

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2005 MEETING

It should be noted that this meeting was posted as having the meeting at 633 Washington Street in the Board Chambers, but was moved to the City of Red Bluff Chambers.

Present: Directors': Charles Willard; Ron Warner; Gregg Avilla. Absent: Directors': Ross Turner; George Russell. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Brandon Konicke, Engineering Technician; Mark Black, Glenn County Ag Department; Roger Sherrill, Rio Alto Water District; Jim Lowden, Chairman of the AB3030 Groundwater TAC.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Director Charles Willard at 8:31 a.m.
2. Approval of October 25, 2005 Minutes: Motion by Director Avilla and second by Director Warner to approve the October 25, 2005 minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
3. Public Comment:

Ernie Ohlin announced that Butte County selected Toccoy Dudley as their Director of Water Resources. Also, Vickie Newlin will return to Butte County working in the Water Resources Department.
4. Claims: With corrections to the December claims of deleting Ron Warner (October) and add Charles Willard (October) for \$25 (listed Warner twice), motion by Director Warner and second by Director Avilla to approve the claims in the amount of \$8,285.71 with correction as noted. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
5. Approval of 2006 Meeting Dates: Motion by Director Avilla and second by Director Warner to approve the submitted 2006 meeting dates for Flood Control & Water Conservation.
6. Tehama County Flood Mitigation Plan (FMP): Ernie Ohlin informed the Directors' of participants in the planning process. At some future date, The County will develop a Multi-hazard County Mitigation Plan that will include all County services and may be undertaken by the Sheriff's Department. The FMP component of the Plan is for flood mitigation only. An advisory committee meeting will be held and the first public outreach meeting will be held January 19th at Lassen View and January 24th at Corning Vets Hall. It should be noted that this does not involve the cities, but Ernie Ohlin invited them to participate.

The main purpose, from FEMA's perspective, Ernie Ohlin continued, is to identify areas within our county with multiple times of flooding damage. Once information is gathered and identification made, funding could be available for various mitigation purposes. This grant will receive approximately \$30,000 from FEMA. Flood Control and Public Works will contribute \$10,000 each. Even though this is not a large amount of money, this useful project will benefit the County in the future.

Brandon Konicke, Engineering Technician I, assisted Staff with a GIS presentation of areas in the County with flooding problems since 1995.

Director Warner requested the City of Tehama be included as a participant.

7. AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee Update: Jim Lowden, Chairman of the TAC, reviewed the November meeting. John Ayres and Ben Swan from CDM presented draft management objectives for BMO development.

Ernie Ohlin said that Butte County has provided a sample BMO Methodology Packet for each of their sub-basins that may serve as an example. Once the TAC has completed the task, a resolution will be presented to the Board with regard to the County AB3030 Plan and compliance with SB1938.

The Committee, Jim Lowden continued, is trying to achieve compliance with SB1938 which is required for the County Groundwater Management Plan to qualify for future State funding. Also, DWR presented updated information on Deer Creek Water Exchange project in developing new wells.

Director Avilla questioned where to receive information regarding monitoring and groundwater. Jim Lowden answered by saying the Tehama County Flood Control website and DWR data is available.

8. Approval of Four-County Regional Water Resource Coordination- MOU: Ernie Ohlin reviewed that in August 2004, the Board authorized staff to participate in the Four County Water Resources Cooperative Effort. The MOU attached is allowing all counties to participate together in water resource collaboration and communication. This non-binding, voluntary MOU recognizes coordination among Butte, Colusa, Glenn and Tehama County.

Roger Sherrill encouraged the four-county groups to participate and noted in Item 5.1 "Participation" is strictly voluntary. Shasta County provides a major part of the recharge for the northern part of the Sacramento Valley and suggested to possibly include them to make for a stronger overall group.

Mark Black, Ag Commissioner for Glenn County, added this will be presented to Glenn County next Tuesday for support. Discussions with Sutter and Yuba County are interested and they are awaiting the outcome of the four counties. This is a good collaborative effort, giving us strength of possible future funding.

Motion by Director Warner to approve the MOU for signature.

Director Willard questioned if this has been reviewed by County Counsel. Upon his approval, signature will be completed.

Motion revised by Director Warner to approve the MOU for signature by the Chair upon review of County Counsel. Second by Director Avilla and carried by those present 3-0 with 2 absent.

9. Election of Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Director: Ernie Ohlin presented the information regarding elections to the Board of NCWA and requested the consideration of nominating Bill Borrer for one position as a Director.

Bill Borrer reviewed the NCWA change of procedures in election of Directors. With the uncertainty of his re-election of Director next year, he would accept the position of Director and suggested Curt Johanson of Butte County for alternate. The Board considered the suggestion.

Motion by Director Avilla to nominate Bill Borrer as Director for NCWA Board and seconded by

Director Warner. Carried by those present 3-0 with 2 absent.

Motion by Director Warner and second by Director Avilla to nominate Curt Johanson as alternate. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.

The Directors' thanked Bill Borrer for his continued support and representation of the Board at NCWA.

10. Shasta-Tehama Watershed Education Coalition Update: Bill Borrer updated the Board on the Coalitions progress. The Irrigated Lands Program expired in December without the State acting on the Coalitions request for a 5-year extension. A renewal of 6-months was provided and requested staff to review all proposals. Quantification of water standards was an issue for discussion and determination of what the standard should be for constituents. Changes in the monitoring plan which was first done only a year ago, was also an issue. The Regional Board is still requesting a membership list which the Coalition will not provide until issues have been resolved.

Bill Borrer stated that this is based on a watershed approach to solving water problems and not going after individuals. Locally, input from growers is needed. A technical advisory committee has been formed representing major crops and two counties. A recommendation for summer monitoring has been provided by the committee. Anderson Creek was suggested, but the affect on the City of Anderson is unknown in the winter.

With regard to the regional plan for action, the Coalition was to provide educational meetings for growers on best management practices due to the Birch Creek toxicity level discovered. The Board felt this should wait until another year of monitoring was provided leaving this as a 2007 program.

Bill Borrer added that the \$1.50 per acre bills are less than the previous year.

11. NCWA Month in Review: Roger Sherrill discussed NCWA's article on Pg. 15 regarding the Infrastructure Bond. This includes a \$5.2 billion bond for local and regional agencies for water quality and quantity. If the bond continues as it is, there is a possibility it will pass.
12. Adjourn: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.