

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND  
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES APRIL 10, 2000**

Attending: Roger Sherrill, Gary Antone, Tom Heffernan, Jim Lowden, Serge Birk, William Richardson and Robert Steinacher Absent: William Bergmann, Steve Kimbrough. Also attending: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, Chrissy Bevens-Brown, Engineer Technician, Allen Fulton (replacing retiring Bill Richardson at his place of employment), and Toccoy Dudley, Groundwater Manager for Department Water Resources, Tom Russ, Director of Public Works in Corning.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ernie Ohlin reminded the members of the NSVWF meeting April 27 in Maxwell. The topic would be "Area of Origin."

Roger Sherrill presented information on the groundwater/subterranean flow SWRCB workshop scheduled April 24. Any input must be submitted by April 18.

Ernie Ohlin attended a workshop in San Francisco on Water Law and Policy and gave information which included the issue of subterranean flow.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MARCH 2000

Correction of the spelling of Toccoy Dudley's name. Motion by William Richardson and second by Gary Antone to approve the minutes with the correction. Carried 7-0 with 2 absent.

4. CALFED UPDATE

Ernie Ohlin discussed the Wednesday, April 12 meeting for CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Grants. Applications are due May 15 and staff will keep the TAC updated.

Roger Sherrill commented CALFED federal and state representatives are trying to come together on issues for the continued CALFED program leading to a preferred alternative.

Serge Birk discussed his involvement with CALFED's Ecosystem Restoration Program. A meeting tomorrow will set ground rules for agency stakeholder teams that evaluate and make recommendations. The major topic will be conflict of interest. There has been a major shift regarding proposals. A hypothesis saying: What your project is; how does it work; and how are you going to test it, must be submitted. This will allow CALFED to keep projects in a scientific framework which they were accused of not adhering to in the past.

Serge Birk informed the committee that water being pumped from the Delta has been reduced

to 15%. In addition to reducing the total pumping on the state and federal side of the pumps, there has been a program that has acquired water for release of additional water for the tributaries.

Jim Lowden discussed a meeting with Doug Ose (R) U.S. Representative for District 3. Mr. Lowden said Doug Ose seemed opposed to re authorization of CALFED. Mr. Ose said money was being spent with nothing to show for it and nothing on the horizon.

## 5. ANNUAL REPORTS

- a. Roger Sherrill discussed the TAC first annual report presented to the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation Board. Director Willard questioned water quality and why we were considering any water quality aspects within the County. The answer given by Roger Sherrill was that if you go throughout the county and establish water level monitoring sites with data, there is no better time to see if there is a water quality problem. Tehama County presently does not have a water quality problem, but it is important to examine the quality aspects now rather than backtrack at a later date. The SWAP (Source Water Assessment Program) is now being implemented at a state level. People have undertaken the process either through the Health Department or through their own endeavors in finding proper perimeters and developing a wellhead protection or SWAP.

Director Borrer commented as to whether the TAC should be as involved as it is in other water issues that take place in the State. Roger answered by saying you cannot determine properly what the potential impacts are, or the programs necessary for Tehama County locally, if you don't know what other factors out there could influence the County, and certainly the CALFED program can influence Tehama County. The 4.4 Plan was also discussed by Director Borrer. It was mentioned by Roger that the outcome of this plan, if it goes in the wrong direction, will have an effect in Tehama County. The water to satisfy the State of California will come from somewhere. If it does not come from the Colorado River, it will come from somewhere else.

Gary Antone expressed concern about the questions. The views seem short-sided. It was his opinion the factors discussed are of major concern.

The Board of Directors of TCFC&WCD extended their appreciation to the TAC for their continued work through Roger.

- b. Ernie Ohlin discussed the first annual staff report from Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation. Credit was given for the continued help and efforts of staff regarding the generation of this report. Comments by the Board: Bill Borrer questioned goals for TCFC&WCD. This issue will be revisited with the Board with regard to prioritizing. From staff's perspective, all the goals will be worked on. Director Willard questioned well scanning. Ernie Ohlin felt the information gathered will be useful in the long-term.  
Roger Sherrill commented on the support of well scanning. This accomplishment gives a look at the hydrogeology of Tehama County.

No motion was made on this item.

## 6. FY 2000 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Jim Lowden discussed outreach for support of the MOU and Groundwater Management.

Roger Sherrill reviewed the TAC objectives and the need for TAC support of staff. Prioritizing the list was also needed.

1. Continued refinement Phase I of the Groundwater Management Monitoring Program
2. Continued identification and mapping of both existing and potential water quality problem areas within the County
3. Assist Staff with improving MOU participation in the Groundwater Management Program.
4. Evaluate the use of "Zone Advisory Committees."
5. Assist staff with initiating the first annual meeting to coordinate the Tehama County Groundwater Management Plan with neighboring Groundwater Management Plan holders.

Gary Antone remarked, back in November, prioritizing of six issues was accomplished. Gary suggested the list be examined to see if we were going in the same direction and also pull together the TAC's and staff's goals and objectives to document direction for the group.

Roger Sherrill suggested the next meeting prioritizing and through evaluation of where the committee will direct their energy.

## 7. STAFF REPORT

Ernie Ohlin reported to the TAC on the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting for flood areas in Red Bluff. This information could suggest possible ways of funding for problem areas.

Ernie discussed a conversation with Harvey Williams regarding the OCID-AFRP Proposal. There is no final environmental document received by staff as yet, but this proposal will most likely proceed.

Chairman Sherrill excused himself from the meeting. Vice Chairman Richardson took over the meeting. (3:18 P.M.)

Ernie Ohlin met with Toccoy Dudley earlier and discussed the discontinued monitoring of approximately 19 wells and the possibility of locating replacement wells that would have a complete well log report. Staff is working with DWR on the replacements.

Toccoy Dudley added that the next step would be for DWR staff to discuss with well owners the monitoring of their wells.

8. SUB COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chairman Richardson discussed with staff the progress on a funding subcommittee.

Staff addressed a need for someone who is aware and has knowledge of grant writing and knowing issues to address.

Serge Birk volunteered for a funding committee which would not pose a conflict of interest. Ecosystem restoration programs would only be a detriment to the TAC. There are other CALFED programs such as conjunctive use that would be appropriate. Serge Birk suggested programs within the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA). In terms of direction, except for the writing of proposals, Serge agreed to assist.

9. MAY MEETING SCHEDULE

The consensus of the Board was to keep the May 15 date for the next meeting.

10. ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.