

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT MINUTES OF
JULY 25, 2000**

Present: Chairman George Russell, Directors' Bill Borrer, Barbara McIver, Charlie Willard, Ross Turner. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Roger Sherrill, Chairman of the AB 3030 TAC; Gary Antone, City of Red Bluff; Ron Warner, City of Tehama; Bert Bundy, SB 1086; Dan McManus, DWR.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am
2. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2000 MINUTES: Motion by Director Turner to approve the June minutes, second by Director Borrer, Willard as to form. McIver absent. Carried 4-0 1 absent
3. PUBLIC COMMENT None
Director McIver entered.
4. CLAIMS:

Charles Willard		\$25.00
George Russell	25.00	
Ross Turner		25.00
Bill Borrer		25.00
Barbara McIver		25.00
Ben Meadows Co. (300' Tape)		269.00
TOTAL		\$394.00

Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Borrer to approve the claims. Motion carried 5-0

5. ANTELOPE CREEK WATERSHED REQUEST FOR PLANNING ASSISTANCE: Ernie Ohlin requested the Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Board of Directors to authorize staff to proceed with the request for assistance from the Tehama County Resource Conservation District for the Antelope Creek Watershed Investigation. Motion to approve by Director Willard and second by Director Turner. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

Ernie Ohlin requested the Directors authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support of such action. Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Turner to authorize the signature. Carried 5-0.

6. DEER CREEK WATER EXCHANGE PRESENTATION: Dan McManus of Department of Water Resources (DWR) presented an update of the Deer Creek Water Exchange Program. The intent is to establish a water exchange agreement between SVIC, DCID, Department of Fish & Game and DWR. The goals are to: 1) provide transportation flows for Steelhead and Spring-run Salmon by exchanging groundwater for bypass surface water flows in Deer Creek; 2) to obtain reimbursement for existing flow bypass provided by DCID and SVIC.

Questions from the Directors':

1. Cost of water monitoring probe? Estimate \$1500 per unit.
2. Time element? Realistically, environmental paperwork will take a while. If a production well could be done by next spring or early summer that would be pretty optimistic.
3. Production well cost? \$120,000 each.
4. What are biggest concerns in terms of CEQA? Knowing the extent of what wells will draw down and pump. DWR would like to look at a negative declaration CEQA-type document when we do the program, however, we probably will do an EIR. The biggest issue is the third-party impact.
5. Beside the permit relating to the Ordinance, what do you see as the role for the Flood Control District or the Board of Supervisors? DWR has not decided who will be the lead agency on this project. As our workload increases, we want a good relationship with the County on this project. Some thoughts were the possibility of allowing the County to take the lead.
6. What is the length of time on this project as far as yours or Department of Fish and Game's responsibility in the project? 5 to 10 years initially.
7. Who would pay for the electric bill for these pumps? It would be the Department as long as the program operates.

Chairman Russell thanked Mr. McManus for his presentation. No motion on this item.

7. CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN NCWA: Director Willard stated that each year the Board chose to contribute to RCRC and NCWA to fund water programs or activities that would benefit Tehama County. From the funding aspect, this year RCRC has no fee required with their water committee. Director Willard did not feel it was in the best interest of the Board to continue funding NCWA.

Director Borrer stated that his only reservation about being a member in NCWA would be that we are not a member of the Board of Directors. Director Borrer felt comfortable in going to the NCWA Board of Directors and giving input and being listened to. NCWA is communicative with this Board and Staff. Director Borrer felt we should keep involved with NCWA.

Chairman Russell commented that we are tied in with AB 3030 and because of the local tie in there is value. We have different groups working essentially toward the same end, but the services received from NCWA have been good. Before making a decision, Chairman Russell suggested NCWA make a presentation to the Board.

Director Willard suggested if the Board feels inclined, put the budget allocation in and hold payment until after future discussions.

Director Willard made a motion to approve the budget with the NCWA membership in tact with specific direction to Staff not to pay until after NCWA's presentation to the Board and to notify NCWA that the Board will continue budget negotiations and make a decision on membership. Second by Director Borrer.

Director McIver added the issue is how can we increase our participation or influence in this organization that represents us.

Roger Sherrill of Rio Alto Water District distributed correspondence in support of membership in NCWA

and asked the Board to continue to utilize NCWA for representations for the County.

Chairman Russell asked Staff submit his opinion of the value to his position of the current membership in NCWA.

The motion carried 4-1. McIver opposed - 0 Absent

Chairman Russell added that having someone representing NCWA at the next meeting would give them the opportunity to be active participants in the discussion.

Director Willard commented that possibly a special meeting could be held for further discussion on this issue.

8. **DISCUSSION OF THE RCRC POLICY DECISIONS:** Director Borrer stated that we have had discussions on RCRC's involvement of policy issues that affect the County.

Director Borrer continued that one issue of primary importance to him was that of storage. In 1996, the County convened a Tehama County Calfed Advisory Committee to advise the Board and the Board of Supervisors on policy issues. That Committee eventually grew into a seven county process which developed principles of policy which all seven counties adopted. Director Borrer read what was adopted as policy by Tehama County in April of 1997.

Director Borrer stated that RCRC Consultant, John Mills, stated that RCRC would not be supporting Sites Reservoir because it was being proposed as a Federal Project. Director Borrer also stated that because of this and other conditions of support by RCRC for the Sites project that it was in conflict with that of Tehama County Adopted Policy. Director Borrer also stated that RCRC Attorney, Michael Jackson, said the proposal for raising Shasta Dam was bad storage. Director Borrer also stated his concerns that it appears that there is a concerted effort of RCRC to oppose Calfed.

Director Willard stated that he had circulated RCRC's Calfed Interim Strategy for Spring 2000 which contained conditions for reauthorization. RCRC is concerned about accountability and good government.

Director Willard added that the Tehama County Calfed Advisory Committee should represent a wide framework of people involved in the water issues.

Staff read the list of the past committee members. Director Turner stated it was a good cross section of the County.

Director Borrer recommended that since we do have this difference of opinion, especially on the storage issue, to direct staff to reconvene the Tehama County Advisory Committee that adopted the original policy and to see what kind of a policy we can come up with.

Director Borrer moved that staff reconvene the committee as soon as possible and return to the Board of Supervisors with recommendations.

Motion carried 5-0 with no opposition.

9. AB 3030 TAC MEETING INFORMATION: Roger Sherrill reviewed information from the last AB 3030 meeting including CALFED and the issues that will affect Tehama County. Also, goals and objectives submitted at the last meeting were reviewed. The Board was asked for their opinion/concerns.

Director Willard discussed MOU participation which was a priority since the signing of the Plan; however, nothing has been accomplished. Director Willard added that if we spent \$15,000 to put ten monitors around the County, we would have information that he thought would be important.

Roger Sherrill stated the Technical Advisory Committee takes its lead and direction from the Board. The Committee attempts to go in a direction that will start to lay out the elements of the plan, based on whatever the Board tells us is their priority system. The Committee also supports staff in the endeavors it needs to do to implement the plan.

Chairman Russell, considering the time constraints of this meeting, felt either a special meeting be arranged or members get together a little earlier to discuss this issue..

10. CALFED UPDATE: Accepted as presented.
11. ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

Chairman

Deputy/Secretary