

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION
COORDINATED AB 3030 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2000**

Present: Roger Sherrill, Bill Richardson, Gary Antone, Serge Birk, Jim Lowden, Steve Kimbrough,.
Absent: Tom Heffernan, Robert Steinacher, William Bergmann. Also present, Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, Allan Fulton, Toccoy Dudley and Bud Hagen and his wife Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, thanked Toccoy Dudley of DWR for his maps which included wells in the County. The exhibits were very helpful to Staff.

Roger Sherrill informed the members of the Original Tehama County Calfed Advisory Committee at 7:00 P.M. August 14th. Also, the Northern Sacramento Valley Water Forum meeting in Chico, Friday.

There was a discussion of the Flood Control meeting and comments made by the Directors with regard to the AB 3030 TAC and Calfed issues.

Suggested questions to the TCFC&WCD as to the mission of the TAC: 1) To provide elected officials with technical input that they would not otherwise have; 2) and as a two-way technical exchange with staff. With the limited staff, we have to try to buffer the program somehow. You either get more staffing or figure out a quicker way to bring about results.

3. MINUTES: Motion by Steve Kimbrough and second Bill Richardson to approve the minutes of August 14, 2000. Carried 6-0 with 3 absent.
4. CALFED UPDATE: Roger Sherrill discussed the Framework for Action. The ROD is due August 25th. Implementation will begin soon. Tonight's meeting should reaffirm most of the thoughts the County has. Fresno County is trying to complete an ordinance before the implementation plan is set. Four other central valley counties have joined in with them to try to see if they can put together some sort of regimentation for themselves.

Ernie Ohlin commented on the Water Education Calfed briefing held July 24th. Many attending were from the legislative arena view and felt the Governor would move forward on the Calfed documents.

Continued discussion regarding the Record of Decision. Roger added that most look at the ROD and the final EIR/EIS document as the "end of the road". That is not the case. The implementation plan will remain flexible and will be molded as we go. Continued discussion and involvement is advised.

Legislation issues: SB 846 and Groundwater Disinfection.

5. CONTINUING TAC INVOLVEMENT IN GWMP: Roger Sherrill attended the TCFC&WCD meeting where involvement of the TAC in Groundwater Management was discussed. It was the concern of one Director that not much had happened with the Groundwater Management Program in the past two years. Another issue of concern was how the TAC interfaced with Flood Control. The TAC Goals, which were presented to the Directors, were discussed. The TAC believes these goals are on target with Phase I of the plan.

Ernie Ohlin also felt that many objectives of the goals and first Phase had been completed by the TAC. From Staff's prospective, no redirection has been received from the Board.

Bill Richardson added that with the change in Public Works staff during the past years, the TAC is back on track, moving forward again and making decisions.

Roger Sherrill felt that there needs to be a clear understanding by the Board and the TAC of the Boards input to the GWMP and the role of the Committee. It was Roger's understanding that the TAC was not to be involved with the physical implementation of the plan and how funds would be spent. Hopefully, clarification will be forth-coming at the September meeting of Tehama County Flood Control.

Serge Birk felt disclosure was needed from the Board. There is a question of why a minority of the Board was questioning the actions of the TAC and their goals. One issue is whether the TAC should actively be engaged in the implementation of the Groundwater Management Plan? Why is the TAC volunteering? Providing elected officials more technical input than they would otherwise have? What are the boundaries of the TAC? From an implementing standpoint, do you need to have resources at the Flood Control Board level or here at the TAC level?

Roger Sherrill submitted a draft response addressed to the Flood Control Board. TAC comments will be included in this letter and submitted at the September meeting.

6. STAFF REPORT: Ernie Ohlin reported the July monitoring has been completed and the information has been entered into the data base for comparison to last year.

Supervisor Bill Borrer and staff have been appointed to the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority Advisory Committee.

Dan McMannus of DWR presented information on the water exchange program to the Flood Control Board.

Regarding SB1086, staff is also involved with the Sacramento Valley Conservation area. Restoration issues and water quality are all tied into the AB 3030 issue.

Meetings with regard to the Woodson Bridge erosion area have been attended. Funding is still an issue.

Well logs gathered by Tehama County have been loaned to DWR and in return water quality issues and any other information gleaned by DWR will be shared with Tehama County.

7. SUB COMMITTEE REPORT: None
8. SEPTEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE: Agreed to keep September 18, 2000 at the Courthouse Annex.
9. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:57 A.M.