

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2006**

Present: Directors': Ron Warner; Charles Willard; Ross Turner; George Russell. Absent: Director Gregg Avilla. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Gary Antone, Director of Public Works; Roger Sherrill, Rio Alto Water; Burt Bundy, S.R.C.A.F.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Ron Warner.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Willard to approve the May 23, 2006 minutes. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**:

Ernie Ohlin announced the five-year extension has been approved, but December 31, 2006 is the deadline, for dischargers to sign up for the Ag Waiver. If not signed up by that time, they will be required to get their own individual permit. It has also been determined that the Coalitions will be required to submit a list of their participants to the Regional Water Quality Board.

4. **CLAIMS**: Motion by Director Turner, second by Director Russell to approve the claims for July in the amount of \$20,563.98. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

5. **MORGAN RANCH DEVELOPMENT - WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT UPDATE**: Ernie Ohlin discussed the new proposal from Morgan Ranch Development in the northern part of Tehama County to develop a new specific plan area for 3950 homes. Drilling of a 500' deep pilot well hole has been completed, logged, and turned into a monitoring well. A separate 500' deep production well has also been drilled and pump tested for 3-days resulting in 3,000 gallons per minute (g.p.m.). Comparing Del-Web to this type of testing, the Del-Web well was only 1,200 g.p.m. The test well for the Morgan Ranch is located on the north side of Bowman Road near I-5 with a larger capacity. Staff met with representatives from DWR and Morgan Ranch to discussed this project as related to water supply issues. This study will be expanded and compared with other developments. The layer of water in which Morgan Ranch proposed to use is the same aquifer as the Del-Web project and also where ACID projected wells may be located.

Roger Sherrill stated that discussions with County Administrator, Bill Goodwin, that possible integrating infrastructure is important with the development along I-5. Wherever there is an opportunity to do this integrated planning, it will make for better systems in later years.

Director Russell requested written examples from Roger Sherrill that would assist the Board and Mr. Sherrill acknowledged his request.

6. **DWR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM - LAND SUBSIDENCE MONITORING NETWORK**: Ernie Ohlin reviewed the proposed DWR development of a grid to establish bench marks and elevations throughout the Sacramento Valley for subsidence, and the inclusion of Tehama County. Some feel our county is not effected by this, but it is an unknown item. With the expansion of development in the northern end of the County, Staff requested the study be expanded farther north in Tehama County. The AB3030 Plan also refers to this type of information and it would be beneficial to the County. This project, if approved, would go forward approximately Spring of 2007. The Board will be kept apprised of the process.

7. **COUNTYWIDE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS OUTREACH**: Ernie Ohlin met with Donna Wenz, Disaster Coordinator for Tehama County Health Services and discussed participating in the Tehama District Fair exhibit on Disaster Preparedness. Staff requested the Boards approval for distribution of sand bags and instructions on their use, and printed flyers to assist in this exhibit.

Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Turner to approve the \$300 expense for distribution at the Tehama District Fair exhibit, instructions on sandbags, sandbags, and literature. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

Director Warner, past Mayor of Tehama, agreed this project would benefit the faire attendees and has experienced the public inexperience with filling sandbags during the flooding season.

8. **LOWERDEER CREEK RESTORATION & FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT**: Ernie Ohlin discussed the meeting he attended of the Deer Creek Conservancy regarding the Deer Creek Levee. The levee is a Federal levee and TCFC&WCD is responsible for maintenance. Any reconstruction of this levee must be discussed with the Corps of Engineers and understand the process in order to proceed with this type of project. The Conservancy is conducting a study to reduce flooding. Once the project begins, Staff will request a presentation to this Board.

9. **WOODSON BRIDGE/KOPTA SLOUGH PROJECT**: Ernie Ohlin discussed the accelerated erosion on the back of the County Park area and State Park. The County received funding and replaced the boat ramp and constructed a park facility. Staff noted that the County has some associated maintenance responsibility on this half-million dollar investment.

Ernie Ohlin continued by saying, staff met with Burt Bundy of the Sacramento Conservation Area Forum, State Parks, and DWR, to examine the possibility of funding to have Corps of Engineers complete the investigative project which was started 2-years ago. The County having to protect the bridge and South avenue from flooding, if the erosion continues, is a possibility at its current pace of erosion.

Director Turner questioned discussions in the past of removing rocks at Kopta Slough and if this is the study staff is referring to. Ernie Ohlin confirmed this was the same project.

Burt Bundy spoke of the ongoing study and how the funding became unavailable. With the current discussions regarding flood control interests in Sacramento, there is a possibility of receiving funding

in the near future. Because of repair projects in the lower Sacramento River, mitigation will still be needed. Kopta Slough offers one of the few locations where you can actually do mitigation for fishery damage by removing the rock.

Director Willard questioned what would happen after the study is completed. Ernie Ohlin answered by saying the study will provide information that if removing the rock above Kopta Slough may induce the river down through and what would happen, and how it would relieve pressure.

10. **SUN CITY TEHAMA UPDATE**: Ernie Ohlin discussed the newly released revised EIR. The water supply assessment portion was revised and staff was pleased with the executive summary information. Clarification of the investigative work was included and the draft monitoring plan is in progress.
11. **ADJOURN**: With no further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.