

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2001

Present: Directors': George Russell, Charles Willard, Barbara McIver, Ross Turner and Bill Borrer.
Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager and Roger Sherrill, Chairman of the AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. MINUTES: Motion by Director McIver and second by Director Turner to approve the minutes. As to form by Director Willard. Carried 5-0.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Director Willard addressed concerns regarding the NCWA Management Report. As stated on Pg. 4 of 13, Item d - Governance Hearings. Director Willard disagreed with Mr. Guy's interpretation of the need for or the structure of the future Calfed governance structure.

Chairman Russell suggested Director Willard send correspondence to Mr. Guy and send the Board a copy. This item may be agendized at a later date, if necessary.

4. CLAIMS: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Borrer to approve the claims as presented. Carried 5-0.
5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motion by Director Willard to elect Director McIver as Chairperson of the Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. Second by Director Turner. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director McIver to elect Director Willard as Vice-Chair. Carried 5-0.

The Directors' thanked Chairperson Russell for his year of service.

6. AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) NOMINATIONS: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, reviewed the policy for nominations for the AB3030 TAC. Nomination forms will be available at the Board of Supervisors office in Red Bluff, the Corning City Hall and the TCFC&WCD office in Gerber.

Motion by Director Russell to accept the recommendations for nominating procedures and to declare such nominations open. Second by Director Willard. Carried 5-0.

7. AB 3030 UPDATE: Roger Sherrill, Chairman of the TAC, reviewed activities of the last meeting of the TAC. The next meeting in February will review any applications received. The Chairman for the new year will be elected at the March meeting. It was also stated that

the annual report will be given to the Board in March so as to give continuity to the year.

Director Willard added that he was selected for the panel review of Conjunctive Use Applications under Prop 13.

Roger Sherrill discussed the speaker at the last meeting of the TAC. Mark Meeks of DWR reviewed the AB303 and Prop 13 criteria. The group recommended that the AB303 should be their target for funding.

The Groundwater Management Program was discussed. The plan is in its passive stage one. Issues such as additional financing and additional staff are necessary to identify water quality and quantity and to make this a workable program.

8. STATUS REPORT OF CREEK CLEARING: Ernie Ohlin discussed activities over the last year with creek clearing efforts throughout the County. This included 20 different locations, 22 miles of clearing including 268 individual property owners. Staff has also kept in contact with Kathy Thomas, Floodplain Administrator, to provide information to assist long-term floodplain management. Citizens have been very pleased with the creek clearing program.
9. PARTICIPATION IN SITES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: Director Bill Borrer and Water Resources Manager, Ernie Ohlin, attended the first Sites organizational meeting held January 16th in Sacramento. The MOU will not be revised due to the fact it was only an agreement to participate. The meeting showed the desire to keep the program moving because the alternative of developing off-stream storage in California is dismal. A purpose and need statement will be developed and they requested the various counties to submit input. Director Borrer felt it in the County's interest to appoint a representative to attend future meeting and also presented a draft of the Tehama County issues statement.

Motion by Director Willard to appoint Director Borrer as representative and Ernie Ohlin as the alternate. Second by Director Turner and carried 5-0.

Chairperson McIver discussed the purpose and need statement and felt further interest and input may be needed. Staff noted that due to the time-frame and that the issue came up after the agenda was posted that the information needed to be sent today even if in draft form. This item was not on the agenda for discussion.

A motion by Director Russell and second by Director Willard for a finding to add this on the agenda for discussion and possible vote. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Willard to address the issue. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Director Borrer that the Board adopt the "Tehama County's Interest in the Sites Reservoir Project" statement as Tehama County's interest in the project.

Director Willard requested the word "totally" be deleted from the statement and worded as "The vast majority of our domestic water supply....." be used. Second by Director Turner

with noted corrections. Carried 5-0.

10. LA BARRANCA FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY: Ernie Ohlin attended the first public interest meeting regarding the proposed restoration efforts by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the La BARRANCA property located north and east of Gerber. This feasibility study will examine man-made pits caused by gravel removal now causing fish entrapment. The other issue is whether to remove the levee and allow the flows to move more freely into the floodplain. This issue is in the early stages and staff will keep the Board informed of its progress.
11. UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR PL84-99 FUNDING DEER CREEK LEVEE: Ernie Ohlin reported to the Directors' correspondence received from Peter Rabbon, General Manager of the State Reclamation Board, concerning the Corps of Engineers rejection of our PL84-99 eligibility for Deer Creek levee repair. Mr. Rabbon concurs with our issues that it is not a channel maintenance issue and the erosion on Deer Creek Levee was not outside the levee prism and is requesting by letter to Colonel Walsh, District Engineer for the Corps to reinstate funding for this project. Staff will keep the Board informed of any progress.
12. CALFED UPDATE: Ernie Ohlin has been attending meetings involving Prop 13 funding through DWR and Calfed and various other meetings including the SB1086 issues to keep our County involved and informed on issues.

Roger Sherrill thanked TCFC&WCD and staff for their ongoing participation in water issues. Tehama County has always been out in front on water issues and his District appreciates all efforts.

Director Willard discussed the Record of Decision (ROD) from Calfed. He believes the document is not "set in stone". Also, the California Farm Bureau has filed a suit in the state courts against Calfed Director Willard stated that State and Federal cases against Calfed will be combined.

13. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.