

# COTTONWOOD CREEK AND YOU

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## Annual Meeting and Pot Luck

January 23, 2008

Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group will be holding their Annual Meeting on January 23rd and hosting a pot luck dinner. This will be our 3rd pot luck and those who have been able to attend really enjoy the opportunity to discuss their concerns as well as a chance to visit with one another. Maureen Teubert, our transitional coordinator will be present to meet you. Mark your calendar.

The main course will be meatloaf and will be provided by CCWG, along with the drinks, bread & butter and the disposable table service. Also included will be the dishes you bring.. If your last name begins with A-H, bring a side dish; I-Q brings a dessert and R -Z brings a salad.

Date: January 23rd, Time: 6:15 PM; Location: Cottonwood Community Center.

The Watershed Management Plan has been completed and CD's will be available. A presentation of the activities of 2007, and we will take your requests for 2008 educational meeting/tours.

Call the office 347.6637 if you have questions or need directions.

## Maureen joins CCWG

Maureen is a graduate of Humboldt State University, with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry. After college, she took a job with Pacific Lumber Company (PALCO), in Scotia, California, where she worked in the Science Department doing Aquatics Trends and Water Quality Monitoring for PALCO's Habitat Conservation Plan. After almost five years with PALCO, Maureen accepted a position at an Environmental Engineering & Geology firm, Haling & Associates (H&A), in Chico, California, where she and her husband relocated in December 2006. For nearly a year, Maureen performed groundwater, surface water, and wastewater monitoring for a variety of applications at H&A, but ultimately decided that her experience could be put to better use, so in November 2007 she accepted the Transitional Watershed Coordinator position with the Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group. Maureen and her husband have since relocated and currently reside in Anderson.

She brings tremendous talent and awareness of our watershed needs. Her strengths and familiarity with many complex issues that face watersheds today can only prove to be a winning combination.

## Red Legged Frog Survey

In 2006, CCWG was awarded a grant (one of two in the state) from Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to inventory California Red-legged frog & habitat; also inventory invasive species, particularly *Arundo don ax* and Tamarisk in the watershed. The grant started in the fall of 2006 and completed in the fall of 2007.

The frog inventories and habitat were conducted by Dr. Gary Fellers, United States Geological Survey, on public lands and those private lands where permission to access was granted. One major purpose of the watershed group requesting these funds is that the lower Cottonwood Creek is listed as a core area for the restoration of the California Red-legged frog which is a federally listed species.

CCWG was to select at least three sites that could potentially work in the restoration of the red legged frog in the watershed. The sites selected were based on willing landowners and the absence of bull frogs. The selected sites included recommendations on ways to make the sites successful.

This is a project the watershed group, sub-contractors and the funding agency is very proud of.

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**Mission Statement:** "The Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group will work to preserve the environment, private property and water rights, and economic resources of Cottonwood Creek watershed through responsible stewardship, liaison, cooperation, and education.

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CCWG is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, and Donations are tax deductible.

**Election 2008**-will be somewhat different than the first election held in August 2000. CCWG's by-laws require a nomination committee be appointed 120 days prior to elections. Due to the illness of the previous president and Jan Lopez taking office in October, the nominating committee was late in being appointed, moving the election of directors to the month February. The by-laws also require our "annual Meeting" be held each year on the fourth Wednesday of January, so moving the Annual meeting to February was not an option, and could not be changed. At the pot-luck, a board member will explain the process fully, nominations will be accepted and the date of the election will be announced. If this totally confuses you, call the office or a member of the nominating committee for more details.

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## Clean-Up Day in Cottonwood Creek Watershed.

On Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> some 72 individuals gathered to do clean up work in the Cottonwood Creek drainage. Dumpsters, donated by the Tehama County Green Waste were set at Evergreen Road and Benson Road to receive over 3,000 pounds of trash collected on approximately 11 miles of creek frontage.

The sites that were cleaned included: Pine Creek, a seasonal stream that is off Benson Road with a team of 20; South Fork off Farquhar Road with a team of 17; South Fork at the Evergreen Road with a team of 29; and Crowley Gulch at the Cottonwood Community Center with a team of 6. After the work was done, the Community Center and Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group hosted a BBQ lunch for all the workers to show appreciation for the work done.

Many of the groups that came out included the Rocke Family of 8, Girl Scout Troop 62, Trinity Lutheran Church, Tehama County Young Marines and various landowners within the watershed. Special thanks go to Karen Scheuermann of Roots and Shoots who has been spearheading this clean up for many years.

**Thank You!!!!**

See what's on the flip side!

# CCWG

## Announces Mitigation Library and Invites Participation

Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group has been in business for the past nine years working with willing landowners throughout Shasta and Tehama County who wish to conserve and restore natural resources. This year we are announcing the opening of our Cottonwood Creek Watershed Mitigation Library!

Development projects and public works are often proposed in areas containing sensitive habitats, including ephemeral, intermittent streams, riparian corridors and oak woodlands. It is preferable to avoid such sensitive resources in the location of such public works and development projects.

This project library will be available at our office as a source of mitigation projects to consultants, developers and landowners. The library can also be used to mitigate for general and individual permit actions.

We invite you to participate in developing the project library of various types of mitigation projects in Shasta and Tehama County

### News from the Past

An excerpt from Dottie Smiths book, History of Cottonwood Now and Then.

#### 1852...Cottonwood's Major Industries.....

- #1: Gold Mining.
- #2: Lumbering- logs were floated down the Sacramento River to the major cities.
- #3: Farming.

Steven Lane established a combination tavern, general merchandise store, and an inn on the south side of Cottonwood Creek beside the Red Bluff-Shasta Road.

### Educational speakers and tours- 2008

Suggestions for tours are one in the Upper watershed, and one in the lower watershed. Each would provide speakers who would be able to address issues pertinent to the area, and a box or BBQ lunch.

Chris Wilkerson, DWR would like to come and address the spring run in Beegum.

Additional speaker or topic suggestions will be taken at the Annual meeting or just give us a call, we need four or five more.

## Tax deductible donations received by CCWG

CCWG is a 501-(c) 3 non profit organization and the contributions made are tax deductible.

We take this space to thank the special businesses and individuals who have made contributions to CCWG.

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| Phoenix Spa     | Lawrence & Associates |
| Dragon Fly      | Avilla Ranch          |
| Craig's Tractor | Axner Excavating      |
| Dan Pearson     | Chuck Lema            |
| Mike McGuire    | Bill Williams         |
| Dee Swearingen  | Tom Harrington        |
| Lon Currey      | Henry Lopez           |

### Grocery stores that provided gift cards for the clean up BBQ

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| Wal-Mart       | Costco   | Raley's     |
| Holiday Market | Food Max | Safeway (2) |
| Grocery Outlet |          |             |

## CCWG Board of Directors & Staff

- Jan Lopez, President..... 396-2685
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### Stakeholder's Meeting Schedule:

When: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:15 pm  
Where: Cottonwood Community Center  
20595 Gas Point Road, Cottonwood, CA 96022

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| January 23  | June 25      |
| February 27 | July 23      |
| March 26    | August 27    |
| April 23    | September 24 |
| May 28      | October 22   |

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This newsletter was brought to you by the Cottonwood Creek Watershed Group. If you would like to participate in the group, or have questions, please give us a call. Volunteer help is always appreciated as are donations.