

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 24, 2009 MEETING**

Present: Directors': George Russell; Charles Willard; Ron Warner; Gregg Avilla; Bob Williams. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director, Ernie Ohlin, Deputy Director of Public Works-Flood; Arthur Wylene, Tehama County Assistant County Counsel; Allan Fulton, Chairman of the AB3030 TAC; Aric Lester of DWR.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Russell at 8:30 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman George Russell thanked Ernie Ohlin for his years of service.

Charlie Willard discussed past history and thanked Ernie Ohlin for connections and a voice in necessary areas.

Ron Warner thanked Ernie for his work performed during his term as Mayor of Tehama and the Board.

Gregg Avilla thanked Ernie for his service and quick responses to issues.

Glen Pearson, retired District Chief for DWR, thanked Ernie Ohlin for representing the citizens well.

Mr. Pearson continued by thanking the Directors' for their service through the years.

Ernie Ohlin informed the Directors' of the cancellation of the FEMA mapping flood issues with John Stover from Building and Planning is the lead agency. This will be rescheduled and the Board will be updated.

3. WOODSON BRIDGE/KOPTA SLOUGH PROJECT UPDATE: Ernie Ohlin announced the project team meetings have resumed since the State budget has been finalized. This project is critical to many entities, as well as the County. A visual presentation was provided.

Aric Lester of DWR added that the draft hydraulic modeling results are complete and an estimated time for the final document is December. A presentation can be provided once modeling results and the report are complete.

It was agreed this project should not be pushed along, but it should be completed quickly.

Gary Antone discussed that after examining information available, we are at a stage to ask what the results could be, how much protection provided, and how much protection will we have. This information will be very helpful and the model is very well done to set up options and answer questions presented here today.

4. LOWER TUSCAN AQUIFER RECHARGE: Ernie Ohlin reminded the Board of this Prop 50 funded project with Butte County as the lead agency through the 4-County M.O.U. This project is to try and understand how the lower Tuscan aquifer recharges, functions, is there any leakage into the upper aquifer layers. This scientific project will provide stream infiltration monitoring on Antelope Creek, Mill, Deer Ck, and 4-streams in Butte County. Also, shallow monitoring wells will be installed in upper reaches, establish monitoring on the valley floor with pump testing in Glenn County, Butte and Tehama County to see how the lower Tuscan functions. A large portion of this project takes place in Tehama County. Seven consulting firms answered the RFP which were reviewed and two firms were selected for interviews. The Board will be updated.
5. GROUNDWATER MONITORING LEGISLATION: Representatives from the city of Red Bluff and Corning requested clarity on the possible impacts from the recently passed legislation SB7x1. This County has been very pro-active in protecting and understanding the County water resources. Because of the AB 3030 Groundwater Management Plan and other projects, Tehama County is fully prepared to comply with the new legislation. This County shares information and due to other counties in the south, this legislation was passed. With all of our completed projects and the future projects, we will be compliant.

Arthur Wylene questioned if the SB7x1 has a formal process for entities that want to assume groundwater monitoring functions under this legislation. Is this something staff is considering? Ernie answered it was too early to begin the process, but it probably will need to be gone through. But again, when you have the Groundwater Management Plan, with our District in authority, the cities have representation by their signatory to our M.O.U.

6. AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT: Allan Fulton, Chairman of the AB3030 TAC, reviewed the November meeting.
 - Reviewed applicants for new membership. Recommendations will be presented in December for the Directors approval.
 - Review and update of the Groundwater Management Plan.
 - Updates to Plan in Bylaws to allow alternates.
 - Committee appreciation to Ernie Ohlin.

Director Warner reminded the Chairman of the AB3030 consideration to give the City of Tehama representation in the group. Ernie Ohlin said the committee is currently set up for nine members, and the public is invited. To increase the members, the bylaws must be revised.

Allan Fulton added that changes were discussed at the last meeting of the TAC.

Director Russell suggested a letter of invitation be sent to the City of Tehama.

Gary Antone requested emails from anyone requesting any comments once this meeting is complete, so that the TAC could review them.

7. APPROVE CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,996.84: Motion by Director Willard and second by Director Williams to approve the claims in the amount of \$12,996.84. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
8. THANKS TO THE TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Ernie Ohlin thanked the Directors' for the opportunity to represent the County through Public Works. Working with the Board has been a pleasure. "Your leadership and variety of opinions" guide us for what we need to do. Ernie thanked the Board for their "vision". You are supportive of thinking ahead with projects that can move us ahead.
9. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 a.m.