

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2014

The Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2014 with the following Board members present: Directors Burt Bundy, Dennis Garton, Steve Chamblin (late), and Sandy Bruce were present. Director Bob Williams was absent. Also present: Executive Director Gary Antone; Arthur Wylene, County Counsel and Ryan Teubert, Flood Control Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Ryan Teubert - Informed the Directors of the US Fish and Wildlife Service has removed its proposal to delete the Elderberry Beetle from the Endangered Species List.
- The State Water Board lifts curtailment orders during high flow events to allow water rights holders to collect and store water during the winter.

REGULAR ITEMS: Due to conflicting schedule, the consensus of the Directors' present was to review action items 1, 5 and 9 in that order.

1 ACCEPT AND AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE GROUNDWATER BASIN MANAGEMENT MOU WITH ANDERSON-COTTONWOOD IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

Motion by Director Garton, second by Director Bruce to accept and authorize the Chairman to sign the Groundwater Basin Management MOU with Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District.

Gary Antone added there are 16 active Districts. Of that we have seven (7) that have signed the MOU. We will continue to work with the districts with the exception of the City of Corning and City of Red Bluff. We have requested they join in, but due to their size and number of connections, (and they have a 5-year management plan that is renewed through DWR covering much of the same material) we can assume this is why they have not responded.

With no further comments, motion passed 3-0 with 2 absent.

4 KOPTA SLOUGH PROJECT UPDATE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A LETTER ALLOWING DWR TO EVALUATE THREE ROCK REVETMENT TEST SITES WITHIN THE TCFC LOCAL MAINTAINING AGENCY'S AUTHORITY: Ryan Teubert provided an overview of the project.

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DWR is in the planning and design phase of this project. It is located on the Woodson Bridge, South Avenue east of Corning. The project will remove rock revetment structure to allow the river to return to a natural meander. Originally the rock was to be used to protect the bridge piers and City of Corning's sewer outfall. After studying various items, indications are that the proposed rock protection may not be necessary. They are now requesting approval from TCFC&WCD to perform three plots on the slope of the rock revetment. The rock will be taken out and tested and if suitable, and DWR does not use it down stream, they will offer it to us for protection of other structures.

Director Garton questioned if the cost is on their shoulders, and staff replied it was.

Director Bundy discussed the issue of "dirty rocks" by saying that Fish and Wildlife will not allow dirty rock for revetment until it is cleaned. They consider it dirty once pulled out of the revetment we have in place. When the Army Corps of Engineers built the levee, they used a certain size rock. When we did repairs on that revetment, we knew it wouldn't hold so we used much larger rock as a replacement, so there are two different size rocks within that area.

Director Garton questioned if it is determined it can be used downstream, put on a barge, cleaned before it goes back in, is that going to be our expense, and Ryan Teubert answered that it has not been determined at this stage of the planning.

Gary Antone added that no matter what the outcome, if they don't want to use it downstream and find it is not necessary to extend the rock revetment they initially purposed, then the potential is, if taken out, they may offer it to us. What we can do before using it is stockpile it and allow it to dry and set. At that point we can wash it off and use it. The cost is borne by state and federal dollars. What is driving it is realigning the river.

Arthur Wylene added that any such proposal, whether we take the rock or not, would come back to this board for further action. All that is being done today is authority to go in and test.

Motion by Directors Dennis Garton, second by Director Sandy Bruce to approve the letter allowing DWR to enter sites within the Flood Control Local Maintaining Agency's authority for the Kopta Slough Flood Damage Reduction and Habitat Restoration Project. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.

- 9 **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2014 THRU AUGUST 2014 CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,125.58:** Motion by Director Garton, second by Director Bruce to approve the claims for January thru August 2014 in the amount of \$109,125.58. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 absent.

Director Bundy excused himself from the meeting.

2 **UPDATE ON AUGUST 18, 2014 AB3030 MEETING:** Ryan Teubert discussed the annual report and subcommittee to fill vacant positions. The next meeting should be in November and this Board will be updated.

3 **UPDATE ON NSV IRWM:** Ryan discussed the drought relief grants totaling over \$11M. Rio Alto Wastewater Treatment Plant was our only project. Continued discussion on those members who have not attended the meetings possibly being replaced. Tehama County regularly attends these meetings.

