

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2001

Present: Barbara McIver, George Russell, Bill Borrer, Charles Willard, Ross Turner and Nelson Buck. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, David Guy of NCWA, Dan Keppen of the Bureau of Reclamation, Serge Birk, Chairman of the AB3030 TAC, and Art Bullock of the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara McIver at 8:29 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Borrer to approve the September 25, 2001 minutes. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
3. Public Comment: William Payer distributed information regarding his ongoing concerns of drainage issues in the Chase Avenue and Woodson Avenue areas.

Director Willard attended the Battle Creek Working Group meeting regarding fishery enhancement issues on Battle Creek.

4. Claims: Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Borrer to approve the claims in the amount of \$886.96. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. Salt Creek Camp Reimbursement: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Willard to approve the Salt Creek Camp claim in the amount of \$525.00. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
6. Status of the Sacramento Valley Water Management Agreement and Sites Reservoir: David Guy of NCWA updated the Directors on the Phase 8 process in which the Northern California water rights were at issue. The agreement revolves around diversions of water, area of origin and release of water from storage to help meet water quality standard in the Delta.

David Guy reviewed key points in the Sacramento Valley Water Agreement:

- Export water users will continue to meet water quality standard in the Delta
- Complete short term implementation project agreements before the end of the year

Mark Oliver from CH2mHill gave a presentation on the Sacramento Valley Water Management Agreement Status Report. Copies of the power point presentation are attached which address the issues covered.

Art Bullock of the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) discussed the variety of problems concerning diverting Sacramento River water into the canal from the Red Bluff Diversion Dam. TCCA serves seventeen districts and four counties, primarily in Tehama, Colusa and Glenn County. The districts all have individual water supply contracts with the Federal government for specific amounts of water that totals approximately 318,000 acre feet. Some contracts were negotiated before the district facilities were completed. When using in-house or inter-transfers within the service areas, problems occur when there is a water shortage as in this year. Transfers of almost 50,000 acre feet of water from three sources have occurred this year from the Sacramento River Water Contractors Association, Bella Vista Water District and Clear Creek

District. Issues of cost to transport Bureau of Reclamation water or other water sources were discussed.

Director Willard asked what fish passage alternatives were being considered at the diversion dam. Mr. Bullock responded, there are three alternatives are: 1) 4 months gates in; 2) 2 months gates in (July and August); and 3) No gates in at all. Environmentally, the no gates option would be the preferred alternative.

Dan Keppen of the Bureau of Reclamation, discussed the Phase 8 process. Kirk Rogers, acting Regional Director of the Bureau and Lester Snow, are supportive of the settlement process rather than the contentious legal court process that would otherwise occur. One of the tenants of this agreement is the fact that the State and Federal projects will basically satisfy the water quality control plan flow requirements in the Delta for the duration of the agreement. It is anticipated that for the next ten years, the state and federal projects will continue to meet the water quality obligations as they have been doing for the last few years.

Director Willard questioned if there is a Sites Reservoir funding shortage and if the project would proceed. Dan Keppen answered that there is funding on the state side and possible upcoming federal funding. The construction of the Sites project is scheduled to begin in 2006.

Dan Keppen announced his departure from the Bureau to a new job position with Klamath Water Users Association as Executive Director. Dan thanked the Board for their support and direction which he first appeared before 7 years prior.

7. Joint TCFC&WCD and AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Update: Serge Birk discussed the previous months meeting of the TAC and thanked those of the TCFC&WCD Board that attended. The meeting was focused on a presentation by Eric Rapport of Regional Water Control Board regarding groundwater contamination in the Dudley-Petty Truck Stop area in the Corning area. Tim Potanovic of Tehama County Environmental Health had updated the TAC regarding the Groundwater Study on the Antelope area and proposed sewer treatment plant.

Ernie Ohlin added the discussion was well received by the TAC and that the TAC was investigating ways to become active in a role to interact with these issues.

Director Willard commented that there may be new legislation regarding dairy farms that the TAC may be interested in.

8. Calfed Update: Ernie Ohlin informed the Board that Calfed announced the members of their Bay-Delta Advisory Committee of which several members were recommended from the North State. Those members are; Denny Bungarz, Supervisor Glenn County; Robert Meacher, Supervisor Plumas County; David Guy, NCWA and Van Tenney, GCID.
9. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.