

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2002

Present: Charles Willard; Bill Borrer (late); Barbara Mclver (late); George Russell and Ross Turner. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager and Dan McManus of DWR.

1. Call to Order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Approval of February 26, 2002 minutes: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.

Director Borrer entered.

3. Public Comment: Director Turner addressed the Board regarding Mr. Payer, Corning resident, who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Payer had requested that Director Turner ask if there was any new status regarding his drainage complaints and also thanked the Board and Mr. Ohlin for correspondence received.

Chairman Willard answered there were none reported.

Roger Sherrill of Rio Alto Water District, discussed the Classification of Groundwater meeting that he attended. A copy was presented to the Clerk. Mr. Sherrill also discussed and distributed copies on the ACWA Spring Conference meeting and Assembly Bill 2877.

Director Mclver entered.

4. Claims: Chairman Willard noted the change in agenda item No. 4 adding the claims for the Board members reimbursement. Total claims \$9,387.67. Motion by Director Mclver and second by Director Russell. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. Approval of CDF/ISHI Conservation Camp Reimbursement: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Borrer. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
6. Approval of AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee Nominations: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Mclver to reappoint Bill Richardson, Tom Heffernan and Steve Kimbrough for a 3 year term. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

Staff thanked Bill Richardson, Tom Heffernan and Steve Kimbrough for their continued interest in Tehama County groundwater and the TAC. They have provided much information and guidance during their terms.

7. Approve AB3030 TAC Third Annual Report: Gary Antone, Vice Chairman for the TAC, presented the Annual Report.

Mr. Antone noted the focus of the TAC for the past few months has been the upcoming Countywide Water Inventory and Analysis and working with DWR on how things are managed, controlled and tracked. With regard to the report, the following information was presented:

- Progress advancing the Tehama County Groundwater Management Plan (GMP)
- Provided a forum and serve as liaison for experts in the public to engage in review and comments
- Working to keep the Board as up to date as possible
- Assisting Staff in development of the AB303 Grant
- Sub-committee formation
- More advanced role in implementing the AB3030 GMP next year
- Presentations by Glenn County Groundwater Basin Management Representatives; DWR; Camp, Dresser, McKee Consultants; Tehama County Environmental Health Department; Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The group continues to be actively engaged on groundwater issues taking place in the County. The new year will focus on more review of groundwater data and the data collection protocols proposed and utilized in the Plan.

Chairman Willard suggested that next year examining how to purchase equipment for constant well monitoring.

Ernie Ohlin commented this is one task for the Consultant to address. They will also examine the wells in the County and analyze summer drawdown maps and the shortage of monitoring wells and recommend when Data Loggers should be installed..

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to approve the AB3030 TAC Third Annual Report. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

8. Update of RiverVista Restoration Project: Due to the absence of Dawit Zeleke of The Nature Conservancy, Water Resources Manager Ernie Ohlin presented the following information.

The RiverVista Project off of South Avenue and adjacent to Woodson Bridge area is owned by US Fish & Wildlife and managed by The Nature Conservancy. In the past, this land was an almond orchard and was replanted approximately five years ago into native habitat restoration. Staff has worked diligently with TNC and USF & WS and the SB1086 process, to insure restoration efforts acknowledge the flood control facilities with regard to restoration. Dawit Zeleke is the new contact person for Nature Conservancy and has a positive approach towards our efforts.

Ernie continued that under South Avenue, there are two box culverts that do not function properly because the field is too high downstream. Currently, The Nature Conservancy has distributed an RFP to redevelop those swales through the entire length of the project to provide flood relief. This may not solve the flooding issue, but it will allow the water a longer period of time to go through the area before it goes over South Avenue. Additionally, it should be noted that on this property there are several large agricultural wells. These wells are in the process of being “properly” abandoned through an RFP process. Staff is working with US Fish & Wildlife Service and The Nature Conservancy, and DWR to possibly use two of these wells for monitoring purposes.

9. Deer Creek Water Exchange Program Update: Ernie Ohlin gave a brief introduction informing the Board that there may be some clarification or guidance requested from the TCFC&WCD regarding the process of Ordinance 1617.

Dan McManus distributed information and said that DWR is stepping back and examining the issue of a pilot well and developing groundwater management objectives to match what the County has done with the Groundwater Management Plan. DWR is currently working with Deer Creek Irrigation District. Stanford/Vina is not participating in the pilot program. Coordination with TCFC&WCD is needed and Mr. Mc Manus requested direction from the Board on this matter with regard to the permitting process.

Chairman Willard referred Mr. McManus to Lee Mercer of Environmental Health. The information will later be referred to staff and the TCFC&WCD Board. If issues arise which need immediate attention a special Flood Control meeting can be called or referred to the Board of Supervisors. The Board provided direction that Mr. Mc Manus should continue to provide updates to the Flood control Board.

10. Approval of AB3030 GMP Annual Report: Ernie Ohlin reviewed the Annual Report. Staff is in the process of using the first AB303 grant funding for the Countywide Water Inventory Analysis. The second AB303 Grant for \$200,000 should soon be awarded and will be used to conduct the Groundwater Data Analysis. Other items of interest:

- Past four years 32 wells in March recorded lower levels
- Proposal to construct a 2,000 - 3,000 Cow Confinement Dairy in the Gyle Road and Rawson Road area may affect groundwater levels.
- Water quality issues at Dudley-Petty Truck Stop. Location in Corning area.
- Water Quality issues in Mineral.

Motion by Director Borrer and second by Director Turner to approve the AB3030 GMP Annual Report. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

11. NCWA Managers Report Information: Accepted as presented.
12. Adjourn: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.