

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2006 MEETING**

Present: Directors'; Charles Willard; Ross Turner; Ron Warner; Gregg Avilla; George Russell.  
Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Gary Antone, Public Works Director, and Dan McManus of Department of Water Resources.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Director Warner at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Approval of December 13, 2005 Minutes:** Motion by Director Avilla and second by Director Turner (as to form) and carried by those present to approve the December 13, 2005 minutes. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
3. **Public Comment:**

Ernie Ohlin discussed the designated flood maps for Tehama County. Staff has been in contact with Pete Rabbon, Reclamation Board, and to date no changes have been found.

Director Willard discussed the Sun City project and water needs. Director Willard wanted to meet with Staff, along with Director Avilla, and decide in what direction to proceed.

Director Turner questioned if this should be agendized or an Adhoc Committee be formed. Director Willard answered this should be agendized for a future meeting.

Ernie Ohlin added that comments on the Sun City EIR was extended to February 6, 2006 and agreed it should be agendized.

Director Willard suggested that the TAC possibly review the information first.

Gary Antone added that the EIR information is being reviewed and commented on and then a tentative map will be submitted. Also, a development agreement will be reviewed by County Counsel.
4. **Claims:** Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Willard to approve the claims in the amount of \$25,673.56. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. **Tehama County Flood Mitigation Plan (FMP):** Ernie Ohlin updated the Board regarding the FMP. This will be a flood component of a multi hazard countywide plan addressing all disasters. There will be a public meeting in Corning at the Vets Hall tonight addressing this Plan. Identifying issues as an agency has been completed, but where private property damages occur in the County is needed from the public. The purpose is to develop mitigation projects and possible funding from the Office of

Emergency Services (OES) and FEMA. The draft report will be presented to the Board at a future date.

Director Turner questioned areas of flooding and the changes to channel overflows. Staff felt in groundwater issues and the learning process, there is a disconnect between flood management and groundwater issues and planning departments in all counties. Many counties, including Tehama County, are going through a General Plan update/amendment. It is important that before rezoning and possible changes of land use, that there is input of areas that flood and where recharge areas are. This is a process that is important and providing information to Planning and Building for their input.

Gary Antone added that as Director, phone calls and interaction with the public has occurred and the project Staff has presented is timely in addressing needs, identifying areas, and the problems that we know we have. The end result is to gather the information, find solutions and focus on areas that should not be developed in the County.

Ernie Ohlin summarized that making people aware of possible flooding is the issue even though they are not in the 100-year flood plain. They have the right to build, but be aware of what is around them.

6. **AB 3030 Technical Advisory Committee-Update:** Jim Lowden was absent, but Ernie Ohlin updated the Board. The TAC discussed the Deer Creek Water Exchange which will be discussed in Item No. 7.

Ernie Ohlin reviewed the report of trigger levels for groundwater draw down. There will be eleven sub-basins in the report. This development packet can be used by the public to understand how trigger levels are set, historical groundwater draw down, and hold meetings for public input. The guidance document is to set awareness levels, three stages, and what may happen at each level that citizens within that sub-basin could use. The draft is still in the review process, but will be brought before the Board at a future date.

7. **Deer Creek Water Exchange-Update:** Dan McManus of DWR, discussed the Deer Creek Water Exchange program for bypassing pulse flows in the Spring and Fall months for fish transportation flows, augmenting the District with groundwater, and water use efficiency improvements to also sure up water reliability. A proposal has been submitted to the 4-Pumps Steering Committee to develop a program for installing three wells in the Deer Creek Irrigation District that would pump an estimated 10 cfs and implement water use efficiency efforts to contribute 6-8 cfs and provide fish flows during certain times of the year.

Presently, Dan McManus continued, the agreement is being reviewed. Another pilot well will be requested, by permit application, and if the agreement is approved and

environmental is complete, two more wells will also be installed. It is hoped that by next Spring, Phase I of the program will operate with just the wells and the following year would be Phase II or contribution from both.

The monitoring wells presently being used will provide data of any impact in the areas. Director Willard questioned how many cfs would be needed to get the fish through and what happens when the water goes down to the river. Dan McManus answered that the transportation issue is a question. Deer Creek Irrigation District only has approximately 35 cfs total, and it is hoped that 50 cfs would be achieved, but it is doubtful.

Ernie Ohlin felt this is a good project, which has gone through our Export Ordinance 1617 Permit.

8. **Shasta-Tehama Water Education Coalition**: Bill Borrer announced the bills for dues went out to members. Returns are good and approximately 75% have responded. Monitoring of Birch Creek and Anderson Creek will be completed, weather permitting, and through the summer. Membership on the Board has become a problem due to the California Bar Association stating that members serving may have a conflict of interest if dealing with agricultural issues or if they are agriculturalists. The Irrigated Land Program expires in June and is still an issue. Regarding the membership list and confidentiality, the Board made a decision and will send the list to the State.
9. **Northern California Water Association** - Month in Review: Bill Borrer attended a Board of Directors meeting and discussed the strategic plan for the organization. The County should be involved in the Governors' Water Bond Plan as the State Senator has been asked to move the issue forward. This statewide plan, with voter involvement, will be a NCWA issue. Part of this plan is the Investment Water Account which will receive monies from water users, residence and irrigated landowners.  
  
Dan McManus discussed the Sites Reservoir issue. Alternatives are still being discussed and who will fund the project. Environmental documentation is in process for three alternatives.
10. **Adjourn**: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.