

AB 3030 MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2000

Present: Roger Sherrill, Tom Heffernan, Bill Richardson, Serge Birk and Steve Kimbrough. Absent: Jim Lowden, Gary Antone, William Bergmann and Robert Steinacher. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, Kelly Station of DWR and Allan Fulton, UC Davis Coop.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:06 P.M.
2. MINUTES: Motion by Bill Richardson and second by Serge Birk to approve the September & October minutes. Carried 5-0 with 4 absent.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT:
4. CALFED UPDATE: Roger Sherrill discussed his meeting with Patrick Wright, Naser Botani and John Rameriz of Calfed. Patrick Wright is the new Executive Office of the Calfed Program. North State problems and issues were discussed by many who are trying to get Calfed programs moving forward.
5. UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION NEWS LETTER: Allan Fulton discussed his news letter and asked the TAC to participate in providing information on groundwater issues. The mailing list will include approximately 300 local farmers, water agencies, professionals, supervisors and later will branch into Glenn, Shasta and Colusa County.

Roger Sherrill gave information with regard to the TAC and AB3030 issues. Information taken from the TAC may be used for the newsletter with approval of the members.

Ernie Ohlin felt the newsletter would be a good informational source for those interested in groundwater issues.

6. STAFF REPORT: Ernie Ohlin discussed a request sent to the Corps of Engineers to extend the Sacramento River-San Joaquin Comprehensive Study to Red Bluff. It currently stops at Vina. The Corps confirmed it will be completed in February to at least the Red Bluff area. With regard to the SB1086, Ernie discussed public meetings that will to be held and the new conservation areas that could affect property owners.

County Staff met with the Indian Casino people to discuss the new facility being constructed near Corning. This casino plans to have an 18 hole golf course and is a major concern for Corning. Other issues were discussed such as flooding and traffic to the area.

Staff met with DWR and discussed moving forward with multi completion wells. Once information is gathered, this will be presented the TAC. Bill Richardson will go through the well logs from the County and examine issues such as depth to define aquifer layers. Future

costs may be higher due to the need to drill deeper.

Funding for projects under AB303 is not available as yet. Staff may have to go before the Board and ask to move contingency money for extra drilling. DWR could do a cross section and that may mean one more additional monitoring well. Funding this project through Calfed Conjunctive Use Grants most likely will not be practical.

Serge Birk added that conjunctive use opportunities have been coupled as a tool to augment ecosystem restorations. As far as the conjunctive use program, under the ROD, it would be to our advantage to do pilot work without committing to the political process.

Staff asked Serge Birk to research the Conjunctive Use Grant. Mr. Birk was not opposed to examining the program. It was suggested that this should be put on the TAC agenda for the next meeting. A speaker should interpret what they have done at DWR. Serge will arrange this for the December or January meeting.

Steve Kimbrough added that he did not like to see the spending of County money on drilling test wells when they could be funded by another source.

7. MEETING SCHEDULE: The date of December 18th was approved by those present. Roger Sherrill added that a quorum is hard to accomplish when the members are unable to attend the meetings. The Flood Control Board Directors' have asked the TAC to become more active in the coming months on many issues.
8. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.