

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2007**

Present: Directors': Bob Williams; George Russell; Ron Warner; Charles Willard. Absent: Gregg Avilla Also present: Gary Antone, Director of Public Works; Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Ryan Luster of the Nature Conservancy (TNC); and Aric Lester of Department of Water Resources (DWR).

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Bob Williams.
2. **APPROVAL OF MAY 22, 2007 MINUTES:** Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Warner to approve the May 22, 2007 minutes as presented. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
  - ▶ Ernie Ohlin discussed the Red Bluff Diversion Dam and correspondence sent to Congressman Wally Herger about same. Staff has been in contact with Jeff Sutton of the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA.) and the response to comments should be completed in late August.
  - ▶ George Russell discussed the DVD sent to the Board members regarding the fish screen facility in Glenn County at G.C.I.D. and requested a tour to include the Red Bluff Diversion Dam.
4. **CLAIMS:** Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Russell to approve the July claims in the amount of \$27,119.31. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
5. **APPROVAL OF SALT CREEK CONSERVATION CAMP REIMBURSEMENT:** Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Warner to approve the Salt Creek Conservation Camp reimbursement on the Deer Creek Levee in the amount of \$1600. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent. The members expressed their appreciation for all work completed by CDF.
6. **GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELL INSTALLATION - NOTICE OF COMPLETION:** Ernie Ohlin informed the Board that the projects have been completed by Eaton Drilling Company at the Capay and Bowman sites. Capay has five zones and Bowman has four zones that are screened. Dataloggers have been ordered for monitoring.

Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Willard to approve the completion and authorize the Water Resources Manager to file and record the Notice of Completion. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

Staff addressed the hydrographs and data information on wells available on the Flood Control website [www.tehamacountywater.ca.gov](http://www.tehamacountywater.ca.gov) . Five 1,000 ft. deep dedicated multi-completion wells will be listed. DWR monitoring wells are on their water data library.

7. **KOFTA SLOUGH-WOODSON BRIDGE PROJECT:** Ernie Ohlin introduced and reviewed the project. This is continuing problem along the Sacramento River at the Woodson Bridge State and County Park area. The County Park and area upstream of the boat launching facility is eroding at an accelerated rate. Funding was cut in 2004 with approximately 80% of the feasibility study completed. Ryan Luster has been instrumental in reviving this project.

Ryan Luster with TNC gave a presentation of the proposed project status and possible future process. The goal would be that the river would recapture the historic channel and migrate through the Kopta Slough property. That is one of the primary goals in having these properties in conservation ownership along the rivers. This allows natural river processes to happen on conservation land instead of infrastructure or agricultural lands.

Ernie Ohlin reiterated that the restoration and flood protection components must both proceed together. The flood management division of DWR has met with staff and part of the process was to find \$200,000 to complete the studies. DWR will now contribute \$100,000 and partner with those that would like to participate. Discussions also by staff, with the Director of Public Works of the possibility of using \$25,000 of STIP funds to be used for bridge repair for the County's match. However, that may not be able to happen for several months.

Director Willard questioned if the City of Corning is part of the discussion staff will contact them due to their interests being protected by this project.

Ryan Luster added that any beneficiaries of the project will need to contribute funding for this project. That includes the City of Corning, State Parks, and Tehama County.

Director Russell also suggested that using figures to show the cost if the project is not completed, such as damage to South Avenue, Woodson Bridge, and the County Park.

Aric Lester added that DWR in the Northern District has engineers, biologists, and geologists to provide some of the work associated with construction and feasibility studies.

Director Russell questioned what kind of match DWR is seeking.

Ernie Ohlin answered that \$100,000 match from the County and City was the first quote but if the County could contribute \$25,000 this may work with the State Park and other entities.

Director Russell questioned how long before we could expect damages to the road or bridge if nothing is done

Ernie Ohlin answered that DWR has been tracking erosion in the State Park. This amount is significant and DWR does still have the responsibility to address the past removal of the Palisades, and the erosion does continue. The length of time depends on what kind of winter rains and river flows received over the next years.

Bob Williams questioned if Staff felt there was urgency to this item and Staff felt there was.

Gary Antone addressed the upcoming inspection of the footings and piers at Woodson Bridge in October. This will also provide additional information on degradation over the past few years and help answer the question of urgency. Funding for projects are still a problem.

Ernie Ohlin suggested that funds are available in the District reserve account if the Board would consider approval.

This item will be brought before the Board at the next meeting for consideration.

8. **AWARD BID FOR PURCHASE OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING DATALOGGERS FROM IN-SITU, INC.:** Ernie Ohlin discussed the completion of the two multi-completion groundwater monitoring wells provided by DWR funding from the AB303 Grant. Included in this grant was the purchase and installation of water level dataloggers and associated equipment. Staff advertised and received three quotes for the equipment and is now requesting the Board authorize the Director of Water Resources to execute a purchase order for the purchase of dataloggers from In-Situ in the amount of \$35,499.17.

Motion to approve staff request to purchase the dataloggers and equipment in the amount of \$35,499.17 from In-Situ by Director Russell and second by Director Willard. Carried by those present 4-0 with 1 absent.

9. **ADJOURN:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.