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Subject: Council Staff Updates

Date: July 20th, 2017

From: Mark Lancaster, Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No Action Necessary

Beginning in May we again hired interns for the summer. Last year's interns Daniel Hill and Carly Miller returned for approximately one month before leaving in June for New Zealand. Ben Harper arrived in June and will work into August. Daniel, Carly and Ben are all attending U.C. Berkeley.

We hired Oliver Rogers as an intern/engineering technician. Oliver is graduating from Humboldt State University this fall in Environmental Resources Engineering and is working on several project designs. The Children's Garden Project geared up with three part-time coordinators (Chanda Johnson (Weaverville Garden), Jamie Curry (Hayfork Garden) and Elizabeth Sandoval assumed management coordination. David returned to full time after completing an exhausting year as Foreman for the Trinity County Grand Jury.

In May ~30% of the office area was sublet to a business and staff reduced, recycled, compressed, and tossed stuff to make the transition work.

The following is a summary of Work Elements for April 2017 through June 2017:

Del Norte:

- Completed the Big Flat Road NEPA with the publishing of the Decision Notice.
- Closed the Smith River Alliance agreement for the rezone from TPZ for the Rock Creek Ranch Project.

Humboldt County:

No work in the reporting period.

Mendocino County:

- Conducted site reviews and worked on design plans for the Ryan Creek Floodplain Restoration Project

Siskiyou County:

- Completed a rapid road damage assessment and repair appraisal for EcoTrust Forestry Inc. in the Scott River watershed.
- Cascade Streams Solutions completed 90% design for Little Springs Creek Fish Passage Project

Trinity County:

- Closed out an agreement for Clean Up and Abatement Order and CDFG violations for a marijuana operation in the Douglas City area.
- Completed first year post project physical and biological monitoring of the Sharber Creek Fish Passage Project. The project Phase I was completed in December 2016 and fish surveys in June 2017 documented over 850 coho in the project area and upstream- the highest number observed since sampling began.
- Continued to implement Weaver Creek Private Roads Inventory.
- Laid out the Oregon Street and Valdor Roads Sediment Reduction/Drainage Upgrade Projects including filing of Categorical Exemptions and submission of 1600 agreements.
- Completed NEPA and 1600 application for Weaver Bally Road Sediment Reduction and Drainage Upgrades Project.
- Worked on data management for Trinity Timberlands Road Inventory.
- Completed minor repairs for Browns Road Project and Sharber Creek project.
- Downloaded and reset flow and temperature monitoring stations in East Weaver Creek.
- Initiated monitoring and inventory work on BLM lands within the Trinity River watershed.
- Coordinated with USFS on Sidney Gulch USFS Compound Channel/Floodplain Project.
- Continued design work for the East Branch Migration Barrier Removal Project.
- Continued design work for the East Weaver Creek Dam Removal Project.
- Continued design work for the Hansen and McKnight Ditches Water Conservation Projects.
- Continued work on Children's Gardens (Weaverville/Hayfork) and assists with Community Garden implementation.
- Demonstrated the Water Conservation Trailer at Weaverville Elementary School.
- Downsized the office work area by ~30% and sublet the space to a local business.

Region-wide tasks were limited to working the County Roads Water Quality Certification and Waiver and the Roads Manual update. We also closed out the SWEEP Agriculture Water Grant.

Agreements, Grants Prepared, Submitted or Approved:

- EcoTrust Forestry Inc- Rapid road assessment and repairs appraisal for roads in the Scott River Watershed- Signed
- TRRP Trinity River Restoration Program Watershed Restoration Grant Program- East Weaver Dam Removal Final Design, Environmental and Permitting- Approved agreement pending
- TRRP Trinity River Restoration Program Watershed Restoration Grant Program Manzanita Creek Dam Removal Design and NEPA- Approved agreement pending
- TRRP Trinity River Restoration Program Watershed Restoration Grant Program Lee Fong Park Floodplain, Habitat and Sediment Reduction Design- Approved agreement pending
- USFWS Manzanita Creek Dam Removal Design and NEPA- approved agreement pending
- USFWS East Weaver Dam Removal Project- approved pending
- USFWS Ryan Creek Floodplain Restoration Implementation Project- approved agreement pending
- CA State Water Resources Control Board 5 Counties Roads Manual Update proposal- approved agreement pending
- CA FRGP Little Springs proposal submitted
- NFWF Little Springs Little Springs Creek Fish Passage Project submitted
- NFWF McKinney Creek Fish Passage Implementation Project submitted
- NWF Middle Creek Fish Passage Design Project submitted
- First Five Children's Garden Program submitted
- A private Timber Harvest Plan bid submitted