

# TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2002

Present: Directors' Charles Willard; Bill Borrer (8:34); Barbara McIver (8:34); George Russell and Ross Turner.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairperson Charles Willard.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to approve the April 23, 2002 minutes. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
3. Public Comment: None
4. Claims: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to approve the claims in the amount of \$822.48. Carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
5. CDF Salt Creek Conservation Camp Reimbursement Approval: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to approve the claim from CDF Salt Creek Conservation Camp for work done in the amount of \$975.00. Carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
6. Tehama County Resource Conservation District - Project Update : Vickie Dawley, Watershed Coordinator for the Resource Conservation District (RCD), distributed information showing the current projects in Tehama County. (Note: None received by this Clerk) Vickie Dawley explained the RCD is a special District for the State of California and receives funding from grants only. Two RCD's are currently in Tehama County and work together on projects. The list of current projects were reviewed by the Directors.

Director Borrer and Director McIver entered.

The Elderberry Mitigation grant was discussed. Transplants of 40 Elderberry was completed for mitigation regarding the State Deer Creek Bridge Project. Also, planting of 3.6 acres of Elderberry and other riparian species was completed regarding the Adobe Road Interchange project. These were only for Caltrans projects. Vickie Dawley stated that in order for the Beetle to inhabit the bush, the wood must be one-inch in diameter. The projects started with seedlings. Several years will be needed in order for studies to be conducted to monitor the results.

Ernie Ohlin discussed a meeting with Scott Clemens of the Wildlife Conservation Board regarding the Woodson Bridge erosion project. Planting of approximately 40,000 Elderberry bushes could be possible on the associated property managed by T.N.C. Questions of the quantity of how many need to be planted before they are considered off the endangered species list was discussed.

Vickie Dawley discussed how conservation easements intermesh with local landuse planning. Director Turner questioned if public outreach was in the RCD's future. Vickie Dawley replied that part of the 319(h) Grant would include stakeholder meetings.

7. Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (ACID) - Project Update: Dee Swearingen, Manager of ACID, presented background information on the ACID. The District was constructed in 1916 and

delivered water since 1918. In 1996, a new manager was hired to clean up the system to make it efficient. 25 years had passed since the system had been cleaned. \$11.6 million was procured to construct a new fish screen at the diversion facility.

The Bureau of Reclamation has increased the cost of water from \$20,000 per year to \$250,000 per year. Other alternatives were examined for drought water supplies. ACID joined with the Redding Area/Water Council and groundwater surface models were completed. This does come down into Tehama County to the Red Bluff arch. ACID has asked Calfed for a conjunctive use monitoring grant and was awarded \$300,000 to install up to 10 monitoring wells. The draft agreement has not been completed at this time.

The goal of ACID is to install 5 production wells along the main canal between Anderson and Cottonwood which is believed would make up the drought water supply needed. Some of these wells would be a cooperative agreement with private property well owners.

8. Countywide Water Inventory & Analysis: Ernie Ohlin updated the Directors on the first grant received. Interviews of 3 consulting firms will be completed shortly to decide which agency will be selected. It is anticipated that a special Flood Control meeting will be held on June 4, 2002.

Directors concurred that the meeting should be held at 9:00 a.m., if necessary.

10. Adjourn: With no further business the meeting adjourned.