

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 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;
Dan McManus of DWR, and Bill Borrer, past Director of TCFC&WCD.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 8:30 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Avilla to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2006 and October 3, 2006 meetings. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

Director Willard questioned wording used in the minutes such as "suggesting".
Developers will not accomplish what is needed unless more than suggested verbiage is used. Also, is the word "assumption" from the District.

Ernie Ohlin replied that the point was the exact make-up of the Sun City Water District and has not been formalized as yet.

Gary Antone added that they will assume the duties without a doubt.

Director Willard questioned the wording "suggested they will become signatory to the AB3030 Plan". Why as a Board do we wait for them instead of, as a condition of them going forward, have them say "yes" it will be a part of this. It again is suggesting.

Director Turner clarified the question by stating that these items are still under negotiations and when negotiations are completed, this Board will emphasize they be a working documented partner of these agreements. Is that correct?

Ernie Ohlin answered that as far as what staff has preview over yes, but water quality issues will be dealt with by DHS. As far as the comments that they should be signatory to the AB3030 Plan, that will be in the Monitoring Plan. As yet, the Plan is not final.

Gary Antone said to reinforce that, what we are discussing here are the earlier drafts. In the final draft it is stated emphatically they recognize the AB 3030 Groundwater Plan and that they are part of it. What Ernie Ohlin is talking about is the Monitoring Plan, and it will reinforce that.

3. Public Comment:
Jim Edwards, who owns property in the Antelope Creek area discussed flooding issues and permits to clean creeks. Mr. Edwards stated the Fish and Game permit process is

difficult to obtain and takes 90 days to return calls. There is one person in Redding dealing with eight counties. The creek needs cleaning and the condition in the permit is cutting nothing more than 3" in the stream. A suggestion of a public meeting, with the agency involved, to discuss how to make it easier to get this 9-page permit. One person to handle this is not enough.

Staff added that an invitation to Fish & Game could be arranged if the Board agreed.

The Board consensus was that Staff should invite Fish & Game to appear on this subject.

4. Claims: Motion by Director Turner and Second by Director Russell to approve the October claims in the amount of \$2,294.96 Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. November 28th Flood Board Meeting Change: Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Willard to approve changing the November 28th Flood Control Board meeting to November 14th. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
6. Sacramento River Unit #16 - Repair: Ernie Ohlin gave a presentation of the work performed on Unit #16 for emergency repair by Ben's Truck and Equipment. Staff recommends payment to Ben's Truck & Equipment who finished the job on October 11, 2006.

Motion by Director Turner and second by Director Avilla to approve the \$17,677.99 payment to Ben's Truck & Equipment. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

7. Sun City Tehama - Groundwater Monitoring Plan Update: Ernie Ohlin updated the Board on the Plan. Meetings with Klienfelder, DWR, and Del Web reviewed the draft and discussed issues, such as installing monitoring wells in the Lower Tuscan level as well as domestic and agricultural zones will give a better picture of water levels. With multiple zones monitored on the four sides of the project, as well as wells installed near the Evergreen School, by the county, the water levels should be well documented. When the draft is revised it will be presented to the Board for review.

Director Avilla questioned how the decision is made of where to install monitoring wells. Ernie Ohlin answered that with DWR's assistance, monitoring in the area is determined by locations of production and existing monitoring wells.

Director Turner questioned recycled water for use on the golf course and landscaping. Staff replied that when enough housing is completed they will use recycled, but initially the Lower Tuscan will be used.

Gary Antone stated the estimate in the report was 35% of the water usage would come from recycled water after full build-out.

8. Lower Tuscan Coordinating Group Update: Staff has been attending many water meetings and one is the Lower Tuscan Coordinating Group made up of representatives of water districts, county representatives, and DWR to name a few. The NCWA facilitated bringing people together to coordinate what counties and districts are proposing. Thoughts on a Mission Statement could move forward and involve the public in information and education. The Board is invited to attend.

Dan McManus of DWR discussed the Chico area, which has approximately 70 wells in the Lower Tuscan with some going back to the 1920's with higher perforations.

Dan McManus continued by saying that communication between Planning agencies and Water Districts is essential. The General Plan in counties should identify development as well as recharge/resource areas and protect them along water corridors.

When questioned about the Tehama County General Plan, Ernie Ohlin added that he has not, to date, been asked to provide that information but, will contact George Robson for information required.

9. AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee Update: Discussion included the monitoring wells and trigger levels in the county. Monitoring all aquifer layers of water is important and establishing trigger level information. This will inform the public of drawdown levels using three awareness stages.

Discussions also included the review of the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and the TAC members supported the document.

Director Turner questioned the location of the new proposed Capay monitoring well and Staff answered that County property is preferred land to install a monitoring well, and that where this proposed well is located is an outer edge of a cone of depression at the intersection of Hall and Capay Roads. Influence from pumping south of the well will be documented by the new monitoring well providing necessary information.

10. Update on Proposed Water Plans and Grant Applications: Ernie Ohlin informed the Board that Mark Oliver from CH₂M Hill will present an overall view of the Sacramento Valley Integrated Water Management Program at the November meeting. Current grants and meetings attended by the department, have been the Flood Mitigation Plan, Multi-Hazard Plan for Tehama County, Prop 50 Grant Application with Butte County regarding the Lower Tuscan Recharge, and meetings regarding the Grading Ordinance. Tom McCubbins of Tehama County RCD will be meeting with staff, Planning and the Building Department regarding the proposed Grading Ordinance.

With regard to the Integrated Water Management Program (IRWMP), Ernie Ohlin will have a copy available for review. The IRWMP helps resolve Phase 8 issues without going to court on water rights. Those involved in creating additional water are settlement contractors or those with appropriate rights that could be threatened. Prop 50 made available money for projects, but part of that proposition was the requirement to development of an Integrated Water Management Program. Staff has presented information in Chico on the four-county cooperation. This program has gathered and documented information on the eight counties involved with existing projects, future and proposed projects and provides a plan on how too coordinate and cooperate on a regional basis.

Bill Borrer, Tehama County NCWA representative, spoke of his support of the regional planning process as provided by the Sacramento Valley Integrated Water Management Plan and encouraged the Board of Directors to support the Plan at the November meeting. With IRWMP monitoring procedures in effect, we will know what is happening in the County and region. No one wants regional government to tell us what to do, so the IRWMP is a good process to be represented.

11. Adjourn: With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.