

South Yuba River Planning Public Meeting Summary

November 5, 2003- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

At the previous meeting, the Terms of Agreement were discussed. A passing vote was not obtained and the issue was carried on to this meeting. The meeting began with Jim Eicher discussing the importance of having a high percentage as a basis for agreement. The agency decision makers will take the community's recommendations much more seriously if they know that 80% of the participants supported them. The participants of this meeting were again asked to vote on the Terms of Agreement.

Participants first voted on the previously passed percentage of 80%. The percentage failed by one vote.

Participants then voted on whether 75% should be the agreement threshold. It also failed by one vote.

The third proposal had two components. 75% or more is agreement. If 75% is not reached, then we vote with 75% agreement on whether to stop.

This proposal failed by 4 votes.

The last vote of the evening was to accept the original 80% threshold. The group passed this proposal by 80%.

Therefore, the final threshold for agreement is 80%. The group will always endeavor to achieve total consensus (100%). However, issues will be moved forward with 80% agreement.

The group began the visioning process. The Management Team explained that a vision is a statement of what the community would like the river to look like in the next 20 years and beyond, a desired future condition. The groups should attempt to make the statement less than a page in length. Samples of other vision statements were passed out to the groups. The groups began brainstorming ideas for the vision statement.

At the next meeting, these brainstorming sessions will continue. These ideas will be consolidated in a large group process over the course of the next several meetings.

The next Public Meeting will be held on November 19th at 7:00 pm at the L.O.V.E. Building.