

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES MARCH 20, 2000**

Attending: Roger Sherrill, Serge Birk, Gary Antone, William Bergmann, Tom Heffernan, William Richardson. Absent: Jim Lowden, Steve Kimbrough and Robert Steinacher. Also attending, Winifred Jones, past member TAC, Allen Fulton (replacing retiring Bill Richardson at his place of employment), and Tokey Dudley, Groundwater Manager for Department Water Resources.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:10 P.M.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Heffernan distributed a diagram of water transfer complexities.

Bill Richardson introduced Allen Fulton who will be taking his place upon his retirement. Mr. Fulton will attend meetings occasionally. Agenda's will be sent to Mr. Fulton and to Bill Richardson's home.

Ernie Ohlin attended a SB 1086 meeting. TCFC&WCD is a signatory to the Non Profit Organization (NPO) for the SB 1086. The NPO will have a governing board represented by each county that are signatory. The goal is to establish ecosystem restoration along the river system in conjunction with private property owners, landowners and public facilities along the river. The Woodson Bridge Project is being discussed due to erosion on the west bank.

Roger Sherrill discussed the Northern Sacramento Valley Water Forum (NSVWF) meeting of April 27 in Maxwell. The topic will be area of origin. There has been a consideration by the NSVWF that there will be some forums that will be broad issues such as flooding which will be important to the entire valley. Other forums with more focused issues will target a core group of water district, county and municipal water leaders only.

ACWA will meet tomorrow discussing the San Luis Rey Rivers and the State Water Resources Board's decision and the input by ACWA to that decision.

3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 14, 2000 MINUTES: Serge Birk corrected page 2, Item 6, to read, ".....Category 3 Program for one year and another two years of funding from the

ecosystem restoration program.” With noted corrections, the minutes were approved 6-0 with 3 absent.

4. CALFED UPDATE: CALFED is still working through the final ROP and no new information has been received.

Tokey Dudley added that the grants available through CALFED are for projects excluding monitoring. A call was received from Sacramento and there may be an increase in Bulletin 118 activity. This funding could be used for the drilling of wells and monitoring.

Roger Sherrill questioned a comment from the Bulletin 118 hearing which was whether there will be more efforts spent on safe “yield” and energy spent on what recharge really is; the specifics of recharge on an aquifer.

Tokey answered that the effort that would be necessary for that would financially strip the program. The aquifer system is much more complex than anyone thought.

5. TAC ANNUAL REPORT/APPROVAL: The second draft of the TAC Annual Report was distributed to the members. The comments need to be received by Roger Sherrill before Friday for revision.
6. STAFF REPORT: Ernie Ohlin reported that the ten to twelve thousand wells have been scanned and is now ready to be put into a data base. With staffing a problem, we will input the information in the near future. Chrissy Bevens-Brown is currently monitoring wells with DWR.

Ernie Ohlin will distribute to the members his comments regarding the Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Lower Mill Creek and Lower Deer Creek at a later date. There were many issues of concern. Statements of “no environmental impacts” needed to be addressed when the proposal was not diverting surface water and pumping groundwater. OCID is proposing an AFRP on Mill Creek and even though different, they are somewhat similar in how they interface with each other.

Staff is currently preparing their Annual Report for the Tehama County Flood Control Board.

A graph was distributed to members showing groundwater level trends from 1960 thru 1990 which is the differential of spring time and fall groundwater measurements. The higher the number on the graph, the larger the draw-down.

Ernie Ohlin reported the ongoing battle with the Corps of Engineers with regard to water quality and fish restoration on the Deer Creek Levee System. Funding was applied for PL 8499 for earlier repairs from a disaster. The Corps refused our request and after some time we discovered the Corps of Engineers never reviewed our appeal. We will be meeting with

them for further discussion.

With regard to Ordinance 608 in Tehama County has begun to surface. When grass and debris clogs ditches, the Ordinance 608 requires property owners to burn/clean these ditches. The ordinance is to protect the ditches from becoming clogged with debris and flooding. With environmental issues such as cattails and the nesting red winged blackbird, nothing can be done until the bird has completed nesting. Staff will update the TAC at a later date.

7. SUB COMMITTEE REPORT:

No meetings to report.

It was the consensus of the committee to add to the agenda of April formation of a sub-committee to develop funding alternatives.

Staff requested a list of projects or concerns in Tehama County from the TAC. These issues will be reviewed and funding sources will be sought after they go through staff and sub committee review.

Serge Birk recommended partnering with other agencies such as Fish & Game for projects.

Ernie Ohlin discussed a grant that is available through the Urban Streams Restoration Project from DWR. More money is available with this grant. Pilot projects that are environmentally friendly could be used on local farms and ranches to help control erosion on private property.

8. MEETING SCHEDULE:

Due to conflicting schedules, the April meeting will be held on April 10, 2000 at 2:00 P.M. in the same location.

9. ADJOURN:

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:43 P.M.