moss, TWS SJV Chapter announcements

(16) 3:05 – 3:10 p.m. Other participant announcements

(17) 3:15 p.m. Larry Saslaw, action items, wrap up, adjourn. Next meeting at NRCS Visalia October 26, 2012.