

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING OF **JANUARY 25, 2005****

Present: Directors': George Russell; Ross Turner; Ron Warner; and Charlie Willard. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Bill Goodwin, Director of Public Works; Gary Antone, City of Red Bluff Public Works; Bill Borrer; Dan McManus, Department of Water Resources Biologist; Roger Sherrill, Rio Alto Water; and Burt Bundy State Reclamation Board member.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ross Turner at 8:32 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Director Russell and Second by Director Warner to approve the minutes of November 23, 2004 as to form only as Director Warner is not a seated member at this time. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Burt Bundy spoke of a recent court case ruling known as the Paterno Case which dealt with the 1986 flood. The State was judged liable for any levees they maintained even if they did not build them. Since the State is now responsible for miles of levees, the Reclamation Board has developed a white paper located on their web site. Director Turner requested a copy of the material.
4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Motion by Director Warner and Second by Director Willard to nominate Director Russell as Chairman Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Director Russell Seconded by Director Warner to nominate Charles Willard as Vice Chairman. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

Ernie Ohlin added thanks for a job well done to the outgoing Chairman, Ross Turner.

5. **CLAIMS:** Motion by Director Willard and Seconded by Director Turner to approve the claims for January 2005 in the amount of \$8,745.48. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
6. **APPROVAL OF 2005 MEETING DATES:** Motion by Director Turner and Seconded by Director Warner to approve 2005 Meeting dates. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

Ernie Ohlin noted that the next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2005 which is only two weeks away. In the event there are not enough items to justify the meeting, this meeting would probably be cancelled.

7. **DISTRICT ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW:** Ernie Ohlin welcomed the new board members and noted that Director Avilla had not arrived yet. Director Russell suggested this item be postponed.
8. **WATER AVAILABILITY FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT:** Ernie Ohlin was contacted by the Dept of Water Resources to discuss their involvement in the process of providing information relative to water availability associated to land development. One of the requirements is a

statement by the owner/developer that there is the availability of water for the development. The 1988 map provided by DWR indicates the document used for determining water availability by the Environmental Health Department. The Department of Water Resources has agreed to provide an updated map to incorporate knowledge gain since this maps development. The updated map will also be provided on the Flood Control website.

Dan McManus noted that the new map could provide additional information such as depth to water. Ernie Ohlin suggested also including the summer drawdown information if possible.

9. **SHASTA/TEHAMA WATER EDUCATION COALITION - UPDATE :** Bill Borrer updated the Directors on the status of the Coalition membership drive. Approximately 1,500 landowners have signed on as member and approximately \$100,000 has been collected. There has been an overwhelming response to the formation of the Coalition. They have elected officers, written bylaws, developed a budget and filed for the 5013C non-profit status.

The Regional Water Quality Control Board identified Cow Creek and Burch Creek for monitoring. Cow Creek had been monitored previously, and has been discontinued as a site. Burch Creek is delayed due to the quality assurance from the Water Quality Board has not reached the consulting firm who will be doing the monitoring.

Bill Borrer expressed concern for the delay.

10. **AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Gary Antone updated the Board on yesterdays AB3030 meeting. Discussion continued regarding groundwater trigger levels. The TAC will develop criteria and bring the information back to the Board at a future meeting.

It was suggested to change the name to awareness levels and avoid the negative connection that trigger levels have and develop criteria for the best management objectives. The first item of work is to collect existing information and then begin building the model.

Ernie Ohlin discussed the Sun City project. The first pilot well is at 1690 feet and the developer has tested six different zones. Although the water quantity at that depth is ideal, the water quality is not that good due to a high salt content in the lower zone. A meeting is scheduled with Del Webb representatives tomorrow.

Director Turner questioned what the gallons per minute were required. Ernie responded that ideally, they desired 2500 gallons per minute for the whole project.

Director Turner inquired if any agricultural wells are in the area. Dan McManus responded that there is a gas well which is fairly deep in that area, but no agricultural wells. Staff has not reviewed how many wells are being proposed or the depth of these wells.

Director Warner inquired about the fire flow needed. Staff will address these questions tomorrow at the meeting.

Director Russell questioned the salt content issue. Dan McManus explained that these are marine deposits from an ancient sea bed.

- 11. FOUR COUNTY REGIONAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT OUTREACH:** Bob Vince, of Camp Dresser and McKee, discussed the Counties desire to have some regional cooperation and collaboration. The Counties involved are Tehama, Glenn, Butte and Colusa Counties. These Counties have shared water resources, which do not recognize political boundaries. Counties are engaged in similar activities and regional collaboration and coordination will improve the understanding of a shared resource.

The Project tasks are outreach, current County activities, goals and objectives, organizational structure development, water quality assessment and regional water quality management strategy. The group felt that an appropriate objective would be more along the line of a memorandum of understanding. Another objective would be an assessment on the current quality of the water and the potential containments or the water management practices that may impact the drinking water supplies. Documenting existing drinking water monitoring procedures. This project is being pursued through the Bay-Delta authority, and is associated with drinking water management policies. Development of a management strategy could help protect the quality and quantity of both surface and ground water.

Bill Borrer reported that a discussion at the NWCA meeting on the subject of regionalization of water issues and omitting the words water quality. Mr. Borrer clarified that this project is about water quality, not water quantity.

Greg Avilla entered.

Bob Vince answered that from a regionalism perspective, this is not an effort by the four counties to work independent and outside the activities that are currently being pursued under the Sacramento Valley Water Management Plan. This group is looking to supplement the current work with NWCA. Looking to provide Quantitative drinking water quality objectives

13. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.