

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COORDINATED AB3030 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Present: Gary Antone; Tom Heffernan, Jim Lowden, Bill Richardson, Bob Steinacher, Walt Mansell, Roger Sherrill; Steve Kimbrough (2:08 pm). Absent: Kevin Borrer. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager and Ed Craddock, Director of Water & Resource Conservation.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Antone at 2:02 pm.
2. INTRODUCTIONS were completed for those present. Visitors include Ed Craddock, Erin Keller and Toccoy Dudley.
3. APPROVE NOVEMBER 24, 2003 MINUTES: Motion by Bill Richardson and Second by Bob Steinacher and carried 7-0 with 2 absent.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

§ Bill Richardson discussed concerns of groundwater and storage downward trends.

§ Roger Sherrill discussed the Water Quality Groundwater Monitoring & Assessment Program which was funded through Prop. 50.

< Chairman Antone added, if there was an interest of the committee on this subject a presentation could be arranged.

< Roger Sherrill discussed a presentation at NCWA regarding the NAPA Agreement. This could be scheduled for the next meeting to discuss.

< Ernie Ohlin added that the next Flood Control meeting will have Vickie Newlin, Watershed Coordinator, discussing the issues.

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Steve Kimbrough entered.

5. BUTTE COUNTY DEPT OF WATER RESOURCE & CONSERVATION UPDATE ON GROUNDWATER ISSUES: Ernie Ohlin discussed the outreach to county and districts. An overview will be presented today from Butte County.

A copy of the presentation (Exhibit A) is attached. Ed Craddock of the Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation, added that they are a State Water Project Contractor. Programs that Butte County is working on are similar to those Tehama County has started or completed. Past activities are resource documentation and present activities are to expand the documentation and establish an Integrated Watershed and Resource Conservation Plan for the County.

Mr. Craddock is the first Director of this Department formed 4-1/2 years ago. The first thing was to complete a Water Inventory and Analysis. A grant was then completed to hire a Watershed Coordinator. Funding through DWR's Integrated Watershed Storage Investigation Program brought the formation of the Butte County Resource Conservation District. The groundwater monitoring network is also complete and they are continuing under the integrated planning phase.

Questions by Chairman Antone with regard to a downward trend in water storage were presented to Mr. Craddock. No large consistent downward trend was found until the most recent evaluation.

Ernie Ohlin questioned the duties of the Watershed Coordinator. Mr. Craddock answered the Coordinator works with the Butte County RCD. There are four established watershed groups in Butte. The RCD will work as the fiduciary for the other watershed groups.

Ernie Ohlin asked if Butte is encountering, such as the Deer Creek Water Exchange, to install test wells to pump groundwater in lieu of surface diversion out of tributary streams for fish transport flow. Mr. Craddock was not aware of any at this time, but discussions concerning the Groundwater Ordinance pumping for "out of County" transport and minimal recharge has taken place. The Butte County Groundwater Ordinance "in County" transport does not qualify under the Ordinance.

Mr. Craddock added that an AB3030 Plan for portions of Butte County that are not covered by District Plans. This may be completed in January. Basin management objectives, similar to Glenn County, are almost ready for an Ordinance to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. Butte also has a 30-year old General Plan that needs updating to come up with an integrated plan.

Bill Richardson questioned Butte's Outreach Plan and coordination with neighboring counties. Mr. Craddock answered, the Plan was developed to upgrade a newsletter and website. Butte County works with a stakeholders group, but focus is to use the Water Commission meetings to expand the agenda items and have the Water Commission be a large part of outreach. Mr. Craddock agreed that when the first draft is ready, sharing with Glenn, Yuba and Tehama County should happen.

Roger Sherrill agreed and in the Tehama County AB3030, it stated that coordination with other groundwater authorities existing in the area should also be done.

6. AB3030 TAC ANNUAL REPORT: Chairman Antone asked that members review last years report of the AB3030. A draft copy will be sent to staff for review. Members with additions or corrections need to coordinate with the Chairman via e-mail for the next meetings review.
7. STAFF REPORT: Ernie Ohlin reviewed the NCWA Month in Review and discussed the Ag Waiver issue. Development of a Countywide Advisory Group is in the process to inform public (approximately 450 pesticide permits in Tehama) and possibly adopt a coalition approach. Approximately 450 pesticide permits are applied for in the County, but there are approximately 1,300 different owners of irrigation land that may not know of this issue and the testing that could be involved. Staff's annual report is also in progress. A reminder that there will be advertising and elections of seats that are up for renewal next year. If members are still interested, they will need to reapply.
8. 2004 MEETING DATES: It was the consensus of the members to approve the calendar for 2004. Due to January and February holiday's, the usual date was changed. It was decided that the January meeting will be held in Corning due to construction of the Annex Room in Red Bluff.
9. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.