

AB 3030 TAC MEETING
MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 16, 2000

Roger Sherrill, Serge Birk, Gary Antone, William Richardson, Tom Heffernan and Robert Steinacher. Also attending: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, Toccoy Dudley of DWR and Kelly Station of DWR. Absent: Jim Lowden and Steve Kimbrough.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:06 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Meetings: ACWA Conference November 7 thru 10.
Public Scoping meeting for the Tehama Colusa Canal.
TCFC Meeting October 24th: RCRC representative will attend to discuss and answer questions regarding the Calfed lawsuit. Michael Jackson, Attorney for RCRC, will answer questions submitted by Supervisor Bill Borrer. A representative from the Farm Bureau possibly will attend and discuss their suit with Calfed.

Questions from AB 3030 Committee: (Serge Birk) Does lawsuit put County under any obligation? How does the County sign on to a suit without public knowledge? Tom Heffernan discussed integrated storage systems. Assurance should be given that recharge would not be detrimental to the aquifers of Tehama County. Reading material regarding recharge and injection wells and other procedures were discussed.

Toccoy Dudley discussed the well log information gathered to date. Mike Ward has information gathered from PG&E regarding capacity and developing a GIS for Northern California. This is the amount of water pumped and how much it causes the well to go down. Geology for the southern part of the County has been completed and reveals there are at least two aquifer systems on the west side of the river.

Serge Birk discussed the Trinity EIR/EIS subject to notice of availability on the 21st of October. It is anticipated the ROD will come 30 days after that date. It is expected the water will remain in the Trinity system. The County of Trinity said they will not certify the EIR component of the EIS/EIR.

3. CALFED UPDATE: Serge Birk discussed experiments in the Delta area. They relate to the operation of the gates at the DC Canal. Sensors are being used to measure velocities. Dave Vogal, local biologist, is involved in radio tag of juvenile fish.

Serge Birk also discussed local buy-in and projects that should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, whether they can be implemented in a timely fashion and give us a value for the money spent. Calfed has hired a USGS Scientist to head a science program which will oversee programs.

Assembly Bill 303 was signed by the Governor. This will be discussed by the Sub-Committee at a later date.

4. **BOARDS RESPONSE TO TAC REQUEST:** Roger Sherrill discussed the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (TCFC&WCD) response to the roles of the TAC. Discussions centered around specific issues on communication by the board and how the TAC was perceived.

Ernie Ohlin discussed the participation by the TAC and assistance needed by staff on proceeding with issues. Funding under AB 303 could be possible. "Preparing for California's Next Drought" will be distributed to each member. Ernie also discussed the criteria needed when moving to Phase II. Funding is still a necessity. Review of Ordinance 1617 for input to the Board of Supervisors was suggested

Roger Sherrill discussed funding issues. For staff to proceed and the Groundwater Management Program to succeed, funding must be procured. A finance sub-committee will be established to give recommendations to staff not only for funding the overall plan, but to establish well monitoring and equipment.

5. **STAFF REPORT:** Ernie Ohlin discussed the Water Education tour participated by Pat Minturn, Toccoy Dudley and staff to name a few. The tour went very well and many participants from all over California participated.

Ernie announced that Nasser Batoni no longer heads ISI. His new position is Chief of Planning and Local Assistance.

The Deer Creek funding issue with the Corps of Engineers is still a problem. Ernie and Supervisor Bill Borrer attended a meeting in Sacramento with the head of DWR and the Corps of Engineers. These people promised information within 30 days and after 90 days, staff contacted them per the TCFC&WCD Board instructions. The TAC will be kept informed of the progress.

With regard to the Indian Casino proposed for the Corning area, staff has been in contact with those involved with environmental issues. The proposal is 1500 acres on the south side of the tree farm on I-5 to the west bordering the farm. The Tehama County Public Works Director, Gary Plunkett, met with the Casino representatives who stated they will be in operation as soon as June 2000 due to Federal issues concerning gaming machines. Input from the TAC is requested regarding four monitoring wells in the general location, groundwater issues at the tree farm and past flooding issues. It is not believed we will have any regulatory authority over this facility nor are they required to do an EIR/EIS.

6. **SUB COMMITTEE REPORT:** None
7. **NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE:** Changed to November 13, 2000.
8. **ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

