

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2003**

Present: Directors' Bill Borrer; Charles Willard; Barbara McIver; George Russell; Ross Turner. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager and Allan Fulton, of UC Davis.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Bill Borrer.
2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 25, 2003 MINUTES: Motion by Director Turner and Second by Director Willard to approve the minutes of November 25, 2003 with the correction on page 2, Public Comment Director McIver "CEAC" changed to CSAC. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Director Willard commented on the 1996 flooding, and that perhaps areas of flooding around Antelope should be revisited.

Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager announced that he will attend the State Assembly Select Committee hearing in Stockton that will discuss groundwater quality and availability, and how water is managed in Tehama County relevant to the Districts AB3030 Plan and the County Ordinance No. 1617.

Chairman Borrer received information from NCWA regarding the Governor's action of freezing flood control subvention funds.

4. CLAIMS: Motion by Director Willard and Second by Director Russell to approve the December claims of \$7,884.43. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
5. AMEND CONTRACT WITH CAMP, DRESSER & MCKEE: Motion by Director Turner and Second by Director Russell to approve the amended contract with Camp, Dresser & McKee. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
6. AG WAIVER COUNTYWIDE COORDINATION, UPDATE: Allan Fulton of UC Davis distributed information relating to the Ag Waiver. The Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (SVWQC), has set a tentative date of December 17<sup>th</sup> for review of landuse patterns in Tehama and Shasta County. This will provide information of where water quality monitoring should occur in the counties starting July, 2004.

Allan continued that he has been asked to develop a committee of individuals to review the first round and critique information from SVWQC. A list was presented to the Board and members were invited to be involved. A meeting will be held December 10, 2003 to organize future interactions with the Coalition.

Director McIver entered.

Presently, Allan added, information received from David Guy of NCWA, was that State Water

Resources Control Board had advised him that membership to the watershed approach should be completed. Ag owners who renew permits are offered information that allows them to sign up. In Tehama County, lands that are irrigated, but do not necessarily deal with pesticides, will also need to be dealt with. It is expected that environmental groups will file a suit on the CEQA due to the lack of adequate environmental reports.

Director Willard questioned the timeline on the CEQA and Allan answered it is unknown at this time.

Director McIver thanked Allan for his continued work on this issue. With regard to the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, Chairman Borrer has drafted a letter for Board action and participates in this issue.

The issue of the Ag Commissioner's role was discussed. Communication with Shasta County is essential and should continue.

Allan Fulton stated that the Ag Commissioner as a lead is one approach. The Farm Bureau in Yolo County as well as the Ag Commissioner in Colusa County and some resource conservation districts have taken lead. The Coalition uses the Ag Commissioner list due to the information they have. The most reservation is from Shasta's Ag Commissioner.

Director Willard stated that Tehama County may need to become a mini-watershed to continue action in the County.

Director Russell questioned why so many people are not informed of this process. Allan answered that with all the water issues circulating in the areas, there is confusion on issues. The Waiver is involving those that do not consider themselves mainstream agriculture.

Ernie Ohlin added that having the Ag Commissioner notifying those reapplying for pesticide permits is a way to begin notifying landowners. Direction from the Board of Supervisors to the Ag Commissioner is appreciated.

Allan Fulton reported that working with the landowner list provided by the Assessor's Office, there were 1,300 names that information was mailed to. Using permit information provided by Mark Black, there were 450. There are still 800 people that need to be identified.

7. GRADING ORDINANCE: Ernie Ohlin asked if a meeting should be held with the AdHoc Committee to discuss the status and what direction the District should go.

Director McIver, member of the Committee, reported there is general agreement this issue needs to be pursued due to growth and the potential for the development, and consideration of adopting this to the General Plan.

Director Turner questioned if the proposed ordinance was sensitive to the commercial or agricultural developer.

From the audience, Joe Dominick of Robertson & Dominick commented, if a three to five acre subdivision was done, you are not developing drainage problems. This is a draft ordinance covering different issues of the small lot. One-half foot of grade cut is mentioned in the draft ordinance requiring a grading permit. Anyone on a hillside that wants to level a 5,000 ft. pad for a mobile home would require that permit according to Mr. Dominick.

Director Russell questioned how to deal with someone coming before the Board saying their house has been flooded.

Staff commented the draft was set up as five acres or more.

Director Borrer felt the vast majority of land under agriculture has been completed and what remains may be wetlands under conservation critical habitat issues.

Ernie Ohlin added that the Corning and Los Molinos areas are flat areas that are not in much of the designated habitat lands. These areas are where most of the complaints come from, and when the land is changed there is a dramatic affect.

Director Borrer agreed that something has to be done. Comments from the new Public Works Director should be received by the Board.

Director Willard stated he did not want this included into the General Plan. Bring issues back from the technical committee in draft form for review.

Ernie Ohlin added that in the process it would be helpful to revisit Ordinance 608.

Director Turner agreed the committee should meet again with input from the Director of Public Works.

Director Willard agreed, and that the issue should be brought before the Board of Supervisors at a future date.

Staff will contact the members of the AdHoc Committee by mail to meet and examine the issues once again.

No action taken on this issue.

8. NCWA IN REVIEW: Accepted with no comments.
9. ADJOURN: With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.