

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2003

Present:, Charles Willard, George Russell, Bill Borrer and Ross Turner. Absent: Barbara Mclver Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Dan McManus of DWR; Serge Birk, Chairman of the AB3030 TAC; Lee Mercer, TC Environmental Health and Nelson Buck, County Counsel.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Willard at 8:30 a.m.
2. Approval of December 10, 2002 Minutes. Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Borrer to approve the December 10, 2002 minutes. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
3. Public Comment: Director Willard noted that we were at 110% of normal precipitation for the year.
4. Claims: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to accept the claims as presented for \$44,853.09. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
5. Election of Officers: Motion by Director Turner to elect Bill Borrer as Chairperson. Second by Director Willard. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

The meeting was then turned over to new Chairperson Borrer.

Staff thanked Director Willard for his assistance through the year.

Motion by Director Willard to elect Ross Turner as Vice Chairperson. Second by Director Turner and carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

6. CDF Salt Creek Camp Reimbursement: Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Turner to pay claim as presented. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
7. AB3030 Technical Advisory Nominations: Ernie Ohlin noted that as per the By-laws of the Groundwater Management Plan, nominations for three positions which are due for reappointment. Ernie Ohlin noted that Serge Birk will not seek reappointed. Staff request the Board to open nomination procedures for these three positions.

Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Turner to declare nominations open for the TAC. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

Ernie Ohlin and the Board thanked Serge Birk for his time and commitment on the TAC committee.

8. AB3030 Technical Advisory Update: Chairman Birk gave an Overview of Technical Advisory Committee meeting Serge Birk explained his decision to not seek reappointment to the TAC and continued that he will be presenting the annual report for review and comment at the next TAC

meeting. He also reported information regarding the Stony Creek Fan Conjunctive Water Project presentation from the last TAC meeting.

Ernie Ohlin spoke of the project area boundaries extending north to Thomas Creek in Tehama County, although the actual fan area is much smaller.

9. Repair of the Elder Creek Levee: Ernie Ohlin informed the Board that Elder Creek Levee had been over topped for about 1500 Ln. Ft. on the north side toward the east end. Mr. Ohlin stressed the need for a more permanent solution. He would be bringing forward plans and cost estimates for permanent repair at a later date. The cost for the temporary repair just completed was approximately \$3,000.00

Mr. Ohlin stated that Orundo Bamboo, which is downstream, is continually chocking the channel. Discussion followed on remedies for levee.

10. Deer Creek Water Exchange Program :Ernie Ohlin introduced Dan McManus of DWR and Lee Mercer with Environmental Health. Dan McManus gave a brief overview of the project. DWR is proposing to conduct a one year pilot program. The Deer Creek Irrigation District wants to use the well in the summer and again later in the fall. Mr. McManus explained that the permit application to operate the well has not been submitted as yet, and there is some confusion on the permit process. Lee Mercer explain that the County Codes require that the application be submitted to Environmental Health, sent to the County Ag Commissioner and Planning Director, Technical Advisory Committee, State Dept of Water Resources, and the Water Quality Control Board. The permit will be reviewed and comments made by all of the agencies. It will then go before the County Board of Supervisors for a public hearing and final adoption.

Mr. Ohlin commented that the permit needs to be in by March 21, 2003, so that comments can be incorporated by March 30,2003. On April 30th it will appear before the TAC and it would be the next board meeting following publication for the public hearing .

Director Turner questioned if the TAC meeting could be changed to an earlier date to fast track this permit. Mr. Mercer responded that would have to be brought up with the Planning Director. There was discussion on the environmental impact report requirements. Director Borrer suggested that an amendment to the County Code may be necessary to include Flood Control in the permit process. Nelson Buck , County Counsel, responded that the process would not be to include them in County Code. Director Willard commented that he would like to see them included in the review process of the TAC.

Dan McManus questioned the availability of an interim permit, which is not the preferred method, rather he would like to ask this board to set special meetings. The Board gave direction to staff and Lee Mercer to hold a meeting to discuss dates to fast track the process.

11. Grant Funding for Small Water System Investigation-Update: Ernie Ohlin has received the Grant contract for \$200,000.00 to do Geographical Information Systems (GIS) on small water systems countywide. Ernie Ohlin explained how the data will be incorporated into the County Water Inventory and used for drought preparedness.

12. Establishing a Warrant Register:

Director Russell motioned to accept establishing a Warrant Register. Seconded by Director Willard.

Director Willard questioned the \$500.00 limit. Ernie Ohlin responded that should cover most of the average bills. Motion passed 4-0 with 1 absent.

13. Northern California Water Association - Month in Review : Mr. Ohlin stated that February 14, 2003 would be the Associations annual meeting in Yuba City.

Roger Sherrill spoke about SB 1938 pending legislation on Groundwater management and has draft copies of this available at his office.

14. Adjourn: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.