

Tulare Basin Working Group  
May 2 tour and meeting  
Agenda and logistical instructions

10:00 a.m. Meet at the BLM Headquarters in Alpaugh (see directions below) to gather and carpool/caravan to the Hog Island Hunt Club (about 5 minutes north) where participants will tour and learn about a working NRCS Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) easement. **We will depart for the Hog Island Hunt Club at 10:15, so please arrive at the BLM HQ on time**

11:00 a.m. Carpool/caravan to the Atwell Island viewing platform to hear Atwell Island project updates and needs from Karl Kraft (NRCS) and Jihadda Govan (BLM).

Noon: Adjourn to the BLM Alpaugh office for lunch (or eat lunch on the Atwell Island viewing platform and get in some additional birdwatching!)

1:00-4:30 Meeting at the BLM office in Alpaugh (facilitated by Larry Saslaw, retired BLM Wildlife Biologist, TBWP/TBWI Advisor)

***Meeting address: 3945 Rd. 38, Alpaugh, CA\****

- Take 99 South to the Ave. 56 exit (exit 65B/Earlimart) and turn west towards Alpaugh.
- Drive 13 miles west until you arrive at the four-way stop in Alpaugh and turn South (left) on Tule Road.
- Drive 1.5 miles south to 3945 Road 38. The office will be on the right, identifiable by a wrought iron gate.

***Meeting Agenda***

- Welcome, Introductions (1:00-1:05)
- Agency and Organizational Updates: (1:05-1:40)
- NRCS: Discussion of NRCS habitat programs; review/brainstorm on supplying water to 'dry' WRP easements and expanding the WRP program (1:40-2:20)
- Central Valley Joint Venture (2:20-3:00)
  - CVJV's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plan Update/TBWG feedback
  - TBWG discussion about potential effects of sequestration on Tulare Basin resource management
- Break (3:00-3:10)
- Southwestern Tulare County focus area: Summary of spring Roundtable events and a discussion of current plans, projects and next steps (3:10-3:40)
- Tulare Basin Watershed Initiative/Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners: (3:40-4:25)
  - Tulare Basin Watershed Initiative (TBWI) Summary Reports: Year 2 May 2012 – May 2013 accomplishments, and Year 3 (May 2013 – May 2014) plans

- 2014-2016 Strategic Plan
- Evolution of TBWG – feedback, suggestions, meeting frequency and locations
- TBWP/TBWI brochure distribution/appeal
- Larry Saslaw: Action Items/Wrap up, including next meeting date and location. (4:25–4:30)

***\*Please call the BLM office: (661) 330-2765 with meeting-day questions or problems. Until then, please email Sarah Campe ([sgcampe@gmail.com](mailto:sgcampe@gmail.com)).***