

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION
AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COORDINATED AB 3030 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 23, 2001**

Present: Roger Sherrill; Serge Birk; Gary Antone; Kevin Borrer; William Richardson; and Robert Steinacher. Absent: Jim Lowden, Steve Kimbrough and Tom Heffernan. Also present: Judy Brown, Chairman of the Glenn County Groundwater Committee, Dan McMannus of Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Allen Fulton of UC Cooperative Extension.

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M.
2. **Seating & Welcome to New Member:** Introductions were made of those present. Kevin Borrer, Private Pumper, was elected as member of the TAC by the Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (TCFC&WCD) Board of Directors on March 27, 2001. Re-elected members were Gary Antone and Robert Steinacher.

Roger Sherrill discussed a matter that became apparent when interviewing candidates. Presently, the TAC may not have the best coverage for the County with regard to membership. Surface diverters and those associated with industries such as ALSCO and machinery dealing with Ag are not represented. This currently is not in the Bylaws and needs to be addressed.

3. **Election of Chairperson:** Roger Sherrill asked for nominations for the new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the TAC. Motion by Gary Antone to nominate Serge Birk as Chairperson. Second by Kevin Borrer. Motion carried 5-0 with 3 absent.

Motion by Bob Steinacher and second by Kevin Borrer to elect Gary Antone as Vice Chairman. Carried 5-0 with 3 absent.

Gary Antone left the meeting. (2:21PM)

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Bob Steinacher and second by Bill Richardson to approve the March minutes. Carried 4-0 with 4 absent.

NOTE: This item will be presented at the next meeting for re-vote due to this Secretary not recognizing the amount of votes.

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5. **Public Comment:** Newly elected Chairman, Serge Birk, requested introductions of audience members at each meeting to keep the TCFC&WCD informed of public interest.

Allen Fulton of UC Cooperative Extension, presented information on his workshop being held May 15, 2001 on "Opinions to Reduce Energy Costs for Irrigation".

6. **Presentations:**

- a. **Glenn County Basin Management Plan:** Judy Brown, Chairman of the Glenn County Groundwater Committee, was introduced by Bill Richardson. Glenn County began by investigating ways to do monitoring programs. A number of surface water districts initiated the program, but were concerned with groundwater due to the addition of private pumpers involved. This newly appointed committee has their own ordinance on groundwater.

Judy Brown discussed her concerns on groundwater. Her farm is irrigated with district water as well as groundwater. It is important for the farm survival to insure an adequate supply of groundwater is available for irrigation as well as drinking water. Investigating issues, Ms. Brown found that people are not concerned until wells have dropped and in some places there is a State Groundwater Ordinance and Control.

Ms. Brown's ordinance was adopted after five-years of work in February 2000. Ultimately, the Basin Management Objective (BMO) method of groundwater basin management was selected. The first step was the ordinance and the second step was that the ordinance required development of basin management objectives. Currently, they are still in the first step. A twenty-two member Water Advisory Committee (WAC) has been appointed which makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and develops the BMO. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is a smaller group consisting of a background or expertise in groundwater. Their function is to advise the WAC on technical matters.

In the Glenn County Ordinance, it is clear that if groundwater levels drop, due to export, that those export wells will be shut off by action of the Supervisors. This should only happen if the BMO's are not met. Judy Brown noted that export is not the only thing we should worry about. Increased use or decreased recharge is also a problem.

- b. Dan McManus of DWR presented materials on the Components of the Deer Creek Water Exchange. This exchange program provides more transportation flows for the spring run salmon in Deer Creek. The Delta Pumps Fish Protection Agreement Advisory Committee (4-Pumps Committee) has a mitigation fund and is looking for ways to put the money to good use. After review, they believe the fish need approximately 50 cfs of water for transportation flows during the months of April through June. The Program would be implemented through a phased approach. Wells would be put in to pump groundwater at a time of need, and the Irrigation District's would not divert that amount of water, but would pump groundwater.

Due to a previous engagement, Dan McManus asked the TAC Committee meet again and discuss more of the issues.

Serge Birk will contact Dan McManus to return for another presentation.

Roger added that Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager, will also have a presentation for a future meeting.

Roger Sherrill commented that one of the goals for the TAC is to pull as much of the County together by way of irrigation districts to participate in the Groundwater Management Program. It gives more information and stability to the TAC. The two speakers presented today seem to be moving forward and gathering information essential to the County.

7. **TAC 2001 Agenda** (a) Annual Report Presentation: Roger Sherrill presented the 2001 Annual Report to the TCFC&WCD Board. Due to time restraints, there was not time for staff to present their report. This will be presented again at the April meeting of TCFC&WCD.
8. **Staff Report:** Due to conflicting schedules, Ernie Ohlin was unable to attend.
9. **Sub-Committee Report:** a) Funding AB303; Serge Birk received correspondence from staff with regard to the grant application. Serge questioned the information provided in the letter as to the deadline which was May 3, and also the content of the grant. This would be a stronger way of presenting support.
10. **Meeting Schedule:** May 21, 2001 will remain the same.
11. **Adjourn:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 P.M.

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