

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
AB3030 TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2006**

Present: Bill Richardson; Bob Steinacher; Kevin Borrer; Allan Fulton; Mark Barthel; Walt Mansell.  
Absent: Jim Lowden; Steve Kimbrough; Roger Sherrill. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager ; Dan McManus, DWR.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Allan Fulton at 2:04 p.m.
2. Introductions of all present.
3. Approval of February 27, 2006 Minutes: Motion by Bill Richardson and second by Bob Steinacher. Carried by those present 6-0 with 3 absent.

4. Public Comment:

Ernie Ohlin mentioned that he had received a phone call from Chuck Owens, with the Department of Water Resources Local Assistance Division out of Sacramento; informed him that they were going to expand the GIS network for subsidence into Butte and Glenn County and could possibly go into Tehama County. They would be installing a network of monuments that will help them keep track of subsidence. Ernie hopes that DWR will meet with the three county representatives to get a general sense of what is going on.

Ernie discussed the Flood Mitigation Plan for Tehama County. This is to examine the first cut of where stream gauging or rainfall stations are and identify areas in the County that have historical value. Various areas in Dairyville, Corning, Antelope have flood issues and comments from the TAC are requested for information for locations of possible stations. Possibly a grant application can be attained for funding.

Ernie Ohlin added that damage to the Deer Creek Levee occurred during the recent rain which was turned into the proper channels for funding, but no answers were received. An emergency repair was done by Public Works, forcing all water back to the main channel.

Walt Mansell will be attending USC program representing the California Rifle and Pistol Association. Also, Walt added, a program regarding the demand from Southern California on water from the Sacramento and San Joaquin Delta is a major environmental impact.

Allen Fulton discussed the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in Los Molinos of the Irrigated Land Waiver. There will be a meeting April 5<sup>th</sup> in Shasta County and the TAC is invited. Also, an announcement from the Regional Board regarding a meeting March 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding their analysis and existing conditions of the surface and groundwater quality protection plan.

Allen Fulton continued by requesting a workshop on groundwater management. A draft was distributed and possibly this could be added to the next agenda for information and comment.

Lastly, Allen discussed Measure A which will be on the ballot in June. Information was available to the TAC and this could potentially affect the department in which he works and his attendance to this committee.

5. Sun City Tehama: Ernie Ohlin discussed the updates on the project. DelWeb and Kleinfelder met with staff and they have completed their investigative work and much of the work will rely on the groundwater model. A groundwater monitoring plan will be developed and four multi-completion wells will be installed. Data will be collected and information provided on the Flood Website. This committee will be updated monthly. A further overview will be presented to the Flood Board at which DelWeb and Kleinfelder will attend.

Ernie Ohlin added that the data will be collected by them and we want them to input into the

database, update the model at increments, which are as yet unknown, and add to the model to see if the numbers are correct.

Bill Richardson questioned if they will update the information and Ernie answered that this hasn't been resolved and will be in the monitoring plan or mitigation measures.

6. BMO "Trigger Level" Discussion: Ernie Ohlin reviewed the information previously discussed by the TAC. Comments have been received and the question is what is your charge as the technical advisory committee. Information from the AB3030 Plan were distributed with regard to trigger levels. Reading from the Plan: "One of the most important activities conducted by the TAC is to assist the District in establishment of trigger levels which will be used to determine the degree of District involvement in groundwater management activities."

Ernie Ohlin presented CDM information regarding trigger levels for review by the committee.

Walt Mansell questioned what Butte County is doing. Ernie answered that Butte County is out in sub-basins and more involved with citizens determining the levels. They are finding that the groups have different approaches and are having difficulty.

As Roger Sherrill discussed at the last meeting, Ernie continued, we need to look at how this reads and what it says. If we change it, the Plan needs to be changed. This is what the citizens wanted when we adopted the Plan.

Dan McManus presented information that would give the public the opportunity to give ideas, but the TAC would develop the level themselves.

Bill Richardson reviewed the wording again and said "This group would have a guideline set up that we go through the various sub-basins with and say here is the suggestion to follow," and go with that. An option would be to examine Glenn County trigger levels.

Kevin Borrer felt a history of a particular area showing boundaries would also be a basic point to

show the public and a beginning.

Walt Mansell felt educating ourselves and having facts to support the information is necessary. Dictating is not what we want to accomplish.

Dan McManus and Ernie Ohlin discussed information packets for each area, such as Bowman, Vina, Los Molinos (from Deer Creek to Mill Creek), Dye Creek (from Mill Creek to Antelope Creek), and on the west side the El Camino Irrigation District (Red Bluff East & West).

Ernie Ohlin questioned if these three are the areas (Bowman, Red Bluff East and Los Molinos) to be given to the consultant, and to provided direction and information to return to the TAC.

The group consensus: What is the purpose; To be familiar with different options; To examine data that would help decide methodology for each area.

7. Annual Report Discussion: Ernie Ohlin advised the group the report is still in draft form and will be emailed to all for review by Jim Lowden.
8. Next Meeting Date April 17, 2006.
9. With no further business the meeting adjourned.