

## TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2006 MEETING

Present: Directors': Ron Warner; Gregg Avilla; Charles Willard; Ross Turner; George Russell.  
Also present: Ernie Ohlin,, Water Resources Manager; Gary Antone, Director of Public Works;  
Roger Sherrill, Rio Alto Water District; Jim Lowden, Corning Water District;

1. Call to Order- Chairman Warner called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes- Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Avilla to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2006 meeting. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
3. Public Comment:

Norm Gruver, Lake California Resident thanked all board members, Director Turner and agencies represented at the meeting. He also thanked Bill Ehorn and Charlie Willard for their time spent representing the County throughout the State.

Ernie Ohlin expressed his appreciation to Director Turner on his final month as a Director and Board of Supervisor.
4. Claims: Motion by Director Avilla and second by Director Willard to approve the November claims in the amount of \$5,972.49. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. CDF Salt Creek Conservation Camp Rate Adjustment- Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to approve a rate increase from \$160 to \$200 per crew day. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
6. CDF Salt Creek Conservation Camp- Reimbursement- Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Russell to reimburse CDF Salt Creek Conservation Camp in the amount of \$1,080 for second quarter work, as well as the balance from the first quarter, due to the old contract price. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
7. DWR Global Positioning System Land Subsidence Monitoring Network- Ernie Ohlin presented information proposing the installation of a GPS Subsidence Monitoring System in the Valley Floor, and possibly expanding to the Shasta County line. The usefulness would assist Tehama County with the new development in the area, to establish ground elevation control systems throughout the valley floor, monitor for possible subsidence caused by natural use, by pumping, and elevation control for use by the Public Works Department. The \$240,000 cost estimate is provided by DWR for the center section of the valley floor area for 53 stations in Tehama County. In-kind services could be provided by Flood Control and Public Works to offset a portion of the costs. The cost estimate provided by DWR is \$240,000 to install the subsidence monitoring system in Tehama

County. They are requesting that our District provide in-kind services to aid in the survey fieldwork. Additionally, they are requesting that the District provide a 20 percent cash match. At this time, DWR is only asking for a commitment for the in-kind services and the 20 percent (\$48,000) cash match for the 2007 budget year, which is when the installation is expected to happen.

Director Turner questioned if the motion could include the boundaries requested by Staff.

Staff reviewed on a map where the boundaries would be.

Director Avilla questioned whether or not there has been evidence of subsidence in Tehama County. Staff answered that to date there presently has not been any recorded in Tehama County, but there has been some in Glenn County.

Gary Antone commented that there has been evidence of subsidence creeping north, and as staff has stated, with the new development in the County, it would be advisable to spend the money for monitoring locations. If a problem presents itself, it would be easier to be monitoring and remedy at that point. The secondary issue is to the elevations we have and that we are trying to get a definite topographic elevation network through the County. This will assist in this respect in that we will have permanent stations through the valley area, which is the most susceptible.

Director Russell questioned if this includes the groundwater monitoring wells that are presently in place throughout the County and Staff replied that this is not. These would not be monitoring water levels. These are benchmarks for elevation control of the ground surface elevation of land contour.

Roger Sherrill of Rio Alto Water discussed the Tuscan formation and baselines being discussed. More knowledge is better and it is difficult to plan after the fact.

Chairman Warner requested a motion for the Staff request of Board consideration of partial funding for the GPS subsidence monitoring network with a maximum cost of \$50,000.

Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Willard to approve partial funding, with a maximum of \$50,000.00. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

8. Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Resolution 1-2006: Mark Oliver of CH<sub>2</sub>M Hill gave an informational presentation regarding the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). This Integrated Plan was designed as an opportunity for the region (North Sacramento to Redding) to coordinate their projects and ideas. Many counties and municipalities have plans similar to this, and these plans will soon be required to receive State funding.

The Integrated Water Management Plan has five main objectives; improving economic health, improving water supply reliability; flood protection; protecting ecosystems and improving water quality. In order to qualify as a project, one of the objectives must be met.

Director Turner questioned if there was any policy presently in place to prevent members from pressuring other counties and trying to stop their projects.

Mark Oliver noted that there is no regulatory control with this process; members will receive a letter of support. One of the objectives of this plan is creating less opposition between Counties.

Director Avilla questioned if this effort was connected with providing more water to the Delta or Southern California. As the region grows and changes, would it come from groundwater that will be replaced by surface water?

The north state is not responsible for water quality in the Delta. This plan gives everyone a chance to receive accurate monitoring when coming up with water for the Delta, but this issue is not the driving force behind the Plan. It will assist with Phase 8 issues.

Roger Sherrill, General Manager of Rio Alto expressed his support of this exceptional Plan. This integrated regional management plan, is the model for the rest of California. There have been compliments from all across the State on the NCWA document. Mr. Sherrill felt it was imperative that we coordinate our efforts throughout the north Sacramento Valley. We cannot think of what we can do on an individual bases any longer. It has to be planned in a coordinated effort.

Director Russell added that if the efforts are not made, someone will do it for us. There is no protection and can be taken any time. The more prepared we are, the better the final analysis.

Jim Lowden from the Corning Water District commented on how well the exchange program is working. Currently, they are working on an M.O.U. to make sure everyone is working together and coordinating their efforts, which will be a real asset. The SVIRWMP regional plan will be an asset in the future. The question of where will the water come from is answered by saying it comes from efficient use, groundwater exchange, and many ways to rent water out, but it has to be a coordinated effort.

Roger Sherrill discussed the past efforts to work through the Calfed process and the local control and regional coordination which fell on deaf ears. It took a dedicated group of individuals in the NCWA forum to get the message to Sacramento and this is the way we should do business in California. The concept has been around for a long time through many Directors' including past Director Bill Borrer and I commended NCWA for the tenacity shown in Sacramento, and to acknowledge that this is the way California needs to do business.

Staff agreed and was supportive to the process. The Board has supported this process in the past.

Director Willard questioned if it was Staffs request to have this done today or next month.

Staff reiterated that with the positive support expressed by those today, he would encourage the Board to take action today. The County would not be giving up any rights.

Director Russell added that we are simply supporting the Plan and not the projects. Supporting the concept, the cooperative effort to keep ourselves informed.

Director Willard questioned Staff as to the amount of counties already signed on with the Plan.

Ernie Ohlin answered that there are eight perspective counties with three going to their respective Boards today. Staff members from all counties are recommending their Boards to pass resolutions of support of the SVIRWMP.

Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Turner, to approve Resolution 1-2006, to support the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Motion carried 4-1 with Director Willard opposed.

10. NCWA Quarterly Publication- Director Russell noted that the publication was well done, and he likes the format.
11. Adjourn- With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.