

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 23, 2003**

Present: Directors': Bill Borrer; George Russell; Ross Turner; Charles Willard; Barbara McIver. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Dan McManus, DWR Northern District; Sean Sou, Supervising Engineer, Chief North of Delta Section DWR; Michael Tansey, Project Manager US Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region; newly appointed Director of Public Works, Williams (Bill) Goodwin; Allan Fulton, UC Davis Extension; Steve Kimbrough of City of Corning;

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Borrer at 8:33 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to approve the August 26, 2003 minutes. Carried 3-0 with 2 absent.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Directors: McIver and Willard entered.

Director Willard commented that today will be a "de-listing" of the Sacramento River "splittail minnow" from the US Fish & Wildlife Service list of threatened species.

4. **CLAIMS:** Motion by Director Willard and second by Director McIver to approve the claims in the amount of \$6,756.27. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. **DEER CREEK WATER EXCHANGE UPDATE:** Dan McManus of DWR discussed the pumping which began September 9th and continued intermittently for 85-days. The original permit was for 90-days, but due to a request from Deer Creek Irrigation District, 5-days of pumping were left for possible post-harvesting water. The total water pumped was 450a.f. in which extensive groundwater monitoring data was recorded. The final summary report will be presented at a future Board meeting.

Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, commented that this pilot project was a beneficial opportunity for the County to learn about the east-side groundwater area through the permit process.

Director Willard thanked Dan McManus for the updates and looked forward to a year-end summary.

Chairman Borrer paused the meeting to introduce newly appointed Director of Public Works, Williams (Bill) Goodwin who just entered.

6. **AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE:** (Gary Antone, Chairman was absent) Ernie Ohlin discussed the recent meeting of the AB3030 TAC at which the completed Water Inventory Analysis was distributed to all members. Further discussions centered around the Sunset Hills development monitoring well and requirements and future monitoring.

7. **AG WAIVER, COUNTY COORDINATION UPDATE:** Allan Fulton, of U.C. Davis Extension, discussed the draft letter to be sent to residents with regard to meetings and explaining options to landowners regarding the waiver.

Discussions continued on how the information will be sent to landowners and the possibility of Flood Control contributing assistance with postage and wording of the brochure.

Director Willard expressed preference to the brochure printed (Exhibit A) rather than the draft letter presented.

Allan Fulton reported on a meeting of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) which took place yesterday. One question brought up at the meeting was whether other areas in the Central Valley were moving away from the waiver and choosing to work under a “regional discharge order” . Further south in the Solano and Yolo County areas, there are some resource conservation districts soliciting fees of approximately \$2 per acre to support their local work within their local watershed. Members of the Board expressed their support of the Coalition process and continuing to be proactive in informing Tehama County Citizens of the issue.

8. **NORTH OF DELTA STORAGE INVESTIGATION UPDATE:** Glen Pearson, Northern District DWR, introduced the following people: Sean Sou, Program Manager, Chief North of Delta Section DWR; Michael Tansey, Program Manager US Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region; Scott Woodland, author of the EIS/EIR; Rick Hefferon, General Manager of Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA).

Sean Sou gave a presentation with the following subjects:

- Briefing Objectives
- Calfed Program Surface Storage Objectives
- Calfed Record of Decision (ROD) - Purpose & Need for Storage
- Calfed ROD - North of Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS) Objectives
- NODOS Milestone Accomplishments
- NODOS Milestones Next
- NODOS Components
- Reservoir Screening Process
- Location Map
- Progress Report Results
- Environmental Comparison
- Road Relocation/Bridge Alternatives
- Conveyance & Water Source Options
- Screening Conveyance Options
- Water Source Options
- Sacramento River Flow Regime Consideration
- Flow Regime TAG Participants
- Source Options Analysis
- Identify Beneficiaries
- Ongoing & Environmental Studies
- Preliminary Capital Cost Estimate
- \$1.1 to \$2.4 Billion

- Not know as yet on Neville Reservoir
- Stakeholder Coordination
- Program Coordination
- Planning Funding
- Federal, State, General Funds
- Calfed Financial Plan
- “Beneficiaries pay” unknown at this time
- Issues & Challenges
- Next Steps

Director Willard thanked Mr. Sue for the presentation and stated the environmental and recreational benefits should be added to the presentation.

9. **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ASSOCIATION - MONTH IN REVIEW:** No comments.
10. **ADJOURN:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.