

## TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2005

Present: Directors': Charles Willard; Ross Turner; Ron Warner; Gregg Avilla; George Russell. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Bill Goodwin, Director; Bill Borrer, member of the Shasta-Tehama Water Education Coalition; Tom Heffernan, AB3030 TAC; Dan McManus, of DWR; Roger Sherrill, Rio Alto Water District.

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Russell.
2. Approval of January 25, 2005 Minutes: Motion by Director Turner and Second by Director Warner to approve the January 25, 2005 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

3. Public Comment:

Director Turner welcomed Tom Heffernan, member of the AB3030 TAC, to the TCFC meeting.

Tom Heffernan discussed 1992 information drafted by himself that would have restricted water export.

Bill Goodwin discussed a CSAC meeting attended regarding the proposed Central Valley Flood District and commented that it is an issue that needs to be followed. This will require legislation which might allow Southern California and the bay area to have a vote on an assessment district tax that goes all the way to Modoc County.

Ernie Ohlin distributed information for a water issues meeting which will include discussions on the Paterno decision. This decision is a lawsuit where the State was found liable for levee failure causing extensive flooding. The State is now responsible for the levee's under their maintenance no matter who built them.

Director Willard questioned information regarding the past Water Resources Manager, Dan Keppen. Ernie Ohlin replied he has resigned from the Klamouth Water Users Association and now the Executive Director of the Family Farm Alliance.

Dan McManus of DWR announced that information regarding the Paterno case is on DWR's website with all past and future information.

4. Claims: Motion by Director Turner and Second by Director Willard to approve the March claims in the amount of \$10,360.28. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. Sun City Tehama - Groundwater Investigation Update: Ernie Ohlin announced the best water quality discovered at the project was at the 1,000 foot level and they are in the process of pumping the constant rate test at 1,200 gpm and will run for a 10-day period. The County required a monitoring well and approximately 1,800 ft. away, the monitoring well was installed. During the step testing, a 38 ft. drawdown was reported.

Dan McManus added that the closest well across the road showed a 17 ft. drawdown. This is a significant observation for the project. Dan continued that thirteen dataloggers are surrounding the property and the 10-day test will provide better results. Monitoring is also being done at Rio Alto Water District in the east area. No significant affect has been noticed at this time or on the Sunset Hills area.

Ernie Ohlin continued that information from this project will be used to develop a groundwater model.

6. Approval of AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Appointments: Motion by Director Turner to approve the two applications submitted: Steve Kimbrough of City of Corning and the re-application of Bill Richardson. Second by Director Avilla and carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

Ernie Ohlin announced that Tom Heffernan would not be applying for membership with the AB3030 this year. Ernie presented Tom with a plaque in appreciation of his many years of service with the Technical Advisory Committee and the progress made on the Groundwater Management Plan. His incite, involvement and sincere interest has been much appreciated.

Director Warner has worked with Tom since 1993 and appreciated his sincerity and wealth of information and assistance with levee issues.

Director Willard thanked Tom for his service and history with the County.

7. Approval of AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Annual Report & Update: Ernie Ohlin, in the absence of Gary Antone, Chairman of the TAC, discussed the report and the past meetings. Awareness levels are being planned. State representatives gave a presentation to the TAC regarding water quality issues throughout the State. In Tehama County, 1,700 flyers were sent to private domestic well owners with a 230 response for testing. Areas selected were questioned and also the response. With DWR's assistance, this information can be entered into the GIS system and possibly other areas in the County could give a greater view of true representation in El Dorado County. The Sacramento Bee reported testing results before information was provided to the County.

Roger Sherrill added the voluntary program for domestic wells is a smaller part of the overall program, which is the comprehensive State monitoring program for all of California's water program. The major program is underway at this time in the Sacramento Basin. They should be in the Northern Sacramento Valley in approximately the Spring of 2008.

Motion by Director Turner and Second by Director Warner to approve the AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee Annual Report. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

8. Shasta-Tehama Water Education Coalition Update: Bill Borrer, member of the Shasta-Tehama Water Education Coalition, discussed monitoring currently being done by the State in the Tehama and Shasta Counties. Monitoring began in January in Burch Creek and parts of the Sacramento Valley. Four sites, including Burch Creek, analysis showed toxicity. Four hours later, another sample was taken and the results showed levels were less. The Coalition and Regional Board identify the TIE (Toxicity Identification Evaluation) only after the toxicity levels are classified as persistent. Presently, the Coalition has requested the Ag Commissioner to identify pesticides used in that area for identification.

Bill Borrer updated the Directors' on the membership which is presently at 1,500 (45,000 acres in Tehama County and 12,000 in Shasta County). April 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Coalition annual meeting. The Board will identify issues and the relationship with the Sacramento Valley and elect Board members.

Ernie Ohlin added the Board support is appreciated in which was previously identified as the Ag Waiver issue and now the Shasta-Tehama Water Education Coalition. It has assisted the County in the process and citizen awareness.

9. Deer Creek Water Exchange Update: Dan McManus explained that for the last two years, the Deer Creek Water Exchange has applied for a off-parcel extraction pumping permit. Deer Creek will not do the permitting process this year, but spend the next year developing an agreement that would outline public components with fish in mind. This would be a combination of pumping and water efficiency improvements to provide substitute water allowing for additional fish transport flows in Deer Creek.
10. Approval for Development of Groundwater Drawdown Awareness Levels RFQ, and Compliance with SB 1938: Motion by Director Turner and Second by Director Avilla to:
  1. Authorize staff to circulate a request for qualifications to prepare the groundwater awareness packets and review the districts adopted AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan for SB 1938 compliance.
  2. Authorize the Director of Public Works to sign and execute an agreement to conduct such work.
  3. Authorize the transfer of \$15,000 from fund 603, general designation reserve, to contingency, and transfer \$40,000 from contingency to professional/special fund 603.

Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

11. Approval of AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan 2004 Annual Report: Ernie Ohlin informed the Board of the various activities performed and completed by Flood Control during the 2004 year. Staff thanked the Board for approving the trigger level methodology which is the next step within the AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan and keeping in compliance with SB1938. Information on various projects staff is working on and that have been completed are on the website for review. It is important, Ernie continued, that the District continue to be pro-active and demonstrate to the State that we continue to implement our AB3030 Plan.

Director Russell thanked Staff for the information provided to this Board and the citizens.

Motion by Director Warner and Second by Director Turner to approve the 2004 Annual Report. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

12. NCWA Month in Review: As presented, no questions.

Roger Sherrill commented on water legislation especially SB 646 and SB 820.

13. Adjourn: With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.