

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
&
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2003**

Present: Directors': Bill Borrer; Charles Willard; Barbara McIver; George Russell; Ross Turner. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Gary Antone, Chairman AB3030 TAC Committee.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Bill Borrer.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Director Turner and Second by Director Russell to approve the October 28, 2003 minutes. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
 - Ernie Ohlin reported that Frank Fitzpatrick, associated with the Samoa Pulp Mill, will visit Tehama County with regard to looking for Arundo as a material source.
 - Director McIver discussed her attendance at the CSAC water seminar portion which was well represented.
 - George Russell announced the Northern California Supervisors Association will meet January 8, 2004. Butte County will discuss the lower Tuscan groundwater investigation.
4. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Motion by Director Turner and Second by Director Willard, to approve the November 25, 2003 claims for \$4,817.07. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. **AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - UPDATE:** Gary Antone, Chairman of the TAC, discussed the November meeting. The TAC oversees the Water Inventory Analysis and participates with Staff to continue Phase I of the Plan. The committee is active in monitoring groundwater activities in the County and provide resources with the technically educated members on the Committee.

Also discussed was the presentation by Peter Lawson, who is the technical lead, developing the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Model by the firm CH₂M Hill, regarding the 24 short-term projects in the Sacramento Valley Water Management Program. These projects are from above Red Bluff down to the Delta specifically looking at areas of groundwater pumping. In all total, 160,000 a.f. are involved, and the new model will help determine what the groundwater draw-downs may be and the need for monitoring recommendations. This early process will possibly be completed in two months. Implementation of the projects are not expected until 2005.

6. **AG WAIVER, COUNTYWIDE COORDINATION - UPDATE:** Due to the absence of Allan Fulton, Ernie Ohlin discussed that the main issue now being discussed is landowner identification. A stay has put this aside for the time being, but the State Board will most likely require those holding pesticide permits to sign up. With regard to Tehama County's representation with Shasta County, Staff requested the Board consider the approach for the future as independent or joint involvement.

Director Borrer felt Tehama County should discuss their own issues. Perhaps an ADHOC Committee

could be established.

Director McIver discussed that any group meetings should include Shasta County and the clarification of the common and/or different approach between the two counties.

Director Willard questioned what a property owner would be committed to and how they would opt out. Staff answered that it is not resolved yet. The alternative is the property owner will most likely be totally responsible for their own permit which could be as much as \$10,000 per year.

Director Willard added that the severity of the problem is mostly in the San Joaquin area. The North State has not had the same issues.

January 7, 2004 is the next scheduled State Board hearing. The Board will continually be updated.

7. **DEER CREEK WATER EXCHANGE - UPDATE:** Dan McManus was absent. Ernie Ohlin informed the Board that Dan should soon have a draft report and after the Advisory Committee has reviewed it, the Board will be updated. The Deer Creek Irrigation District will most likely reapply for another permit to pump in the lower Tuscan. Funding for the District is probably coming from the CalFed Environmental Water Program (EWP) and mainly for infrastructure improvements within their District.
8. **AMEND CONTRACT WITH CAMP, DRESSER & MCKEE:** Ernie Ohlin requested the existing contract with Camp, Dresser and McKee be amended to include work associated with the Small Water System Drought Vulnerability Research and Analysis Grant. Funding for the additional scope of work would be from an existing \$200,000 Grant.

A motion was made for adoption of the amendment, but due to posting of the Agenda as an informational item, the motion was withdrawn and the item will be brought before the Board in December.

9. **APPROVAL OF 2004 MEETING DATES:** Motion by Director McIver and Second by Director Willard to approve the meeting dates for the Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District for 2004. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
10. **NCWA MONTH IN REVIEW:** As presented.
11. **ADJOURN:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.