

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 25, 2001 MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Board members present.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Director Turner, second by Director Borrer and as to form by Director Willard to approve the minutes of August 28, 2001. Carried by all present 5-0 with 0 absent.
3. Public Comment:

William Payer received and thanked Staff for answers in relation to the August 8th tour to review drainage issues in the Chase Avenue and Woodson Avenue area.
4. Claims: Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Borrer and carried 5-0 to approve the claims totaling \$3,474.19.
5. CDF ISHI Conservation Camp Rate Adjustment: Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Turner and carried 5-0 to approve the additional \$75 per day for chainsaw work rate adjustment.
6. ISHI Conservation Camp Reimbursement: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Willard to approve the \$2,050 reimbursement to ISHI Camp. Carried 5-0.

Director Russell thanked the camps for their continued help.

7. Update-Woodson Bridge/Kopta Slough Project & Request to change rock sites Operations/Maintenance Manuals: Burt Bundy, SRCA Coordinator, discussed the issues brought up at his recent visit to Washington D.C. with the Corps of Engineers. The Woodson Bridge/Kopta Slough Projects have strong local and agency support. At the direction of the Corps of Engineers, the project is moving forward through the 1135 process. This would provide environmental restoration thru removal of existing rock slope protection at Unit #7 while allowing for the placement of rock slope protection on the western bank of the Sacramento River at Woodson Bridge.

Mr. Bundy's trip was to encourage congressional financial support for the project and encouraged the County to write their representatives in support of the project.

Chairperson McIver directed staff to draft to the proper representatives correspondence for support of the project and submit to the Board of Supervisors for signature.

8. AB3030 TAC Update: Serge Birk, Chairman of the TAC, reported to the Board of the speakers attending the last AB3030 meeting. Tehama County Environmental Health Department Specialist, Tim Potanovic spoke on the groundwater contamination issues in the Corning area, and Dan McMannus of DWR presented an overview of the Butte County Groundwater/Inventory Analysis. With regard to the Corning groundwater issue. The State Water Quality Control Board will be invited to the October 15th TAC meeting to present information regarding all issues

relating to the Corning contamination.

9. Countywide Awareness Floodplain Mapping: Ernie Ohlin provided information that DWR is working with Staff and Building Official Kathy Thomas to delineate areas that have historically flooded. Quad maps are being used by road maintenance foreman of the Road Department to mark repetitive flooding areas and various other departments of the County are also gathering information. Public outreach to the older residents of the County who have been residing in areas that periodically flood was suggested by Director's.
10. Drainage issue in the vicinity of Chase Avenue & Woodson Avenue, Corning Area: Gary Plunkett, Director of Public Works, presented information regarding the site visit and information presented by William Payer of Corning. Mr. Plunkett's conclusion was there was no observance of any locations where there were obstructions or impediments that would cause flooding that would be dangerous or injurious to neighboring property or endanger the health or welfare of residents in the vicinity.

Thusly, it was Mr. Plunkett's determination that there was not a violation of Ordinance 608 that would cause a nuisance abatement hearing.

Gary Plunkett continued that County Counsel visited the site and had reviewed the departments letter to Mr. Payer.

Mr. Payer distributed correspondence to the members of the Board and read it aloud. Mr. Payer stated that he did not believe that Ordinance 608 was being enforced and formation of another governmental agency in the form of Zone of Benefit was not necessary. Mr. Payer questioned if another site visit was to be conducted.

Director Russell questioned Mr. Payer if he had sought legal advice for interpretation of Ordinance 608. Mr. Payer responded that he had not. Director Russell continued that the Board relies on County Counsel for advise and interpretation.

Mr. Payer stated that he had been informed by Mr. Plunkett that his issues were a civil matter between landowners.

Chairperson McIver questioned if the ditches in question have been viewed on the private properties.

Ernie Ohlin noted that most of the areas have been reviewed by staff with a right of entry from other projects. Most ditches naturally have some grasses, however, the issue remains if any areas are in a condition that would be cause for a nuisance abatement hearing. The Public Works Director has made a determination that no such condition exists.

Gary Plunkett added that one location had litter and debris which staff has sent correspondence to inform the resident to remove the debris in two weeks and notify staff to revisit the site when completed.

Ernie Ohlin addressed the members that considerable work on this project has been completed and staff is making arrangements to have portions of Jewett and Burch Creeks cleaned by CDF Conservation Crews.

Chairperson McIver asked that given all the action and constructive work that has been completed, including a response the property owner, what is the anticipated outcome.

Ernie Ohlin stated that with what has been completed, overall drainage should improve, in the general area.

Director Turner reminded members that from South Avenue, I-5 to Kirkwood, the topography has changed in the last 25 years due to leveling and natural drains that have been filled. County crews have completed considerable improvements to the drainage system in the area of concern.

Chairperson McIver thanked everyone for information and work performed on this issue. Additionally, relating to flood issues the county will have an introduction and a consideration of a grading ordinance in October.

Ernie Ohlin appreciated Mr. Payers concern for the area. Many issues have been addressed in that part of the County that have not been addressed in years and improvements have been made. The District will continue with improvements to benefit the citizens in that area.

Mr. Payer questioned if California Water Law would supersede the Tehama County Ordinance. Director Russell stated that the winter months are approaching and corrective work should be monitored. Work by Staff was appreciated.

11. Calfed Update: Ernie Ohlin informed the Board that the next TCFC meeting will have the parties involved with the Sacramento Valley Water Management Agreement (Phase 8 issues) attend. Director Willard added that with the events of September 11th, funding options may have changed. Additionally, Director Willard stated that he doubted if Calfed would be reauthorized.
12. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.