

Phoenix Lake Task Preservation and Restoration Project Update
Public Meeting
Tuesday, December 6th at 5:30pm
TUD Board Room
18885 Nugget Blvd., Sonora, CA 95370

Attendance:

Members of the public, consultants from Horizon Water and Environment and TUD staff

Presentation:

Kevin Fisher, of **Horizon Water and Environment**, a consultant hired by Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD), gave a PowerPoint presentation with an update on the current status and conceptual drawings of the Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Plan. The current status is that the project is in Phase 2 – the permitting and design phase of the project.

Questions & Answers Addressed:

Q: How much sediment is coming into the lake?

A: 4,600 cy on average per year.

Q: How much sediment is leaving?

A: We can calculate the flow of water leaving the lake but it is uncertain about how much sediment is leaving at this time.

Q: What are the next steps for the project?

A: Complete the CEQA review by the end of December-early January for the public to review.

Q: Will bird habitat be affected?

A: It may be disturbed during the construction phase but the habitat should improve or be enhanced once this project is completed.

Q: How will you handle the fish in the lake?

A: The plan is to channel the fish to the deeper pools in the lake near the dam. We believe fishing will be improved with the colder water that will be able to flow in the lake and with the enhancement of deepening pools.

Q: Are you planning to dredge the lake?

A: We plan to do the construction needed around the lake when the lake is at a very low level so that we can bring in trucks and excavating equipment to carry out the sediment. We do not plan to use dredging equipment which can be very expensive.

Q: Where do you plan to dispose of the sediment?

A: The District has worked out an agreement with Jay Watson for a disposal site on the Indigeny property which is adjacent to TUD property.

Q: What are the planned work hours for the project?

A: We plan for the construction phase to begin in 2018, should the District receive necessary permits in a timely manner. The work hours would be Monday-Friday, 7am to 7pm (weekends only if necessary) and most likely run from July-October 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.