

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2004

Present: Directors': George Russell; Ross Turner; Bill Borrer; Barbara McIver. Absent: Director Charles Willard. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Allan Fulton, UC Davis Extension; and Roger Sherrill, Rio Alto Water.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross Turner at 8:32 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Director Borrer and Second by Director Russell to approve the minutes of July 27, 2004. Carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
4. **CLAIMS:** Motion by Director Russell and Second by Director Borrer to approve the August claims in the amount of \$925.59. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
5. **AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY - UPDATE:** Ernie Ohlin reviewed the Small Water Inventory Drought Preparedness project being conducted by Camp, Dresser & McKee (CDM). CDM continues to analyze drought as related to well depth, location, and establish criteria year types. Research of the last 20-years historical rainfall indicates that the County must record 125% of normal rainfall in order to result in an increase in groundwater in storage.

Ernie Ohlin added that the information gathered would not only assist with our drought preparedness, but also for planning, and zoning for development.

Director McIver entered.

6. **AG WAIVER, COUNTYWIDE COORDINATION - UPDATE:** Allan Fulton updated the Director's with regard to the outreach efforts to pesticide permit holders. Efforts continue to encourage irrigation land owners and operators to join the Coalition. Within the next 30-days an effort to collect the \$2.00 per acre from those who enroll and claim coverage under the waiver will begin. The important issue is demonstration that the Coalition can afford to pay for monitoring at the Burch Creek site, and in December, Cow Creek in Shasta County. Once fees are collected, and membership numbers are known, there will be plans to fill permanent positions on the Coalition Board of Directors. As a note of interest, RWQCB has begun monitoring in Tehama County and presently, no samples have shown problems.
7. **COOPERATOR IN REGIONAL WATER PLANNING PROCESS:** Ernie Ohlin brought back this item for the Directors to consider joining as a participant in a regional water planning process with Glenn, Butte and Colusa County. With Glenn County as the lead agency, funding would be available for regional coordination and strategy as related to groundwater activities. Presently, Glenn County has been informed that the Calfed grant funding has been approved.

Director Borrer stated that it is still in discussion as to whether the proposed user fees will be imposed by Calfed. The opposition at the last meeting was due to waiting for more definitive information from Calfed regarding the proposed user fee. The problem is there is no nexus between the beneficiaries of the money and water diverters, the people receiving water out of the river. Director Borrer stated his support of the regional approach to examining our groundwater situation and project.

Ernie Ohlin added that he also disagreed with the Calfed user fee issue. However, coordination regionally with other county's to understand what we are all doing and investigative work in the lower Tuscan does need to be done.

Director McIver was supportive of the project and felt it was consistent with the AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan. Concerns are understandable with future monies and it is an issue to deal with. Success in this area can generate a more favorable climate for funding and regional cooperation, with regard to an aquifer issue, is important.

Director McIver moved to approve Resolution 03-2004, which authorizes the Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to act as a cooperator in the regional planning process, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Director Borrer agreed and supported the program.

Second by Director Russell. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

8. **MULTI-COMPLETION GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS-STATUS REPORT:** Ernie Ohlin presented hydrographs from the multi-completion groundwater monitoring wells for review. Maywood Farms was of interest due to being the deepest aquifer monitoring and having the highest static water level.

9. **CDF-SALT CREEK CONSERVATION CAMP-REVISED RATES:** Ernie advised of the increase in Conservation Crew rates for creek clearing projects, from \$75 to \$160 per day, per crew. This cost includes fuel, tools and equipment with an 18-man crew.

Motion by Director Russell and Second by Director Borrer to approve the \$160 rate for CDF, Salt Creek Conservation Camp. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

10. **CDF-SALT CREEK CAMP - REIMBURSEMENT:** Motion by Director Russell and Second by Director Borrer to approve the \$1,120 invoice for work completed by CDF Salt Creek Camp. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

11. **REMOVE ITEMS FROM FIXED ASSETS:** Ernie Ohlin explained this house-cleaning item was for accounting due to junked and under \$750 value.

Director McIver moved to approve the removal of two items from the fixed items inventory as detailed. Second by Director Borrer and carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

12. **NCWA - MONTH IN REVIEW:** Director McIver discussed the California Performance Review (CPR) recently released by the Governor, and how certain agencies will or will not be affected. Fewer people may be employed to perform the same tasks.

Roger Sherrill of Rio Alto Water, discussed the Calfed user fees.

13. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.