

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

Present: Directors': Ross Turner; George Russell; Bill Borrer. Absent: Directors': Barbara McIver and Charles Willard. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Allan Fulton, UC Davis; Gary Antone, AB3030 TAC Chairman; Dan McManus of DWR; Tom McCubbins, TCRCW Watershed Coordinator.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:56 A.M. by Chairman Ross Turner.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Director Russell and Second by Director Borrer to approve the May 25, 2004 minutes. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Director Borrer attended the NCWA Board meeting and discussed the CalFed 10-year financing plan proposes that water diverters pay a substantial fee to CalFed for all the perceived benefits that the valley has received from CalFed programs. CalFed has comprised a list of programs that they say have enhanced Northern California amounting to \$258 million.

Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, discussed the upcoming August 11th meeting concerning the enlargement of Shasta Dam. Also, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service meeting regarding the 15 year management plan on their conservation areas is tonight in Red Bluff.

4. **CLAIMS:** Motion by Director Russell and Second by Director Borrer to approve the July claims in the amount of \$26,417.15. Carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
5. **TEHAMA COUNTY WESTSIDE WATERSHED ASSESSMENT:** Tom McCubbins, TCRCW Watershed Coordinator, working under a DOC Grant, discussed the RFP distributed to procure a consultant for the Watershed Assessment project. The goal of the assessment is to gather information on impacts from management decisions within the watershed area.

Director Turner questioned if the reports gathered will have an adverse affect on landowners. Mr. McCubbins answered that there will be no pre-conceived notions with the information being gathered. At this point, there is not an answer.

Mr. McCubbins continued that outreach through public meetings are also scheduled to gather necessary information.

Director Russell suggested a past Consultant, Nasier Bateni, should be contacted due to

all research he had completed in past years for Flood Control.

Director Turner suggested that areas of outreach should consider the Reeds Creek and Paskanta West areas.

Ernie Ohlin added that GIS services in Public Works is also assisting.

6. **DEER CREEK WATER EXCHANGE - UPDATE:** Dan McManus discussed the permit from Deer Creek Irrigation District for test well pumping. Approval for 90-days or 550a.f. was granted by the Board of Supervisors and pumping began in July. Exhibits were distributed showing areas of test wells. Deer Creek has also applied for an AB303 grant allowing for three more monitoring wells to be installed in the Stanford/Vina area and development of a data base.
7. **AG WAIVER, COUNTYWIDE COORDINATION - UPDATE:** Allan Fulton, UC Davis Extension, discussed the efforts of continuing membership to the Coalition. 1100 membership forms have been submitted, but assessment of actual irrigated acreage needs to be completed. This would have an effect on the issues of funding. Members of the Coalition have been sent identification cards and out of approximately 156,000 irrigated acres represented, 18,000 have responded. Access to the Ag Commissioners Pesticide Use Permit list shows that 600 permit holders are represented and only 150 to 180 responses have been received by the Coalition.

Director Turner questioned if a language barrier was a problem and Allan answered there is a problem with that issue. Director Turner suggested Bell Carter Field Personnel be contacted and use their newsletter to inform recipients.

Allan Fulton discussed water quality monitoring and none related to the Ag Waiver is currently going on in Tehama County on the part of the Coalition. This may happen sometime in the later or first part of next year. There is still no agreement with the Regional Board on monitoring at the low end of the watershed versus monitoring up on finite drainage points of small acreages.

Director Borrer added that with regard to the Coalition funding issue, of 18,000 acres represented out of 156,000 irrigated acres in the County, this may not be enough to pay for needed testing.

8. **COOPERATOR IN REGIONAL WATER PLANNING PROCESS:** Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, discussed the coordination between Shasta, Glenn, Tehama, and Butte County, with regard to groundwater activities. This grant will assist documentation and coordination. The Bay Delta would be a beneficiary of the activity. A resolution was presented stating Tehama County would act as a cooperator to this issue. This does not commit to any activities, but documents what is happening around us in

accordance with the AB3030 Plan.

Chairman Turner asked for a motion and Director Borrer commented, until the CALFED user fee issue is clear, the question is, should our District accept CALFED grant money? The program is good, but, Director Borrer continued, he would not vote for any more CalFed funded projects until the issue is resolved. The CALFED user fee is a good example of proposing that Northern California pay for it through taxes.

Chairman Turner added that based on the comments and consensus of the Board, this item will be carried over to a future meeting.

9. **AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY - UPDATE:** Chairman of the TAC, Gary Antone, declined to speak due to all items discussed at the TAC were discussed today.
10. **NCWA - MONTH IN REVIEW:** As presented in the packet.
11. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.