

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2004 MEETING

Present: Directors'; Bill Borrer, Charles Willard, George Russell, Barbara McIver and Ross Turner. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Gary Antone, Chairman of TAC, Allan Fulton, US Davis Extension, Vickie Newlin, Calfed Regional Coordinator.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Borrer called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Director Turner and Second by Director Russell to approve the December 9, 2004 minutes. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, discussed the Somoa Pulp Mill 9:00 a.m. meeting regarding their interest in Arundo in Tehama and Glenn County on January 29, 2004.

Chairman Borrer discussed the NCWA Board Meeting for a strategic planning session. Director Borrer was elected a County Representative and voting member.

Director Turner acknowledged the continued work of Directors' Willard and Borrer on water issues and congratulations to Director Borrer for his elected position at NCWA.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chairman Borrer opened nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Board.

Director McIver entered.

Motion by Director Russell to nominate Director Turner for Chairman. Second by Director Willard and carried by those present with a vote of 5-0 with 0 absent.

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director McIver to nominate Director Russell as Vice-Chairman. Carried by those present 5-0 with 0 absent.

Director Bill Borrer turned the Chair over to Director Turner.

Directors' and Staff thanked Director Borrer for his fine work.

5. CLAIMS: Motion by to approve the claims as submitted in the amount of \$2,530.47 by Director Russell, second by Director Willard and carried 5-0.
6. AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) NOMINATIONS: Ernie Ohlin

announced the three members of nine member panel up for reappointment. Robert Steinacher, Kevin Borrer and Gary Antone. Applications will be available to the public and three members for consideration.

Motion by Director McIver and second by Director Willard to declare nominations open for TAC membership. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

7. AB3030 TAC - UPDATE: Gary Antone, Chairman for the TAC, discussed the December and January meeting of the Committee. Outreach presentations from Butte and Glenn County providing current groundwater information in their County's. Also, Toccoy Dudley of DWR, provided information regarding Stony Creek activities with regard to recharge.

Gary Antone announced the TAC Annual Report is in progress and should be presented to the Board in March.

8. AG WAIVER, COUNTYWIDE COORDINATION - UPDATE: Allan Fulton, US Davis Extension, discussed the recent activities relating to the Regional Water Quality Control Board Ag Waiver issue.

Allan Fulton, Mark Black, Ag Commissioner of Tehama County, and Veiva Swearingen of the Cottonwood Creek Watershed, are heading a steering committee, which includes public and private sectors, with regard to the Ag Waiver in Tehama and Shasta Counties.

Allan Fulton discussed a meeting that took place with representatives of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (SVWQC) identifying major drainage areas in the County and where monitoring could occur.

With an April 1st deadline, not much time is left for the Coalition to provide a Watershed Evaluation Report and submit proposals of where monitoring could occur.

Director Willard concurred with Mr. Fulton's concern, but asked the "group" be given a name for proper identification.

Director Borrer explained that in the Tehama area, there are creek's, whereas in the southern area, there are drains they want to monitor. It is an entirely different situation and they don't know how to handle it at this point in time. The bulk of the irrigation water that runs off fields, goes no where. Some ends up in the creek beds and not the river due to the drying of the creek's.

Veiva Swearingen of the Cottonwood Creek Watershed, provided information sent to irrigation districts, farm bureau's, RCD's and anyone that would help distribute this information to landowners. Discussed also, was that 70% of the irrigation ag is not registered with the Ag Commissioner and that APN numbers are needed to identify properties. Those that have complied with the Coalition, see the need to work this

through and “not opt to take the other two choices” provided by the waiver.

When questioned by Director Borrer of the number of individuals that have signed onto this so far, Allan Fulton replied that the number was low to his knowledge.

Director Willard asked for opinions on the State Board decision of not having to provide identification of the landowner. Veiva Swearingen replied that providing identification of the landowner is concerned, “we” do not have to provide the information to the Regional Board. The information can be kept in-house at this time.

From the audience, Tim O’Laughlin, Attorney for Deer Creek Irrigation District (DCID), reviewed the draft order written on January 9, 2004, listing five contingent issues that were appealed in the process.

Tim O’Laughlin added that he felt, in his opinion, the Ag Waiver will disappear in a year or two and everyone will be required to apply for a Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR). Mr. O’Laughlin has advised his clients to do nothing at this time. Mr. O’Laughlin also discussed storm water discharge. He felt that storm water discharge will become a bigger problem than the Waiver.

Ernie Ohlin questioned how many individuals of the five Districts applied for permits and Mr. O’Laughlin replied approximately twenty to twenty-five thousand were represented by the five District applications.

Tim O’Laughlin discussed fees associated with the Waiver. He feels the fee portion could be assessed by State Water Resources Control Board, water quality fees, and even the Bay-Delta Authority. Incremental costs to farmers could be over \$150 per acre.

Veiva Swearingen added that what Mr. O’Laughlin discussed was information occurring in the San Joaquin Valley and not the North State and that if the people in the North State continue to work towards the Coalition, there will be success.

Chairman Turner asked the meeting proceed to the next item due to time constraints.

9. CALFED REGIONAL COORDINATION: Vickie Newlin, Calfed Regional Coordinator, presented the Board with information on issues of her involvement. Ms. Newlin is the Regional Coordinator for the Sacramento Valley region of the California Bay-Delta Authority. Attending the Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum meeting, Ms. Newlin assisted in a grant to provide funds for attorneys for landowner assurance with regard to restoration projects. With regard to the Ag Waiver, and a member of the Northern Sacramento Valley Water Forum, presentations have been given to members of the State Board on this issue. Any assistance needed from Tehama County or the Board, Ms. Newlin was available.
10. APPROVAL OF DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT M.O.U.: Ernie Ohlin

presented for Board approval the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the DCID.

Motion by Director Willard and second to Director Borrer to approve the MOU regarding the groundwater basin management submitted by the Deer Creek Irrigation District. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

Motion by Director McIver and second by Director Borrer to approve the signature of the Chairman to the MOU. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

11. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 01-2004 FOR AB303 GRANT APPLICATION FOR MONITORING WELLS AND DATA LOGGING EQUIPMENT: Ernie Ohlin updated a previously non-funded grant to install two triple completion and one double completion monitoring wells at 1,000 ft. deep each. Sounding equipment was also included to provide to Districts in the Rancho Tehama, the El Camino Irrigation District, and one extra to be used for anyone in the County requiring use.

Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Borrer to approve the Resolution 01-2004 for the AB303 grant application for monitoring wells and data logging equipment and authorize the Chairman to sign. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

12. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 02-2004 TO ESTABLISH DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS: Ernie Ohlin discussed the purpose of the Dispute Resolution and that this years grant application requires a dispute resolution process adopted by the District.

Director Willard asked for word change on the resolution on Item 4 be changed to “The issue will be agendized for the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting within 60-days”.

Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Borrer to approve Resolution No. 02-2004 with the appropriate changes. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Director Borrer and Director McIver to authorize the Chairman to sign resolution 02-2004 with appropriate changes. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

13. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

