

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2013

Present: Directors': Dennis Garton; Steve Chamblin; Bob Williams; Burt Bundy. One vacant position. Also present: Arthur Wylene, Tehama County Counsel; Executive Director, Gary Antone; and Tim Wood, Chief Deputy Director of Public Works.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Chairman Dennis Garton.
2. **Public Comment:**

Gary Antone reviewed the meeting of the AB3030 TAC presentation by Brown & Caldwell with the Glenn County Groundwater Reliability and Recharge Project that deals with an area south-east of Capay (small amount of T.C. included) to determine how to best use surface water with little use of groundwater. The cost of the work is prohibitive. This presentation will be brought to the Flood Control Directors at a future meeting.

Gary Antone discussed the NSVIRWM TAC meeting which included information on the draft chapters being released. Information is available on their website.
3. **Approval of January 15, 2013 Minutes:** Motion by Director Williams, second by Director Chamblin to approve the January 15, 2013 minutes. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 vacant position.
4. **Approval of Claims:** Motion by Director Bundy, second by Director Williams to approve the claims in the amount of \$38,910.24. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 vacant position.
5. **Correspondence:** Gary Antone discussed the following:

Central Valley Flood Protection Board identified erosion/bank caving along Elder Creek. This first letter received from the CVFP dealing with Elder Creek deals with Item No. 6 on the agenda. No further information provided.
6. **Authorize Executive Director to Sign Letter of Intent:** Tim Wood, Chief Deputy Director of Public Works, discussed information regarding the past reporting that the Elder Creek system is deemed ineligible for PL 8499 as a result of an inspection completed by CVFP. The draft report previously received identified over 400 deficiencies on the system with a majority of them dealing with encroachments. The PL 8499 provides federal funding if damage to the levee should occur from a disaster. We recognize the urgency to get back into the program. Many of the items are easy to repair, but the erosion areas require a capitol project with each project requiring permits from State and Federal agencies. The Army Corps of Engineers has provided a Policy for Development and Implementation for System Wide Framework. This policy allows the local maintaining agency an opportunity to put together a plan to repair the deficiencies within two years, and another two years to correct the deficiencies. Within

the time-frame our eligibility would be reinstated for the PL8499 program with the receipt of this letter of intent, if accepted.

Staff has attended the Gerber-Los Flores Board Meeting in order to partner this project. The letter of intent for the improvement plan needs to be completed within three to six months to be reviewed and possibly accepted. The letter is in draft form awaiting the Gerber-Los Flores information.

Director Bob Williams questioned the cost to the County and Tim Wood estimated approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 staff time. At this point, we are developing the plan; however, we have had discussions with our local DWR regarding grants for any money available.

Motion by Director Williams, second by Director Chamblin to authorize the Executive Director to sign the letter of intent to prepare a system-wide improvement framework for the Elder Creek Levee system. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 vacant position.

7. **Conduct Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Revised Groundwater Management Plan:** Although this item was listed as conducting a public hearing, the item has the following modification: Consider adoption of the revised Groundwater Management Plan for circulation and acceptance at the April 16, 2013 meeting.

Gary Antone added the Plan is on the website for review and comment. The AB3030 TAC has spent many hours reviewing all sections and modifying the document as well as County Counsel. Additionally, we are in compliance with the State Water Code and their changes within the last few years. This document represents what is going on in the County and we are pleased to bring it forward to completion.

Arthur Wylene added the Public Hearing identified on the Agenda is a clerical error and this meeting is a presentation. This is not strictly speaking "the" public hearing.

At 8:48 am a public hearing was opened to receive comments on the revised Groundwater Management Plan. With no comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:48 a.m.

Motion to release/accept the document for circulation for a 30-day review period by Director Williams, second by Director Chamblin and carried 4-0 with 1 vacant position.

8. **Consider Appointment of NSVIRWM PAC Landowner Representative:** Gary Antone announced the acceptance by the AB3030 TAC of Ken Babbitt to the NSVIRWM TAC. Mr. Babbitt is a resident of Tehama County, retired CHP, and has been farming for a number of years with a strong interest to these activities. Staff believes he will be a positive influence and knowledgeable candidate.

Motion by Director Chamblin, second by Director Williams to appoint Ken Babbitt to the NSVIRWM TAC. Carried 4-0 with 1 vacant position.

Gary Antone added this item will be added to the Board of Supervisors agenda according to the IRWM Bylaws.

Public Comment was reopened at 8:51 a.m. with a question from the audience as to the meeting date, April 16, 2013, for approval of the Groundwater Management Plan. Closed Public Comment.

9. **Adjourn:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.