

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF
MARCH 24, 2009

Present: George Russell, Ron Warner, Gregg Avilla, Bob Williams. Also present: Williams Goodwin, Gary Antone, Ernie Ohlin, Allan Fulton, Bill Ehorn, Arthur Wylene

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:31 by Chairman George Russell.
2. Public Comment: Ernie Ohlin advised the Board of the last Trigger Level public outreach meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 24 at the Red Bluff Community Center.

Ernie Ohlin also discussed a DWR Levee System meeting he recently attended, which set out new requirements for PL84-99 Funding. This will be agendized for a future meeting.

Director Williams mentioned recent Public Outreach articles the Executive Director of NCWA has put in the Sacramento Bee and San Francisco Chronicle relating to the Delta and water rights.

Director Avilla announced Bill Burrow's Stewardship Day scheduled for May 1, 2009.

Director Warner discussed an article published in the Red Bluff Daily News on March 19 regarding the salmon issues. He questioned whether the Red Bluff Diversion Dam is hurting the salmon population. The article also states that previously the cold water has not risen to the top, leading to bait fish staying below the surface.

3. Approval of Claims: Motion by Director Avilla and second by Ron Warner to approve claims in the amount of \$8,248.66. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
4. CDF Reimbursement: Motion by Director Williams and second by Director Avilla to approve payment to CDF in the amount of \$1,800.00. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
5. AB3030 TAC Report: Allan Fulton, Chairman of AB3030 TAC discussed the meeting held March 16, 2009. Items on the agenda included an update on the Deer Creek water exchange and possible water transfers in Tehama County.

Allan informed the Board that each TAC member, as volunteers, has attended at least two of the Groundwater Trigger Level Public Outreach meetings. Director Russell asked about the turnout at the outreach meetings and the general response from the public. Allan commented that there has been a lower turn out than anticipated, however approximately 20 people attended the Bowman meeting. The public is supportive of the process, although most people may possibly like to see an ordinance attached to provide enforcement or regulation. The full presentation will be given to the Board of Directors and City Council members during the May 28 Joint Council meeting.

Allan also announced that the terms of several TAC members will soon be expiring, and new members will be recruited.

6. FEMA Requirements for Levee Certification Under Flood Insurance Rate Map Program: FEMA is requesting the District submit the Provisionally Accredited Levee Application (PAL), as levee owners. Draft maps of the new FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps were presented to the Board. The draft maps presented to the Board are not available online yet, however the official maps are scheduled to be available April 21, 2009.

Director Russell stated Congressman Wally Herger met with Directors' Warner and Williams, Bill Goodwin and Gary Antone to discuss the issue. Director Warner commented that he went into the meeting anticipating all of Gerber to be in a Flood Zone, although the new maps do not include Gerber in a flood zone. Gary Antone informed the Board he had spoken to Congressman Herger's staff and the preliminary new FIRM maps were drastically different from what was anticipated.

Director Russell commented that residents living in the new proposed flood zones should buy Flood Insurance early. Ernie Ohlin commented that, according to FEMA. \$250,000 in flood insurance coverage will cost \$847 per year if obtained in the first year, and \$1,700 if obtained after the first year, or if insurance premiums lapse. For residents who purchase a home in these areas in the future, they may be able to roll over the flood insurance at the previous owner's rate.

Director Russell stated that affected residents need to be informed of the changes as well as their options. Ernie asked the Board to give direction on public outreach methods. Kathy Schafer of FEMA previously advised Ernie that the County should organize and conduct the public outreach meetings. Ernie stated that the County Building and Safety Department should be the lead in the County outreach because that department is in charge of flood certification and is the floodplain administrator.

Motion by George Rusell not to submit the F.E.M.A. Provisionally Accredited Levee (PAL) Agreement form, as the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is not the owner. Second by Bob Williams. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.

7. Deer Creek Flow Enhancement Program-Update: Bill Ehorn of Department of Water Resources provided a brief update on the process of applying for a permit to extract groundwater for off parcel use from the pilot production well. The first permit issued by the Tehama County Board of Supervisors for extracting groundwater for off-parcel use was issued in 2003, with addendums issued in 2004, and the well was pumped in 2005 and 2008 under the 2004 permit. The pilot production well is monitored monthly, with results emailed and presented to the AB 3030 TAC and Board. The information from the Deer Creek program (including hydrographs) is available on DWR's website, and will be updated within one week of monitoring. It is anticipated that the Deer Creek Irrigation District will apply for another permit in the upcoming months.
8. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.