

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2009

Present:

1. CALL OR ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:36 am by Vice-Chairman George Russell.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Director Warner and second by Director Avilla to approve the September 23rd and November 25, 2008 minutes. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
4. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Director Avilla, second by Director Willard to approve the claims in the amount of \$20,505.65. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Motion by Director Avilla and second by Director Warner to elect Director George Russell as Chairman. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

Motion by Director Avilla, second by Director Warner to elect Director Charles Willard as Vice-Chairman. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

Director Williams entered the meeting.

6. "TRIGGER LEVELS & AWARENESS ACTIONS": Ernie Ohlin reviewed the Awareness Actions and public outreach meetings scheduled.

Allan Fulton discussed the AB3030 TAC meetings.

- Revised General Plan Input from the TAC
- DWR and the update of groundwater levels from January 2009 readings.
- Guest speaker, Bob Lee, regarding Manton Big Idea paper

Allan Fulton reviewed information regarding the dry weather resulting in low water levels of concern. Clearly, depressions around Richfield and the Gerber areas are not recovering from drought conditions.

Ernie Ohlin added that as we go to the public with groundwater and trigger levels, information will be gathered and provided to them, current conditions will inform them of conditions currently faced in the County.

The Directors' thanked the TAC for their continued work for the County.

7. T.C. RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT STATUS REPORT: Vickie Dawley discussed current economic problems with several agencies. Funding from several projects have been suspended as of December 17, 2008. DWR,

being one of the funding agencies, suspended funding in January 2009. T.C.R.C.D. currently has \$1 million in suspended projects and money owed amounts to over \$60,000. Vickie Dawley reviewed several other agency situations.

Vickie Dawley continued by saying although we were not in the middle of construction projects, watershed assessments were not completed and the money could be lost. Although some consider the department of no use and a waste of money, resource conservation districts have a purpose of directing issues in the county, and if we want to make a difference in watersheds and environment, projects need to get into the hands of private citizens that may not be economically able to do so. The department is doing its best to keep the doors open.

Ernie Ohlin added the AB303 grant from DWR does contain outreach, most of which is in-house. The contract deadline, going to 2010, will not be renewed but also we will not move forward until notification is received from the State to do so.

8. **FEMA REQUIREMENT FOR LEVEE CERTIFICATION:** Ernie Ohlin received a letter relating to the FEMA's new requirement for mapping and insurance rates throughout the country. We, as a district, maintain two levee's and have complied with requirements to insure proper maintenance. The requirements have allowed us to receive PL84-99 funding eligibility for disasters. This new process will impact our current practice. The new standards will require that all levee systems must meet 100 year protection or the 1% chance of failure. The issue is that the two levee systems, designed and built by the Corp of Engineers, designed to a certain cubic feet per second. Capacity design for Deer Creek is 21,000cfs and 17,000 cfs for Elder Creek. The new regulations would require the "owner" of the levee system submit the certification, we are the maintaining district, and always have been. We don't issue encroachment permits, and we don't alter the levee without other agencies approval. If someone were to sign off as the "owner", FEMA would allow a two year period to certify the levee system. If the letter is not submitted within 90 days, FEMA would prepare mapping showing the new areas which would be in the "A" zone.