

South Yuba River Planning Public Meeting Summary

December 3, 2003- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

The meeting began with a review of the agreement terms and an explanation of the previous meeting's visioning process. Eight draft vision statements were developed. From those statements, the group selected one to be the framework to build from. Each sentence was discussed and voted on. A final vision statement is nearly complete.

The South Yuba River Management Plan Vision statement is, thus far:

Sentence 1:

The public lands along the Wild and Scenic South Yuba will continue to provide an enjoyable experience for the general public and will continue to contribute to the quality of life of the local community.

Vote taken: Agreement reached.

Sentence 2:

In keeping with the Wild and Scenic status, the public lands along the South Yuba will be managed for present and future use to preserve and protect cultural resources, both prehistoric and historic, and maintain scenic, recreation and habitat values.

Vote taken: Total Consensus

Sentence 3:

The South Yuba will be managed in a fashion that balances human and ecological needs through a partnership between the BLM, State Parks, USFS, Nevada County, other agencies, landowners, businesses, the community, and recreational users and will create and sustain community involvement in the stewardship of the South Yuba.

Vote taken: Agreement reached.

Sentence 4:

The different terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and wildlife corridors found on the public lands will be protected, enhanced, and restored to be sustainable, stable, fire-safe, healthy, and diverse.

Vote taken: Agreement reached.

Sentence 5:

Reasonable public access to the river via the public lands will accommodate a wide range of recreation uses from easy access to remote river experiences while minimizing human impacts.

Vote taken: Agreement reached

Sentence 6:

The public lands will be managed in a way that respects and protects private property rights and balances competing uses.

Vote taken: Total consensus

Sentence 7:

Valued aspects of public land management will be environmental education and volunteerism.

Vote taken : Agreement reached

Sentence 8:

We commit to improving water quality and flows to provide for a full range of native flora and fauna to flourish in a healthy environment while respecting legal interests.

General discussion of Sentence 8 continued to Jan. 6th meeting.

The participants took a vote and reached agreement to note:

All sentences within the vision statement are equal regardless of where they are located.

The draft Vision Statement in its composite form:

The public lands along the Wild and Scenic South Yuba will continue to provide an enjoyable experience for the general public and will continue to contribute to the quality of life of the local community.

In keeping with the Wild and Scenic status, public lands along the South Yuba will be managed for present and future use to; 1) preserve and protect cultural resources, both prehistoric and historic, and 2) maintain scenic, recreation and habitat values.

The South Yuba will be managed in a fashion that balances human and ecological needs through a partnership between the BLM, State Parks, USFS, Nevada County, other agencies, landowners, businesses, the community, and recreational users. It will create and sustain community involvement in the stewardship of the South Yuba.

The various terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and wildlife corridors found on the public lands will be protected, enhanced, and restored to be sustainable, stable, fire-safe, healthy, and diverse.

Reasonable public access to the river via the public lands will accommodate a wide range of recreation uses from easy beach access to remote river experiences while minimizing human impacts.

The public lands will be managed in a way that respects and protects private property rights and balances competing uses.

Valued aspects of public land management will be environmental education and volunteerism.

We commit to improving water quality and flows to provide for a full range of native flora and fauna to flourish in a healthy environment while respecting legal interests.

Eight people were awarded Certificates of Appreciation for attending a minimum of 8 or 80% of the community meetings as verified by the sign-in list. They are:

Pat Davison

Pam Esmon

Bill Cortright

John Mcallister

Robert Ingram

Barbara Rivenes

Don Rivenes

Rory Gotham was acknowledged for having attended all of the public meetings thus far.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 6th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at the L.O.V.E. Building in Grass Valley.