

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL MINUTES OF MAY 25, 2004

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross Turner at 8:48 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Director Borrer and Second by Director McIver to approve the minutes of April 27, and Special Meeting of May 18, 2004 (Director McIver as to form). Carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
4. CLAIMS: Motion by Director Borrer and Second by Director McIver to approve the Flood Claims for May, \$5,578.88. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
5. AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE-UPDATE: With the absence of Gary Antone, Chairman of the AB3030, Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, reviewed the past meeting. The Committee reviewed information regarding the multi-completion monitoring wells, which have been completed, well construction data from Dan McManus of DWR, and the purchase of dataloggers for further monitoring in the County.

Ernie Ohlin added that the AB599 Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act was discussed during the meeting by representatives of the State Water Quality Board and USGS, San Diego. This is a comprehensive, statewide monitoring program for groundwater monitoring and quality testing. All information gathered from DHS, Environmental Health Departments and various other agencies throughout the State will allow the development of a grid over groundwater basins on the valley floor. Most wells in Tehama County are close to the I-5 corridor and mainly developments. A coordinating effort to move this forward will be needed. Interest in water quality testing of our newly installed monitoring wells was expressed by USGS. One well is on County property and two on private property.

Testing for groundwater quality will be conducted throughout the State. Ten sites are listed for testing in California, one of which is in the Shasta basin in Shasta County. The Board will be kept updated.

6. AG WAIVER, COUNTYWIDE COORDINATION - UPDATE: Allan Fulton updated the Board on the recent Steering Committee meeting identifying, on behalf of the Coalition, specific monitoring points for surface monitoring in the Shasta/Tehama Watershed. The first proposed monitoring site is the, Burch Creek drainage area, South of South Avenue. Possible monitoring locations could be: Houghton Avenue; Woodson Avenue, or as far South as Flournoy. The second site is in Shasta County at Cow Creek; the third site is Elder Creek, south of Gerber, at the bridge on San Benito Avenue; fourth site at Anderson Creek, Shasta County, and Salt Creek as

the fifth site. The Regional Board has \$38 million in which to conduct their own monitoring program, separate of the Coalition, throughout the Central Valley. The source of the money is unknown. They have proposed their own list of sites in the Central Valley, five are located in the Shasta/Tehama Watershed, but actually all are in Tehama County. None of the Regional Board sites coincide with the sites chosen by the Coalition.

7. ANTELOPE AREA WATERSHED INVESTIGATION BY THE NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS): Ernie Ohlin met with NRCS Representatives, Larry Brannon and Greg Norris, who are developing a surface water flood inundation model for the Antelope Creek and Craig Creek watershed areas. The model will examine the rainfall, watersheds, and flooding for 10-year, 25-year, or 100-year. Staff has contacted Caltrans for their design information, design hydrology for the Antelope Creek, Dye Creek Bridges and any other bridges being worked on. Staff will send correspondence to update landowners.
8. GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL OFFER BY U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE (USFWS): Ernie Ohlin informed the Board of the USFWS offer to TCFC to use one of two wells on the Flynn Unit for groundwater monitoring. Abandonment of the wells by USFWS makes the offer possible.

Director Borrer asked the location of the well. This well is located east of Gerber, close to the river, approximately 140 ft. deep.

9. NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER ASSOCIATION MONTH IN REVIEW: Director Borrer discussed the proposed Calfed User Fee. The proposal is half of the State contribution to Calfed will come from user fee from actual assessments on diversion of water. This would range from \$3.00 a.f. for Ag, to \$7.82. There are several proposals at this time. NCWA's feeling is that in the Calfed's Record of Decision, it was the beneficiaries who were to pay the cost, and "we don't feel like water users in the North Valley are the beneficiaries of the Calfed Program." Northern California is in the solution area which provides good quality water to help solve the water quality and quantity problems of the Bay-Delta.
10. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.