

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
APRIL 24, 2001
MINUTES

Present: Chairson Barbara Mclver, Directors' George Russell, Charles Willard, Bill Borrer, Ross Turner.
Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager.

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 Russell to approve the March 2001 minutes. Carried 5-0 with 0 Absent.
3. **Public Comment:**

Director Willard discussed the Klamath Basin area and the Bureau of Reclamations action, which announced there will be zero agriculture water allotted for about 170,000 acres.

William Payer of 22733 Chase Ave., Corning, presented information regarding flooding issues on his property.

Chairman Barbara Mclver thanked Mr. Payer for the information presented and assured him that his local Supervisor and Staff will be in contact with him.

4. **Claims:** Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Borrer to approve the claims in the amount of \$2,110.91. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. **CDF Salt Creek Camp - Rate Adjustment:** Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, informed the Board of a request by the Department of Forestry to increase their rates, per crew day, for the use of chainsaws during creek clearing. The rate of \$50 per day would remain the same where no chainsaws are used.

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to approve the rate increase from \$50 to \$75 per day when chainsaws were in use. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

6. **Salt Creek Conservation Camp - Reimbursement:** Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Turner to approve the \$1,125 invoice from Salt Creek Conservation Camp for creek clearing on Fig Lane Drain, Hall Creek and a tributary to Burch Creek. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
7. **Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Application (AB303):** Ernie Ohlin requested Board approval of staff's intention to move forward with the preparation of the grant application for AB303 funding. This grant would help move our Groundwater Management Plan forward. The due date is May 3, 2001.

Director Willard requested additional information discussing proposed projects to be undertaken

including how and where the money will be spent.

Chairman McIver asked if the goals listed in the Annual Report will be met by the grant application.

Chairman McIver also discussed if it was possible to approve the resolution at a special meeting on May 1, 2001.

Director Russell recommended that staff continue with preparing the grant and return on May 1, 2001 for board action.

It was the consensus of the members to conduct a special meeting for TCFC&WCD on Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. to address the grant resolution.

Staff questioned future grant applications, especially dealing with Prop 13 and Calfed grant applications time constraints and if the Board wants to see the grant in its entirety prior to approval.

Director Russell said the grant in its entirety does not have to be seen, but perhaps including an executive summary which would describe the grant intent would be acceptable.

8. **Update on Request for PL84-99 Funding - Deer Creek Levee System:** Ernie Ohlin informed the Board of the continued pursuit of reinstatement of funding under PL84-99 with the Corps of Engineers. Correspondence was received from Colonel Michael Walsh again denying our request stating "...the existing rock at the site does not have a consistent gradation. In many areas the rock is too small, especially along the toe where the hydraulic forces are greatest". Staff added that the rock revetment in question was constructed by the Corps in 1956. Staff requested Board direction to proceed with this issue by contacting legislative representatives for assistance. Many other sites on the Deer Creek and Elder Creek levee systems have rock revetment constructed by the Corps. Staff feels that the Corps should not deny funding repairs to facilities they originally constructed.

Director Borrer stated it was appropriate for staff to contact Doug Ose's office and meet with Colonel Walsh to discuss this issue.

9. **AB3030 Annual Report:** This item was held over from the March meeting for review. Director Willard pointed out that Appendix B Page was missing and Director Borrer's name was misspelled and requested those corrections be made.

Motion by Director Borrer to approve the document with the afore mentioned corrections and inclusions. Second by Director Willard.

Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

10. **AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee - Update:** Staff introduced the new Chairperson for the TAC, Serge Birk who replaced Roger Sherrill. Staff and the Board thanked Roger Sherrill for his continued participation in the TAC.

Serge Birk introduced himself and reviewed the issues before the TAC at the last meeting.

- Welcomed members' Kevin Borrer and Robert Steinacher.
- Elected new Chairman Serge Birk and Vice Chair, Gary Antone
- Discussed the need for representation of surface water diverters and large pumpers for TAC
- Judy Brown, Glenn County Basin Management Plan conducted a Presentation
- Allen Fulton, UC Davis Extension presentation
- Dan McMannus, DWR, conducted a presentation on the Groundwater Exchange Program in Deer Creek

The important issues this year as an advisory group is to make the transition from planning to implementation of objectives in the Groundwater Management Plan. The TAC proposes to become engaged and provide information as sub-groups for the County and staff to meet objectives and goals. An additional objective is promoting attendance to the TAC meetings. An invitation was extended to the Board to attend the TAC meetings to discuss how the committee can be more effective to staff and TCFC&WCD Board.

Roger Sherrill, past Chairman of the TAC, discussed the issue of expanding representation on the committee.

Director Russell recognized Roger Sherrill for his participation since 1995 in the water issues and committees he has served on.

11. **Woodson Bridge Erosion - Update:** Ernie Ohlin advised the group of the continued efforts to obtain funding for the Woodson Bridge erosion and restoration project. Staff and Director Borrer have met with Congressman Ose's District Director, Daniel Sharp, and provided information on timeline and costs to him.

Sue Fry of the Corps of Engineers Comp Study Team, is working with staff regarding amending the O&M Manual relating to the County's maintenance responsibility specific to Unit No. 7. This process will take place concurrently with developing the plans and specifications to place riprap on the west bank of the Sacramento River adjacent to the Woodson River Bridge.

12. **Sites Reservoir Partnership - Update:** Director Borrer discussed the ongoing problems with finishing the Purpose and Needs Statement. Because of the slow progress by the EPA, the Corps of Engineers and to some degree DWR, a Purpose and Needs Statement has yet to be finalized. There is an effort for the partners (water districts & counties) to take over the process and submit proposals to the agency.
13. **Resolution in Support of Agreements Regarding Resolution of Phase 8 Issues:** Director Borrer discussed the details of this issue to update those present. The Phase 8 Resolution puts forth a plan to proceed in the next ten-years that would try to alleviate problems in the Delta and protect water rights holders. CVP and the State Water Project will be responsible for water quality and quantity restrictions put on water transport fish flows.

Director Willard requested that the proposed resolution be reviewed by County Counsel prior to

voting.

It was agreed to hold this item over until the May meeting after review by County Counsel.

14. **Correspondence to Northern California Water Association:** Director Willard discussed a letter sent to David Guy of Northern California Water Association (NCWA), January 26, regarding a hearing on Calfed Governance held in Sacramento. Director Willard has concerns regarding the NCWA Newsletter and how the hearing was reported. Director Willard felt further clarification of the issue is necessary and he had not received a response from Mr. Guy.

Ernie Ohlin had spoken to David Guy and Mr. Guy stated that he responded to the letter in question from Director Willard.

Director Willard asked this be held over for the May meeting and considered for action.

15. **Calfed Update:** Ernie Ohlin discussed Senator Costa's SB23 Bill which passed out of the Assembly and is waiting signature from the Governor. \$5 million of this is scheduled for AB303 funding.

Director Willard added that John Mills of RCRC had discussions with Senator Feinstein's office regarding her Bill on Calfed.

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