

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2001

Present: Serge Birk, Gary Antone, Tom Heffernan, Kevin Borrer, Jim Lowden, Steve Kimbrough, Roger Sherrill. Absent: Robert Steinacher and William Richardson. Also present: Ernie Ohlin and Allen Fulton.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:02 P.M.
2. Introductions
3. Minutes: Approval of March 2001 and April 2001 minutes. Motion by Kevin Borrer and second by Roger Sherrill to approve the minutes of March and April of 2001. Motion carried 7-0 with 2 absent.
4. Public Comment:

Chairperson Serge Birk discussed a conflict of schedule for his attending the Tehama County Flood Control meeting of May 22. Vice Chairperson Antone agreed to attend in his place.

Discussion within the group to generate public interest.

Roger Sherrill discussed the Groundwater Management Program (GWMP) and its movement within the next few years, may see the advent of zone committees and would bring people here. Those representatives should have a vested interest in finding out what is happening at this meeting.

Serge Birk added that in addition to public outreach in the newspaper, he had various contacts with watershed interests.

Ernie Ohlin suggested Allen Fulton could include information in his newsletter or possibly send letters to the Chamber of Commerce or the Farm Bureau.

Serge Birk asked that each member try to bring names to the TAC and staff could send meeting information to the selected people.

Ernie Ohlin discussed the issue of informing districts who have not signed on with the MOU and giving them more knowledge of the Groundwater Management Plan. The meetings of this committee could be very useful to them.

Roger Sherrill stated that a workshop for grant writing will be held by the ACWA Groundwater Committee at the Monterey Convention.

5. Presentations: Don McMannus was unable to attend. This item will be agendaized for a future meeting.

6. Staff Report: Ernie Ohlin distributed the Annual Report presented to the Tehama County Flood Control Board and accepted at the April meeting. Notice was brought to the 75 wells being monitored and the 30 wells that show a decline.

Also distributed and discussed was the AB303 Grant Application TCFC&WCD applied for in the amount of \$237,500. Staff should receive word in approximately one week if the grant is accepted. Letters of support are also in the grant and staff greatly appreciated support from these agencies. If the grant is accepted, staff will return to the committee for input.

Ernie Ohlin met with Vickie Dawley of Tehama County Resource Conservation District, Cottonwood Creek Conservancy, Battle Creek and Deer Creek Conservancy-s to discuss the GWMP and other items. These are the first steps in outreach.

Well monitoring will begin in July and August and the information will be shared with DWR.

The Orange Cove Irrigation District (OCID) is in the process of applying for a Calfed Grant for monitoring. OCID asked staff to acknowledge receipt of their intent for the project and requested staff and a member of our TAC to set on a committee.

Congressman Ose-s office, Staff and Director Bill Borrer are continuing their efforts to recover funding for the Woodson Bridge erosion project.

With regard to the Sites Reservoir Project, meetings have bogged down and the TCCA and GCID are proposing to act as lead agencies. Lester Snow, formally with Calfed, will become the Project Manager.

US Fish & Wildlife Service has written a Biological Opinion which could have major effects on our proposed Woodson Bridge project and the 67,000 LF which TCFC&WCD is responsible to maintain.

7. Sub-Committee Report: To be agendaized at a future meeting.

8. Meeting Schedule: June 18, 2001

9. With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 P.M.