

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Ross Turner.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Director Borrer and Second by Director Russell to accept the August 24, 2004 minutes as presented. Motion carried by those present 3-0 with 2 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Director Borrer attended the RCRC conference which discussed the Clean Water Act Legislation on septic tanks.
4. CLAIMS: Motion by Director Russell and Second by Director Borrer to accept the September Claims in the amount of \$1,532.12. Motion carried by those present 3-0 with 2 absent.
5. SUN CITY TEHAMA - GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION UPDATE: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, discussed the new Sun City development.

Director Charles Willard entered and was welcomed by staff.

Meetings by staff and various County agencies have met with developers of the proposed North County project. Data has been requested by developers for information relevant to groundwater issues in sections of land in the surrounding areas.

Director Barbara McIver entered.

The number of wells have decreased from the original proposed total to serve the large lots and will most likely be served from the proposed municipal system. Shortly, a 1500 ft. deep pilot hole will be drilled to identify the geology and aquifer layers. Not much is known about the area of the proposed development relevant to groundwater availability. Coordination with the developers will continue.

Director McIver added that coordination with the developer is important and that we would all be well served to make our expectations very clear, because the mitigation and the Counties concern with water availability being their areas of concern.

Staff agreed and close coordination of investigative work is in progress. Continued meetings to achieve a clearer understanding, including any field reviews, will be done by staff and with the assistance of the Northern District DWR.

Roger Sherrill of Rio Alto Water District, added that coordination between the County and developer is essential.

Dan McManus of DWR discussed developer concerns with the depth of wells in the area. Due to Sunset Hills and the amount of proposed septic systems to be developed, drilling deeper municipal wells will be of value to identify underground issues. DWR Staff will be collecting their own set of samples from the drilling.

6. SHASTA-TEHAMA WATER EDUCATION COALITION UPDATE: Allan Fulton informed the Directors' that approximately 40,000 acres between Shasta and Tehama County have signed up with the Coalition. This would be representing 1,600 landowners. NCWA, one of the leaders in the Coalition, has retained Larry Walker and Associates, to oversee surface water monitoring throughout the Sacramento Valley. The scheduled monitoring will begin in November and terms and payments are expected to be made by November 15th of approximately \$56,000. If payments cannot be made by sub-watersheds, they will no longer be covered under the waiver of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition.

Director Borrer added that potential members who have not signed on to the Coalition will be contacted using the pesticide permit applications in the County.

7. DEER CREEK WATER EXCHANGE UPDATE: Dan McManus updated the data logging information from September. The pump ran for 64-days and pumped 337 a.f. and was then turned off. Within another month, information gathered from the dataloggers will be reported again to the Board.
8. STANFORD VINA-DEER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT CALFED WATER USE EFFICIENCY GRANT: Dan McManus reported that this grant funding will provide improvements to the Stanford Vina-Deer Creek Irrigation District delivery system. Boards for the irrigation districts will soon meet together and appointments for grant manager and consultant will be made. Water saved from the system improvements could reduce water diversions without reducing supplies.

Ernie Ohlin discussed meetings with Burt Bundy regarding a grant for the Mill Creek Conservancy, for investigative work supplementing fish flow and system improvements. This would include monitoring of fish passage electronically, rather than by hand, and installation of a supplemental well. An overview by Burt Bundy will be arranged at a future meeting.

Director Borrer added that caution should be exercised with regard to the Calfed funding until finalization for assessing water users in the North State.

9. NCWA - MONTH IN REVIEW: Accepted as presented in packet.

Roger Sherrill discussed NCWA legislation regarding the recharge of groundwater, the use of surplus water as a beneficial use for recharge. This is in response to a recent Regional Board opinion that the use of surplus water was not a beneficial use of water when used as recharge of groundwater. The legislation would define when surface water, being used for recharge of groundwater, is or is not beneficial.

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