

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF
MARCH 28, 2000**

Present: Chairman George Russell, Directors' Willard, Borrer, Turner and Mclver (8:32 a.m.).
Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, Roger Sherrill, Chairman AB 3030 TAC,
and Gary Plunkett, Director of Public Works.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 29, 2000 MINUTES

Motion by Director Willard, second by Director Borrer to approve the minutes. As to form by
Director Turner. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Reopened 9:35 a.m.

Director Borrer attended the meeting of the Sacramento Valley Water Contractors who
are negotiating with the Bureau of Reclamation on water contract renewal. At the end of
the day, the Bureau of Reclamation felt the meetings were not working and they may
change the format to state-wide negotiations or go to each individual district and negotiate
until complete.

Director Mclver attended the Cottonwood Creek Conservancy meeting. Grant funding
has been assured and they have hired a manager. It was Director Mclver's opinion that
the Conservancy may come before the Board of Supervisors for a joint CDBG Grant to
provide for parcel mapping in the Conservancy area.

4. CLAIMS

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Bill Borrer	\$ 25.00
Barbara McIver	25.00
George Russell	25.00
Charles Willard	25.00
Bill Borrer (CVP-Willows)	27.90
Southwest Airlines (Wtr Conf. April 3-4)	139.00
Public Works (Feb. 1 to Feb. 29, 2000)	905.35
Public Works (Feb. 1 - Feb 29, 2000)	<u>3,261.20</u>
TOTAL	\$4,433.45

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Willard to accept the \$4,433.45 claims submitted for March 2000. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

5. AB 3030 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN ANNUAL REPORT

Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, presented as required by the AB 3030 Plan, the first annual report for the calendar year 1999 which consisted mainly of challenges and accomplishments dealing with groundwater levels, quality and monitoring, contact with other agencies, public outreach, etc.

Director McIver entered 8:32 a.m.

Well monitoring was accomplished with the help of DWR. Measurements of wells on the west side in July/August were 10 to 20 feet lower in elevation than the October measurement. All well logs were scanned and the information available will be very valuable. Additional funding is needed to fully implement the AB 3030 Plan. Staff will apply for Prop 13 funds when they become available.

Director Willard expressed concern of minimal significance in well log scanning and how this information will be used.

Ernie Ohlin stated that he felt that the historical and technical data on the 10,000 well completion reports would be invaluable towards future groundwater modeling efforts plus, the wealth of information such as depth, gallons pumped per minute and static levels at time of construction. Additionally, using extra-help personnel to do the scanning was very cost effective.

Director Borrer questioned the goals and their priority. It would be helpful if the TAC and/or staff came before the Board for prioritizing.

Chairman Russell suggested staff list their prioritizing of goals and then present it to the Board for discussion. Also, it was asked of staff to send correspondence to DWR and thank them for their

continued assistance.

Motion by Director McIver and second by Director Willard to approve the AB 3030 Annual Report. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

6. AB 3030 TAC ANNUAL REPORT

Roger Sherrill, Chairman of the AB 3030 TAC, briefed the Board on the submitted annual report and the last AB 3030 TAC meeting.

1. SB 1086 issues and county involvement was discussed at the TAC meeting. Not all counties are involved.
2. Northern Sacramento Valley Water Forum meeting scheduled for April 27. Topic will be "area of origin". The forum is trying to bring counties together to understand what area of origin is and who might be able to step forward with a claim.
3. The proposed San Luis Rey decision has brought about a SWRCB workshop scheduled for April 24, 2000 in Sacramento.
4. Toccoy Dudley of DWR updated the TAC on Bulletin 118 and the fact there may be more money available.

With the first attempt of the annual report presented the TCFC&WCD Board, the priorities are listed. Coordination of the AB 3030 plan with other entities will move forward. Mechanisms will be examined to seek funding to continue Phase I.

Director Willard questioned if the list of priorities were in order. Roger Sherrill stated that the TAC would review the list and bring them back to the Board for review.

Roger Sherrill confirmed the next meeting will form a sub-committee to work on funding for only groundwater management.