Director Garton requested a copy of the by-laws for the IRWM.

5 **INFORMATION ON CURRENT CALIFORNIA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY LEGISLATION:** Ryan reviewed the current legislation with the Directors reading the information.

Arthur Wylene added that his office was involved in advocacy efforts relating to the groundwater issues. There will probably be a prominent role for the Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District due to our efforts with the AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan.

Gary Antone added that Tehama County is farther along than other counties. This is very positive and gives us the opportunity to become the clearing house for this type of action. The legislation identifies the medium to high level basins that are being examined. Ours fall in the medium range.

Ryan discussed the State Water Resource Control Board Resource information. The new regulations were approved July 29, 2014 applying to all California. The regulations apply only to potable water. Public Works and various departments have water saving kits available for free to the public.

Ryan continued with the proposed Army Corps of Engineer regulations. The bill was passed that prevents administration proposed waters of the U.S. Rule to go forward. The proposed rule amends the definitions the water within the U.S. and within the Clean Air Act and expands the range of waters and their conveyances.

6 **UPDATE ON DROUGHT TASKFORCE, OUTREACH MATERIALS, WATER SHORTAGE ISSUES IN PASKENTA:** Ryan Teubert updated the Directors on monitoring and recharge.

A) A Tehama County Drought Task Force was recently organized to allow the Sheriff's Office, Public Health, Department of Water Resources, and the Flood Control & Water Conservation District to coordinate tracking of citizen phone calls concerning drought related topics. A standard template will be created along with a map showing the locations of specific call types.

B) Several drought outreach documents have been created by the University of California Extension Office and are currently being reviewed. These will provide valuable information along with a Document on *Funding Opportunities for Domestic Well Replacement* to citizens having drought related issues. Staff also gave a presentation on Drought Conservation Methods to the Red Bluff Community Center Senior and Elder Group.

C) The community of Paskenta applied for a State Emergency Grant after Thomes Creek dried up. Currently the community is trucking in water from the City of Corning. The City of Red Bluff has agreed to help supply water to the community of Lowery which is also experiencing water shortage issues.

D) Update on recent CASGEM Monitoring efforts, development of new well locations, and an update on groundwater level trends throughout the county.

E) Update on groundwater recharge activities.

- 7 **CURRENT FLOOD CONTROL TOPICS AND ISSUES:** This October, staff will attend both a Preseason Flood Coordination Meeting and a Flood Fighting Methods Training Class. In August staff attended the Mid Upper Sacramento River Regional Flood Management Plan Tour that focused on multi use facilities which offer either flood protection/wildlife protection or human recreation. Being multi use is an important aspect in obtaining future grant funding.

Director Chamblin arrived.

8 **UPDATE ON FLOOD SYSTEM REPAIR PROJECT PROPOSALS FOR DEER AND ELDER CREEK LEVEES:**

A) FSRP proposals have been submitted to DWR to help improve the patrol roads on both the Deer Creek and Elder Creek levee systems. These two proposals are being held up due to specific contract language. County staff is currently working with DWR to correct the issue.

B) The ACOE is completing a low-level risk assessment on the Elder Creek Levee system in order to get an idea of past performance issues, hydrology and hydraulics, economics and potential consequences from a levee breach.

C) During a recent presentation at a Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB) meeting it was announced that the Deer Creek levee system would be removed from the PL8499 program based on a ACOE PI. This program provides government funding if any of these levees were breached during a storm event. Staff is working to create a timeline and plan for fixing the issues that would allow the levee systems to be returned into the PL8499 program. The main issues found during the most recent PI deal with encroachments, rodent issues, and minor erosion. Staff will be working with the many landowners to get their unpermitted

encroachments permitted. This board will need to provide a recommendation to the CVFPB to approve these encroachments.

D) DWR is currently preparing environmental documents for a project on Elder Creek that will restore the channel within the leveed portion to its originally designed carrying capacity. DWR is planning to remove approximately 100,000 cubic yards of sediment along with vegetation within the bank full channel.

4. **ADJOURN:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:18pm.