

# TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2001

Present: Chairperson Barbara McIver; Directors': Ross Turner, George Russell, Bill Borrer and Charles Willard (8:34). Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, Mark Moses, Assistant Director Public Works-Admin., and Roger Sherrill, Chairman of the AB3030 TAC.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2001 MINUTES:** Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Turner to approve the minutes as presented. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
4. **CLAIMS:** Motion by Director Russell to approve the claims as presented in the amount of \$6,221.36. Director Borrer questioned his expenses related to travel for TCFC&WCD. The consensus was to submit them to TCFC for reimbursement. Second by Director Turner to accept claims as presented. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
5. **2000/01 MID YEAR BUDGET REPORT:** Mark Moses, Assistant Director of Public Works Administration, presented the mid year report to the Board.

Director Turner questioned the balance of Hatch & Parent funds for legal fees. Staff confirmed there is approximately \$3,000 left on the original allocation.

Director Willard entered.

All monies have been received for disaster funds reimbursement and Director Turner thanked staff for their efforts in pursuing the funds.

6. **SALT CREEK CONSERVATION CAMP-REIMBURSEMENT:** Director Russell motioned approval of the Salt Creek Conservation Camp reimbursement of \$1,450.00. Second by Director Willard and carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
7. **ISHI CONSERVATION CAMP-REIMBURSEMENT:** Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Turner to approve the reimbursement of \$1,650.00. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
8. **AB3030 TAC NOMINATIONS:** Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, following Board approval, advertised for interested participants in the AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Five applications were received for the two positions and in addition, the City of Red Bluff had reappointed Gary Antone for another term.

Staff requested approval to proceed with interviewing of the applicants. Director Russell concurred and Director Borrer questioned current members in the TAC who have not participated in past meetings and their status.

Roger Sherrill, Chairman of the TAC, felt the absence of some of the members could be discussed more at future TAC meetings.

Director Russell concurred with staff's request to proceed with the interviews and make recommendations based on those interviews.

Staff recommended that possibly in the future amending the Bylaws of the AB3030 TAC for the nomination process may be necessary.

Chairperson McIver stated that "by consensus of opinion today," staff should proceed with the interview process.

9. **AB3030 UPDATE:** Roger Sherrill, Chairman of the AB3030 TAC, informed the Board of the March 19 meeting and the intention of the Committee to bring a speaker from Glenn County to discuss their basin wide groundwater management plan. Glenn County has sub-basin boundaries that are political boundaries which differ from Tehama County which uses sub-basin boundaries. Discussion followed to include Shasta County in our discussions regarding adjoining basin information. Staff has and will continue to coordinate with all adjoining counties.

Roger Sherrill updated the Board on the past meeting. The Committee is currently involved in preparing the annual report due in March. Also, TAC member, Bill Richardson has reviewed 7,000± of the 10,000± historic well logs previously scanned by staff from DWR. With his efforts proceeding, he should be finished in approximately one month.

Roger Sherrill announced the Northern Sacramento Valley Water Forum will hold a meeting April 4 in Chico, dealing with the water-power interface as related to the energy struggle that California is entering into.

10. **SITES RESERVOIR PARTNERSHIP-UPDATE:** Director Borrer discussed the interest statement submitted to the partnership from the agencies involved. Those were consolidated and efforts were made to compile the Purpose and Needs Statement and have it ready by March 17. Director Borrer informed the Board of the wording "offstream" surface storage that should be included in the Purpose and Needs Statement and will bring this before the partnership participants.

Director Willard stated that the cost of pumping water into Sites Reservoir may be more expensive than before considering the ongoing energy issues.

Ernie Ohlin stated that our County may at some future time want to consider using abandonment of a portion of the rock revetment sites that we maintain on the Sacramento River as mitigation for the Sites Reservoir construction or pumping water out of the river to fill the reservoir. A portion of the rock revetment now borders lands owned by agencies such as: U.S. Fish & Wildlife; Fish & Game or the Nature Conservancy. They have

indicated that they would favor our abandoning such sites.

11. **WOODSON BRIDGE EROSION-UPDATE:** Ernie Ohlin reported he attended a meeting with Earl Nelson of DWR Sacramento Office, who is handling some of the Prop 13 funding. This project may be a direct funding process and the Board will be kept informed. There has to be an ecosystem restoration component and with that, an area was examined near Kopta Slough, which could possibly be purchased through Prop 12 funding, as an area that can be used by the County as a future park if our current park continues to erode.

12. **ORANGE COVE IRRIGATION DISTRICT-MILL CREEK AFRP UPDATE:** Ernie Ohlin met with Jim Lowden and Bill Berens of Los Molinos Mutual Irrigation District, concerning the County's concerns regarding groundwater monitoring and how the project might move forward. Also involved are personnel from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of Fish & Game who will meet with staff again.

Director Willard suggested that prior to the meeting staff send correspondence regarding unresolved concerns County.

Director Russell asked that staff send a copy to the Board.

13. **RED BLUFF DIVERSION DAM SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT:** Staff attended a February meeting of the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Red Bluff Diversion Dam Solutions TAC. The main item of discussion was the bypass facility and whether to have one or not. CH2mHill is designing a bypass and will discuss the issue again at the upcoming public meeting. The public forum will be March 13, at the Community Center.

14. **CALFED UPDATE:** Ernie Ohlin discussed the formation of an interim governance committee to give guidance to the Calfed Program. This committee will meet twice a year and oversee all actions by Calfed for a period of two years until a permanent governance representation is formed.

Director Willard gave information regarding a hearing on the Environmental Water Account.

Director Willard reported that he had forwarded correspondence to David Guy at NCWA regarding Calfed Governance Structure and at this time had not received a response.

15. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.