

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2000

Present: Chairman George Russell, Directors' Barbara McIver (8:32 A.M.), Bill Borrer, Ross Turner and Charles Willard. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, Nelson Buck, County Counsel, Gary Plunkett, Director of Public Works, Roger Sherrill, AB 3030 TAC Chairman, Bill Mendenhall, DWR, Dan Keppen and David Guy of Northern California Water Association (NCWA), and Bud Hagen, water user.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Borrer to approve the minutes of April 25, 2000. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Director McIver entered.

Bud Hagen presented to the Board a copy of a letter from El Camino Irrigation District to the Tehama County Planning Director for the intention of seeking funding through the Board of Supervisors for a CDBG Grant to investigate update and repair of their irrigation system. The Board will refer the matter to George Robson at the Planning Department.

4. CLAIMS

Day-Timer	\$4.83
Bill Borrer	25.00
Barbara McIver	25.00
George Russell	25.00
Charles Willard	25.00
Ross Turner	25.00
Ernie Ohlin(Amend April Claim-shortage)	44.00
Solano Press(Calif. Water Publication)	54.94
Artificial Recharge Conference(5/4/00)	170.00
Ernie Ohlin(Activities 2/29 to 5/5)	306.30
T.C. Public Works(4/1thru 4/30)	1,093.82
T.C. Public Works(4/1 thru 4/30)	2,322.92
Regional Council of Rural Counties(Qtr 6/30)	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$6,621.81</u>

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Willard to approve the claims as presented. Carried by all present 5-0 with 0 absent.

5. SALT CREEK CONSERVATION CAMP REIMBURSEMENT

Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Borrer to approve Salt Creek Conservation Camp reimbursement as presented. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

6. AB 3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Roger Sherrill, Chairman of the TAC updated the Directors' on the meeting of May 15th. Naser Bateni of Department of Water Resources (DWR) spoke to the Committee regarding the CalFed Integrated Storage Investigation (ISI). Discussion of enlargement of existing reservoirs and conjunctive use was the main topic. Conjunctive use was stressed with local control and management with no unmitigated third party impacts. DWR has no real interest in any water freed by a conjunctive use program. Regarding off stream storage, DWR plans to move forward, when a record of decision is made with the environmental studies necessary for off stream storage especially in regard to Sites Reservoir.

Director Willard recommended Naser Bateni give a presentation on these issues to the Board.

7. MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION - NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ASSOCIATION (NCWA)

Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, introduced NCWA representatives David Guy - Executive Director and Dan Keppen - Member and Government Relations Director, who presented an overview of their association.

David Guy discussed issues NCWA is currently participating in.

➤ GROUNDWATER

The importance of local control.

The need for additional funding to counties.

AB 303-NCWA sponsored bill.

➤ SAN LOUIS RAY DECISION

NCWA is actively involved to protect Northstate groundwater.

State Water Resource Control Board decision could result in permitting to pump groundwater.

➤ MOJAVE ADJUDICATION

Now before the California Supreme Court.

Involves water rights priority systems.

NCWA will be at the hearing for oral arguments.

➤ CONTRACT RENEWAL

NCWA very involved in contract renewal procedures with the Bureau of Reclamation.

➤ PHASE 8 WATER HEARINGS

NCWA will participate in the hearings with the State Water Resource Control Board.

➤ CALFED

NCWA is very involved with all aspects of CalFed and will continue to act in a leadership role representing the interests of the Northern Sacramento Valley.

Local partnerships involving Sites Reservoir and the Tehama-Colusa Canal were discussed

➤ LAND ACQUISITION

NCWA was instrumental in requesting a state and Federal Audit of Land Acquisition in the State of California

NCWA continues to represent the concerns of the Northern Sacramento Valley.

Member and Government Relations Director Dan Keppen Continued:

➤ SB 1086: SACRAMENTO RIVER CONSERVATION AREA

NCWA has been engaged in the SB 1086 process representing land owner concerns.

Director Bill Borrer is on the N.P.O. Board.

NCWA continues to work with the Corps of Engineers and the SB 1086 process to decommission some of Tehama Counties rock revetment sites.

A discussion followed concerning the CalFed BDAC committee and local input and AB 1741 on water transfers.

Ernie Ohlin thanked Mr. Guy and Mr. Keppen and added that NCWA provides staff with very timely updates and analysis on all current issues which was available at anytime for the boards review.

(Subsequent to the meeting NCWA forwarded copies of their policies and procedures to the Board).

8. COORDINATION WITH DWR TO INVESTIGATE CONJUNCTIVE MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN TEHAMA COUNTY

Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, has begun coordination with Toccoy Dudley of DWR to explore areas of the County that may be conducive to groundwater recharge such as the development of spreading basins/ponds. In conjunction, the CALFED Integrated Storage Investigation (ISI) may have grant money available for feasibility studies, development of comprehensive groundwater and subsidence monitoring programs. Staff will keep the Board informed as to the progress of this program.

Director Willard added the Board would appreciate an update at a future meeting on the Deer Creek Project being performed by DWR.

9. CALFED UPDATE

Ernie Ohlin discussed the County's listing as collaborator on the Chico State University Arundo-Donax CALFED Grant Application. Tehama County will benefit from the gathered information and Arundo eradication if the grant is funded.

Staff received a draft copy of the Orange Cove Irrigation District (OCID) CALFED Grant Application. It will entail comprehensive monitoring that will benefit the County if it takes place. This document has not been released for public review at this time. Staff will arrange for OCID to discuss this at a future meeting.

Director Willard suggested that the Groundwater Ordinance and its requirements needed to be incorporated into the document.

10. ADJOURN

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.