Director Borrer questioned the TAC involvement in state water issues. It was Roger Sherrill's belief that many statewide issues will affect Tehama County and the Northern Sacramento Valley. With the talented individuals involved in the TAC, the information gathered is informative to all.

Director Willard expressed appreciation to Roger Sherrill and the TAC members for the work they do. We are fortunate to have the kind of resources and people that are involved both in water issues and from the knowledge base.

Ernie Ohlin concurred and added the TAC has been extremely helpful to staff in issues and answers. The group is very diverse and has done an excellent job.

Roger Sherrill supported staff's information gathered from scanning the well log data and added one of the objectives, even in Phase I, is not only to look at the quality or yield of groundwater, but also to examine how the draw-down, use or recharge of the water will affect water quality in the

county.

Chairman Russell added it was appreciated that the TAC was trying to educate themselves in every way possible to contribute to the effectiveness of their mission.

With no further comments, motion by Director Willard and second by Director Borrer to accept the AB 3030 Technical Advisory Committee Annual Report. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

Roger Sherrill thanked the Board for their input and the information will assist the TAC to move in the right direction to satisfy what is needed.

7. APPOINTMENT OF ADHOC COMMITTEE

Ernie Ohlin addressed the Board on the Dairyville flooding issues discussed during past meetings. Staff requested Board members to participate in the ADHOC committee to assist in this effort.

Director Turner questioned if the ADHOC was a county-wide committee and included the Corning areas now or in the future. Staff answered if the Board concurred, but during the February meeting the issues included Dairyville only.

Chairman Russell added this could be modified in the future. Director Borrer concurred. With that information, Director Willard and Director Borrer volunteered. Motion by Director McIver and second by Director Turner to accept Directors' Willard and Borrer as the ADHOC committee. Carried with all present.

8. UPDATE ON DAIRYVILLE FLOOD ISSUES

Ernie Ohlin felt it important to examine issues or resolutions for funding to resolve flooding issues in the Dairyville area. Staff has discussed the problems with the Corps of Engineers, NRCS and DWR, trying to promote and examine flood studies and solutions. At a Floodplain Management Conference meeting attended by staff, Harris & Associates presented a knowledgeable discussion on funding, special district funding, zones and how it relates. Staff is arranging for this company to present the same issues at an upcoming meeting and requested the date most accommodating. The consensus was April 25th 2:30 p.m.

9. DISCUSSION ON TEHAMA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 608

Ernie Ohlin discussed the many drainage complaints and their association of Ordinance 608. Staff met with County Counsel, Building Director Kathy Thomas and Supervisor Bill Borrer to discuss the issue. The public would like TCFC&WCD to become more involved in their drainage problems. Staff has used judgement calls for most of the issues. In Director Turner's District, there have become been many drainage complaints.

Director Borrer felt the judgement call by staff would be correct or the public could address the

Board. If it becomes a problem time-wise, the Board may have to reconsider the decision.

Ernie Ohlin added, if someone will not rectify the problem and action was needed, staff would bring it back before the Board.

With approximately six issues over the last few months, the time staff has spent is extensive. Director Turner added that one resident complaint consumed over 50 to 75 hours of his and staff time.

10. US FISH & WILDLIFE ANADROMOUS FISH RESTORATION - MILL CREEK AND DEER CREEK

Ernie Ohlin provided information in reference to staff response to the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA). The documents were vague and lacking in substance. It was staff's opinion the people who put the document together had never visited the areas. This document for both projects was a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and an umbrella environmental document that may cover all actions from this point forward. There appears to be potential impacts and nothing was written to address mitigation. Staff comments to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife were included for the Boards review and comment.

Director Borrer agreed to the lack of acknowledgment to the local conservancies and requested to be kept informed of future meetings to discuss this issue.

11. CALFED UPDATE

Ernie Ohlin discussed the proposal for CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Funding application. Staff is proceeding with groundwork and joint application with DWR on the Woodson Bridge area erosion control project. This will be brought before the Board for approval at a later date.

Director Willard discussed continued interest of breaching or removing dams. If there was a solution that would allow the fish above the dams and then back down, it would make an impact on the requirements of cold water being released into the valley floor to maintain this.

12. ADJOURN

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Chairperson

Deputy/Secretary