

**TEHAMA COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2004**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Ross Turner called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Director Willard and Second by Director McIver to approve the minutes of March 23, 2004.

Director Willard made correction to Page 4, Item 11, correct "Bret Herrington" to "Brent". "Jim Heninger" to "Heminger".

Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Director Willard commented that desalinization may play a greater role in the future for many in water supply. There are 1,200 desalinization plants in the country now.
4. **CLAIMS:** Motion by Director Russell and Second by Director Borrer to approve the claims for April of \$15,433.21. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. **US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE/RIO VISTA UNIT & WOODSON BRIDGE/KOPTA SLOUGH PROJECT UPDATE:** Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, informed the Board that preliminary design work and environmental documentation has been completed, but USF&WS is lacking construction funding and the project is now on hold. US Fish & Wildlife preliminary document to establish natural drainage from South Avenue East of Woodson Bridge. The feasibility study found that establishing the natural drain swales would not have any negative effect on flooding, and would have positive effects on the environmental portion.

The Woodson Bridge/Kopta Slough Study is on hold due to current lack of funding by the Corps of Engineers. However, the project may be funded next year by the Corps to proceed with.

6. **CREEK CLEARING PERMIT RENEWAL UPDATE:** Ernie Ohlin updated the Board that the District renewal permit for creek cleaning and levee maintenance has not been received at this time. Staff sent in the renewal request on October 15, 2003. Staff is trying to have the permit issued under the old fee schedule, not the new fee schedules, which became effective January 1, 2004. Indications are an interim permit will be issued until the end of 2004, and in 2005 the District will be given a new permit.

Director Willard offered to notify RCRC for assistance with this issue.

Chairman Turner requested that if the issue is resolved before the May Flood meeting, notice be sent to the members of TCFC Board.

7. **INSTALLATION OF MULTI-COMPLETION GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS-REVIEW:** Dan McManus of Department of Water Resources (DWR), distributed information on the progress of the three monitoring wells being drilled in Tehama County and the results. Further information will be added to the information sheets and distributed at a future meeting. Dataloggers will also be purchased by TCFC for groundwater measurement readings in the wells.

8. **AG WAIVER, COUNTYWIDE COORDINATION - UPDATE:** Allan Fulton announced that April 1st the Sacramento Valley Water Coalition submitted two reports to the Regional Board. A watershed evaluation report, dividing the Sacramento Valley into ten sub-watersheds including Shasta/Tehama. This report describes farming pesticide use occurring in watersheds and proposes a rational for prioritizing where impacts are rated from high to low. The second report was a monitoring and reporting program plan outlining 42 sites, identified through the watershed evaluation report, where monitoring could possibly be done based on risk of surface water quality. Copies are available.

Director Willard added these copies should be added to the library. Director Willard also asked if it was possible to locate the properties in a GIS format, including AP numbers, available for the 800 members in Shasta/Tehama County in the Coalition.

9. **DEER CREEK WATER EXCHANGE - UPDATE:** Dan McManus continues to work with the Deer Creek Water Exchange, Environmental Water program. Stanford/Vina has had a change in their Board and presently are cooperating with programs. A pilot well strictly for Ag use is being considered and a permit will need to be applied for.

Director Willard commented that the renewal permit process should be examined and the Board may consider updating the progress of renewal.

10. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** Motion by Director Russell and Second by Director Willard to approve the budget transfer of \$6,631. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

11. **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ASSOCIATION - MONTH IN REVIEW:** As presented.

12. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.