

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2006

Present: Directors': Ron Warner; Charles Willard; Ross Turner; Gregg Avilla; George Russell. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resource Manager; Dan McMannus, DWR; Gary Antone, Public Works; Jim Lowden, AB3030 Chairman.

1. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairman Warner.
2. **Approval of Minutes**: Motion by Director Turner to approve the March 28, 2006 minutes with the correction of "Chittenden Road" replacing Chipman Road. Second by Gregg Avilla to approve the minutes with corrections. Carried by those present 5-0 with 0 absent.
3. **Public Comment**: None.
4. **Claims**: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to approve the May claims in the amount of \$12,157.31. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. **Lower Tuscan Recharge Investigation-Prop 50 Grant Application**: Ernie Ohlin updated the Directors on the Prop 50 Grant Application that authorized the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (TCFC&WCD) to act as a cooperator in the Butte County Prop 50 Integrated Water Management Grant application that involved the Lower Tuscan Aquifer system.

The State Water Resources Control Board determined that many applications overlapped throughout the State. Therefore, they requested the applicants to consolidate the applications to a certain degree. Butte County and NCWA were asked to combine their applications and the cap on the project was set at \$25 Million for their application. The Lower Tuscan recharge is still on the project list and it is felt this work must be completed before many other projects can move forward. Tehama, Glenn, Butte and Colusa (4-Counties) will all be involve with future Federal appropriations for the Lower Tuscan. The amount of funding is \$1.9 Million for Butte County that Tehama County will share for the Lower Tuscan investigation. June 28, 2006 is now the deadline set for the Prop 50 Grant Application submittal and the results will not be known until the end of the year.

Ernie Ohlin informed the Board he will provide an overview and brief summary of the Prop 50 application at a future meeting.

6. **Tehama County Flood Mitigation Plan (FMP)**: Fran Borcalli of Wood Rogers Consulting presented information on the Tehama County Flood Mitigation Plan. The steering committee has been assembled to identify the area of risk related to flooding to incorporate into the Plan. The Disaster Management Act of 2000, whereby FEMA has come out with a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, and is locating communities eligible for funding for certain types for mitigation planning and projects. The FMP, can make you eligible for funding under the Flood Mitigation Act. Identifying flood risks, identify measures to mitigate those risks where there is repetitive loses. FEMA's sole purpose is to position the communities to identify the measures and seek funding for solutions to some of the

programs.

Meetings have been held, Mr. Borcalli continued, in the Dairyville and Corning area, with good feedback coming from the meetings. These areas are repetitive problem areas not related to a single reason. The difficulty is that things have changed geographically in the areas over time. There isn't a single solution to fix the problems. With new development being proposed, there is no framework to guide that development. The District in conjunction with the Cities need to be ahead of the developers and do a comprehensive assessment of the development and provide the framework in the General Plan relating to flooding.

Ernie Ohlin added that, to date, there has not been a mechanism in place for this process. Staff has met with representatives of the City of Corning. The flooding affects everyone, and as part of the process, discussions will continue. This effort, and the future County Multi-Hazard Plan, will be the best effort in many years to try to address countywide flood issues. When the South Avenue interchange is built, it will need 150,000 c.m. of fill for the project. Possibly on the west side of Corning a retention pond could be built as a result of excavating the needed fill, but these are the kinds of things that should be examined.

7. **AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee Annual Report:** Chairman Jim Lowden presented the AB3030 TAC Annual Report for 2005. The purpose and where the TAC is headed was discussed.

This year, Jim Lowden continued, the Committee has worked closely with the Groundwater Monitoring Process, to go forward with the Groundwater Management Plan. The growth issues in the County are increasing and additional groundwater monitoring throughout the County is necessary. The next phase of the Plan is coordination with other counties and staff has done a good job keeping the lines of communication open. Next year the adoption of trigger levels and methodology will be an important step forward.

Motion by Director Turner to approve the AB3030 TAC Annual Report for 2005. Second by Director Willard and carried by those present, 5-0 with 0 absent.

8. **AB 3030 Groundwater Management Plan - 2005 Annual Report:** Ernie Ohlin presented the 2005 Annual Report to the Board.

Ernie Ohlin thanked the AB3030 Committee by saying the TAC is made up of a variety of people, knowledgeable, engaged, but very grounded which helps move issues along. Their work is very much appreciated. The Committee, Ernie Ohlin added, discusses the water quality activities in the County.

Butte County's AB303 Grant has gathered information for their future data center which will compile groundwater elevation, water quality information and more. This item will be brought before the Board at a later date. Establishing groundwater trigger levels is moving forward and the information will be an asset to this County. Trigger levels are to inform the public if groundwater levels are remaining steady or declining. If the Board of Supervisors approves conditions for development, this would enable the regulatory authority to come into power.

Ernie continued by informing the Board that two new 1,000 ft. deep monitoring wells will be installed

in the Bowman area and the southern part of Tehama County. DWR had additional funding and they are in the process of installing an additional 1000 ft. monitoring well, at their expense, and outside of the money received by TCFC. It will be installed in the Bowman area.

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Avilla to approve the AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan 2005 Annual Report. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

9. **Sun City Tehama Update:** Ernie Ohlin discussed the groundwater supply issues with Sun City. The Water Assessment has been re-written and they are now developing the draft Monitoring Plan. The groundwater model will be re-run mainly to address the groundwater influences around the model and boundary conditions from proposed development.

Discussions continued on potable water demand and the golf course. Potable water is 2400 to 2500 gallons/minute pulled from the upper aquifer 200 to 500 ft. and from the lower Tuscan, 800 ft. deep for the golf course. When water becomes available from the treatment plant, it will supplement the golf course water needs.

10. **Northern California Water Association Quarterly Publication:** Ernie introduced the Quarterly Northern California Water Association publication. As presented. No questions.

11. **Adjourn:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.