

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

Present: Directors' Ron Warner; Gregg Avilla; Charles Willard; George Russell; and Bob Williams. Also present: Gary Antone, Director of Public Works; Arthur Wylene, Assistant County Counsel.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairman Ron Warner. All Directors present.

2. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 26, 2010 MINUTES:** Motion by Director Willard to approve the January 26, 2010 minutes with the following corrections:

Corrections to Item 2, Paragraph 4, Line 1: "Annie Wells.....continued, was appointed..." changed to read "Mary Wellscontinued, is seeking appointment...."

Paragraph 7, Line 2 should read "painting" rather than "paving machine".

Motion second by Director Avilla with recommended changes. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Director Williams attended the NCWA meeting in Yuba City. Speakers were from Fish & Game, and Senator Aanestad among some.

4. **AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR WILLIAMS TO ATTEND THE CALIFORNIA WATERLAW CONFERENCE:** Gary Antone requested approval for Director Williams, our NCWA representative, to attend the conference in Sacramento April 22nd and 23rd. Director Williams requested to stay one extra night due to the first meeting being early.

Arthur Wylene added he was unable to attend the meeting, but supportive of Director Williams attendance.

Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Avilla to approve the attendance of Director Williams to the Waterlaw conference in San Francisco and to modify the motion by adding one extra day, total two nights, to the approval. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

5. **AB 3030 TAC UPDATE:** With the absence of Allan Fulton, Gary Antone informed the Directors' the TAC is working on the updates for bylaws and Groundwater Management Plan. This information will be brought back for approval. Staff is in contact with Brown and Caldwell for costs on updates.

6. **SAFE, CLEAN AND RELIABLE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY ACT OF 2010**

BOND PROPOSAL: Director Williams informed the Directors of his abstention to the Bond proposal requested by NCWA. If the proposal is supported, we would support the limited amount of projects, that are part of it for Northern California, but if we have an \$11.2 billion dollar bond, the money may come from other county programs to service that debt.

Gary Antone provided a staff report for various results of a support versus a neutral position to this Bond. NCWA sees this as a potential division in NCWA itself with support as well as opposition to this bill.

Director Williams added, in the case of Sykes Reservoir, it would be up to a maximum of 50% cost share, more like about 30% of cost share, leaving \$2 billion to build the reservoir. NCWA has worked with legislators on the language of this bill. The support position is important for a seat at the table. The water policy has passed whether or not this bond passes. We are trying to get a Northern Calif representative, Mary Wells appointed to the Delta Commission, but discussions in Sacramento are that they will appoint Phil Eisenberg as chairman of the commission and call him the Northern California Representative. My position is a “no” position in this. I cannot support or oppose it without reservations.

Gary Antone added that the bond contains projects that are not necessarily water projects. Discussions with Director Williams resulted in another choice of “no position”.

Director Williams described the two positions by saying, a neutral position shows you don't care, and a no position shows you have looked at the important issues on both sides, but we would rather not take a position at this time.

Discussions continued regarding the direction the Directors should go, and the timing of a bond that we cannot afford.

Director Avilla added that not supporting this bond discounts our credibility as a trust worthy partner and leaves us vulnerable and not at the table for future water discussions.

Director Williams said there is some merit to that and is on the positive side of support. Personally, from Tehama County's aspect of it, I have a suspicion that when the votes are tallied NCWA, as an organization, will support this. There are enough votes there that will support the issue, so that NCWA will take a position of support, or possibly neutral position. I don't feel in the water districts, that they feel strongly enough to oppose the water bond.

A motion by Director Williams was made to take a “no position” stand to the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010 Bond Proposal. Second by Director Avilla and carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

Gary Antone will add to the response a “No Position” stance and forwarded the vote to NCWA.

7. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Willard to approve the claims in the amount of \$7,821.67. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
8. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.