

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 17, 2010 MINUTES**

Present: Directors': Ron Warner; George Russell; Gregg Avilla; Charles Willard. Absent: Director Bob Williams. Also present: Executive Director Gary Antone; Bill Ehorn of DWR; Arthur Wylene, County Counsel; and Allan Fulton, Chairman of the AB3030 TAC.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Warner at 8:30 a.m.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gary Antone announced Bob Steinacher resigned from the AB3030 TAC and the vacancy will be filled at a later date.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Director Avilla, second by Director Russell to approve the June 29, 2010 minutes. Carried 4-0 with 1 absent.
4. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Motion by Director Willard, second by Director Avilla and carried 4-0 with 1 absent to approve the claims in the amount of \$13,693.53.
5. **AB3030 TAC UPDATE:** Allan Fulton, Chairman of the TAC discussed the meeting of yesterday.

A public workshop on groundwater monitoring is going to be at Redding City Hall from 1pm to 4pm and another scheduled in September which will be on line.

An update from Brown and Caldwell consultant for assessment of groundwater recharge in Tehama County. They provided information and evaluation of geology, soils, needs for recharge, such as depth, and essentially have a plan where effective recharge could be possible.

Gary Antone added that by January, Brown and Caldwell should have completed their study and then implementation of the Plan could be possible. A key component is how close the water is to fill basins. A suggestion by the TAC was to overlay the information with District maps, and if this could be done it could save costs.

Status of the Groundwater Management Plan - working on MOU for revision with Cooperative Extension and County Counsel.

Trigger levels were adopted in May 2009. 45 wells are collecting spring and summer groundwater levels and we have established awareness actions. In March, four areas were found below Stage 2 trigger level, meaning the second time they were below depth for two or more consecutive years. When this occurs, we investigate and where we are is

examining land use change and it was clear change in the areas of change. The next step after land use understanding, the 2002 water inventory had adequate well infrastructure information.

Working with DWR and Brown and Caldwell: for the Freeman and Gyle/Rawson area, a one mile square radius has been identified; how many wells how deep and where our trigger levels are and with changes and increase of demand, can we change them. This well construction data is important to gain more information. This information will be presented at another meeting.

Gary Antone thanked Bill Ehorn of DWR, John Ayres of Brown and Caldwell and Allan and the TAC for the continued work.

Allan Fulton reported the Bylaws are in the process of being updated and currently with County Counsel for review.

Arthur Wylene confirmed and added this is a high priority and should be ready soon.

6. **DEER CREEK EIR - UPDATE:** Bill Ehorn announced the CEQA for flow enhancement program is out. It is at the Clearing House waiting for comments. Two comments received, Fish & Game, questioned if Deer Creek Dam impeded fish from migrating upstream. Another letter from Reumeano Brothers, challenged Deer Creek Irrigation water rights of 1914 and if they have rights to move water. This may cause Deer Creek Irrigation District to drop from the program. It is possible the SWRCB may review DCID water rights. We will respond to all comments and wait for an answer. The Reumeano's have changed the locks and denied access on the north side of Deer Creek. An access agreement has been sent, but no response has been received. Fish & Game walked the Creek approximately three weeks ago with National Marine Fisheries to Stanford/Vina Dam and found dead Salmon. This may cause Fish and Game filing against Stanford/Vina Irrigation.
7. **AB303 GRANT QUARTERLY REPORT:** Gary Antone updated the Directors on sites considered for monitoring well installation. A site visit in the Capay area was arranged with the land owner who is also interested in monitoring and tracking of water in the area. The other site is at Ingham Road near the Canal. The State is satisfied with the progress of this grant. Due to a variety of issues, grants have been extended another year. As soon as possible, an RFP will be completed for a consultant to monitor these wells due to the loss of assistance from DWR.
8. **LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN QUARTERLY REPORT:** Gary Antone reported on the kickoff meeting which was well attended. Information was provided that would develop the plan, implement the plan and how agencies can participate. Those that sign on to this plan by resolution can receive funding. The time frame is ten months, and there are good working partners which should make this project run on time.

Director Russell questioned the Disaster Preparedness Plan and how it differs from the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Executive Director Antone answered that this plan identifies deficiencies within the signers to the plan and provides an opportunity, and access to funding sources, to repair the problems, whereas the Disaster Preparedness Plan is an emergency response.

9. **NORTHERN SACRAMENTO VALLEY INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

Gary Antone updated the Directors that Allan Fulton has been our representative to date. The six counties group is working on the Plan and five of six have opted to three representatives from each entity. Butte County is completing their part as agreeing, the same Option 2, will be the best to serve the group representatives, as did this Board. The State has set October 12th as their deadline for the application deadline. What this entire discussion has worked toward is a plan for our six county region. The deadline is being discussed by the group for the grant application. This is a complicated item and state-wide, other counties are also applying.

Allan Fulton added that the eighteen board members may meet shortly due to the application becoming available just a few days ago with a total of one million dollars. The one question was with the deadline, which caused the concern that there will not be enough time for the six counties to complete their part. Since there is an M.O.U., the question is, can the committee work under the M.O.U.

It was agreed that the application will be brought back to this Board for approval.

Arthur Wylene added the legal question regarding the M.O.U., cannot be answered at this meeting. It should come back to this Board for approval.

10. **LOWER TUSCAN RECHARGE STUDY UPDATE:** Paul Goslin of Butte County DWR updated the project. As part of the project, Brown & Caldwell has been contracted to work with us on a scientific investigation with the Four Counties Group. This project has been ongoing for many years and a cooperative effort. Mr. Goslin reviewed past history. One major piece of the project is recharge especially in the area of the Tuscan. Examination of six streams from April through November will be done including temperature and soil recharge. Ten new dedicated monitoring sites will also be done along the Tuscan area. This is a baseline data project and will not provide definitive answers, but it will provide baseline answers on recharge in the Tuscan. The process for securing right of way from landowners is in progress in Mill and Deer Creek.

11. **ADJOURN:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.