

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AB3030 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2005**

Present: Jim Lowden; Allan Fulton; Bill Richardson; Walt Mansell; Roger Sherrill. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Bill Ehorn and Dan McManus of DWR

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Chairman Jim Lowden.
2. Introductions: Jim Lowden, Corning Water District; Allan Fulton, University of California; Bill Richardson, Private Pumper; Roger Sherrill, Rio Alto Water District and domestic pumpers; Walt Mansell, Natural Resources; Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Bill Ehorn, Department of Water Resources; John Ayres of Camp Dresser McGee.
3. Approval of Minutes: Corrections to Page 3, Item 6, second paragraph to read, “.....the TAC may have to revisit the issue in order to be compliant. With regard to fees and assessments, it does not apply to Phase I, or II, or III only. It applies to all of them”.

Motion to approve by Roger Sherrill and second by Allan Fulton to approve the October 17, 2005 minutes with corrections as noted. Motion carried 5-0 with 3 absent.

4. Approval of 2006 meeting dates: Motion by Roger Sherrill and second by Bill Richardson to approve the 2006 meeting dates for the AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan TAC. Motion carried 5-0 with 3 absent.
5. Public Comment:

Dan McManus of DWR discussed the Deer Creek Program and their new cost proposal. Also submitted was a draft proposal for TAC review. The basic program, with only one well, now will have two or possibly a lease well installed. The idea is to have 10cfs and through water efficiency improvements, provide 6 to 8 cfs of water use efficiency improvements over the next few years. The first of two phases will be pumping until the Water Use Efficiency Grant is made available. Stanford-Vina will not participate, thus changing the cost benefits, and slowing the grant process down. This year, the SEQA and a permit for the existing pump and drilling wells for new production will be completed. Deer Creek Irrigation will be the responsible party for the permit.

Ernie Ohlin requested DWR continue to update this committee.

Roger Sherrill questioned what describes the Water Use Efficiency Program. Dan McManus answered that the primary key features is establishing automated head gates at the Deer Creek Diversion and getting the flow tied into the gates to be remotely controlled in the valley area. Monitoring, remote control and some lining in the first area and in Section “B” a detailed water balance study, hopefully documenting savings.

Ernie Ohlin provided information of the Farm City Tour attended by Allen Fulton and Bill

Ehorn. Five tour busses were taken to the Hall Road site and overviews of political and technical efforts of the County were addressed.

Walt Mansell attended the Shasta Dam meeting and their intention of raising the dam. No decisions were made. Also, a Stewardship Council meeting in Sacramento was attended. This group is under the terms of a settlement agreement between CPUC and PG&E that manage and develop management plans for PG&E lands. The Board of Directors is chaired by the Secretary of Resources of California and representatives from U.S. Fish & Game, US Forest Service, BLM, CPUC, Forestry Association, a Plumas County Supervisor, and a bay-area minister. This \$10 million per year project from PG&E is a program introducing under-privileged children to the outdoors. PG&E lands run from Siskiyou to Kern County with 140,000 to 160,000 acres, most relating to water.

6. SB1938 and BMO Discussion: John Ayres distributed the BMO Development draft outline and maps. Corrections were made (add Stanford-Vina and Rio Alto boundaries) and discussions continued. Previous comments from the TAC were to investigate like-areas of landuse for BMO units. The maps presented represented inventory units as a starting point for the BMO areas.

Ernie Ohlin felt that beginning with the sub-basins within the County, splitting Red Bluff and Corning east and west, then meeting with groups from the areas would be a good beginning. This would give them the decision of what areas to split and what would represent them better.

Bill Richardson questioned if the development of a definition comes first and examine the outline of individual areas, or examine the individual areas and develop definitions based on these areas. It should be consistent throughout the County. Are we using groundwater levels as a basic theme?

Ernie Ohlin answered that groundwater levels, quality and subsidence are the three issues to be addressed for each area. Delivering the concept to the people of what we are trying to do and acceptable in the concept of the BMO, is an educational process. The first one that may be addressed is the Bowman area driven by the Sun City project in a 13-mile area.

Jim Lowden questioned that with a large group, such as Red Bluff west, how do you get the group together? The size would be the geographic area that would bring the most people together to participate.

Ernie Ohlin agreed that