

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2009

Present: Directors'; George Russell; Ron Warner; Gregg Avilla; and Bob Williams. Absent: Director Charles Willard. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Deputy Director of Public Works - Water Resources; John Stover, Building Official; and Arthur Wylene, Tehama County Assistant County Counsel.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman George Russell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Director Williams, second by Director Warner to approve the June 23, 2009 Minutes. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
4. **CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION PLAN:** Ernie Ohlin reviewed the planning effort by DWR taking place throughout the State and the region this staff represents on the Committee.

The committee of 25 people throughout Northern California representing districts, landowners and agencies. Staff is a member of this committee. The intent of the committee is not clear, but basically new legislation is involved as cities and counties must incorporate the Plan and implementation measures in their General Plan. This will have a major impact on how the legislation will be implemented and its affect on the County. In the early stages, identification of issues that may or may not work, channel maintenance, environmental issues and identify conflicts between requirements from DWR, FEMA, Corps of Engineers, and who has authority.

Director Avilla entered.

Ernie Ohlin continued, the document discusses exclusion of land determined by FEMA or DWR as having inadequate flood protection from its land identified for urban development. Part of the issue is that our levees were constructed for psi and not constructed for 100-year protection as FEMA requires. Both are listed and which one will have precedence has yet to be seen. This process is developing quickly and all issues such as PL99, staff will be discussion with the members of this committee. Staff will continue to update the District Directors.

Staff will keep the Directors' updated monthly.

5. **NCWA JOINT MEETING PROPOSED WATER RELATED LEGISLATION OVERVIEW:** Ernie Ohlin reviewed the meeting by saying existing legislation is trying to impact again, Northern California on area of origin, changing beneficial uses on whether you use your

water in a beneficial way, re-allocate water through regulation. All of the legislation is not bad, meaning, some want more monitoring and reporting. Our County currently monitors, which would be fine and we comply with that part of the legislation. Meetings staff has attended have board members that do not know the efforts of monitoring and things such as sharing in our four county project. Staff requested these people state that Northern California is pro-active, but the problem when they develop legislation to fix issues, it affects all of us. I informed them that, if you want to develop plans and programs it must be done from the local level up.

Director Williams added that the Delta Vision Process bears close watching because if successful, they will need bypass flows and the only way to achieve the bypass flows is cutting the use of water in northern California. The key to the puzzle is construction of the Sites reservoir before the tube to the Delta is begun. More is needed to increase storage and catch high-flows from going into the Pacific Ocean.

Director Warner agreed with Director Williams, but felt hopes of storage are slim due to the Red Legged Frog.

6. **FEMA REVISED FLOOD ZONE MAPS AND OUTREACH SUMMARY AND APPROVAL OF OUTREACH MATERIAL LOCATION:** Staff attended a meeting for cities and counties to discuss the proposed FEMA mapping of flood zones. Public comment period ends October 13th and an extension could be achieved. Staff felt notification process to inform the public of this issue. The County will be the lead in this project, but FEMA will assist. Staff felt Building & Safety or Planning should be the lead in this project.

John Stover, Building Official, discussed the new mapping which is slightly different than our old flood mapping. Some complaints have been received in reference to the new floodplain areas.

Ernie Ohlin added that the largest impact where it is not our levee system on Antelope Blvd. and Hwy 36. North of Antelope and west of Hwy 36. Staff requested the Floodplain Administrator be the lead agency for the County and staff can assist.

Director Russell referenced the notification to the public and request a 30-day extension on the issues.

Ernie Ohlin confirmed the extension could be requested and contact with Director Willard will be done.

Motion by Director Williams and second by Director Avilla to recommend placing information material at the Building and Safety Department, Planning Department for public viewing. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

7. **AB 3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT:** With the absence of Alan Fulton, Ernie Ohlin discussed the past meeting.

- Presentation by General Manager of the Colusa Basin Drain District
- Update on Deer Creek Water Exchange Project and Flow Enhancement Project which passed the Board of Supervisors.
- Water levels throughout the County.
- Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting and strategy for California water quality.
- Committee membership re-advertised.

Director Avilla left the meeting

8. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,042.17:** Motion by Director Williams, second by Director Warner to approve the claims in the amount of \$19,042.17. Carried 3-0 with 2 absent.
9. **ADJOURN:** Before adjourned, Director Russell added his interest and concern in the process with FEMA, the 30-day extension, and contacting those people affected and agendize the issue on the next meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.