

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT AB3030 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2009**

Present: Walt Mansell; Allan Fulton; Colin Klinesteker; Chuck Crain; Bill Richardson; Bob Steinacher; and Jeff Wharton. Absent: Roger Sherrill and Steve Kimbrough. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Deputy Director of Public Works-Water Resources; Seth Lawrence, DWR; and Larry Long, Gerber Las Flores Water District.

1. **Call to Order**: Chairman Allan Fulton opened the meeting at 2:06 pm.

2. **Approval of Minutes**: Motion by Walt Mansell and second by Bill Richardson to approve the October 20, 2008 minutes; with the correction of Item No. 9; ".....data gap is the south (not west) end of the County". Motion Carried 6-0 with 3 absent.

Motion by Walt Mansell and second by Bill Richardson to approve December 15,2008 minutes with the change from "American Falcon" to "Peregrine Falcon". Motion carried 6-0 with 3 absent.

3. **Introductions**: Those present mentioned above and Larry Long of the Gerber Las Flores Water District.

Colin Klinesteker entered

4. **Public Comment**:

Ernie Ohlin discussed correspondence received from FEMA regarding owner assurances of 100-year flood protection and certification. The Elder Creek and Deer Creek Levees would be affected by the new certification requirements. Ernie added that this would be covered in more depth at the next Flood Control meeting. Presently, neither of these systems meet the new requirements for certification. Staff is currently working with FEMA, State and Federal Representatives to establish a way to address the minimum design change requirements to both levee systems.

Staff has also received a response from the Planning Commission regarding the TAC's letter of concern to the General Plan amendments. The new General Plan will reflect the comments submitted by the TAC.

Allan Fulton will not be attending the next hearing on February 5, 2009 for the General Plan.

Walt Mansell commented on an article regarding San Joaquin County farmers using fallowing row crop-type farming to keep their orchard crops alive. Ernie added we would probably see that more and more.

Larry Long discussed his concerns about coliform in one of their wells. He questioned if there was a way to test Southern Pacific's retention pond located in the vicinity of the well. Seth Lawrence offered to check DWR records for any information and explained that coliform is bacteria based not petroleum based.

Ernie added that Environmental Health could possibly provide assistance.

5. **Groundwater "Trigger Level" Public Outreach Meeting Dates**. Ernie Ohlin updated the committee on the meeting dates and suggested that committee members schedule representation for each of meeting dates.

February 19th - Corning Meeting; Bill Richardson, Bob Steinacher, and Colin Klinsteker will attend.

March 3rd - Bowman Meeting; Roger Sherrill and Walt Mansell.

March 11th Meeting; Chuck Crain, Bob Steinacher, Colin Klinsteker and Bill Richardson.

March 12th Meeting; Jeff Wharton, Colin Klinsteker and Chuck Crain.

March 24th Meeting; Jeff Wharton.

A press release will be prepared by Colin Klinsteker and presented to the Flood Control Board for approval.

6. **DWR Groundwater Monitoring Update**: Seth Lawrence distributed hydrograph information and reviewed the data. Monitoring in January 2008 included only dedicated wells and in January 2009, the complete grid of wells will be monitored. All the wells are lower than last year and county water is down an average of 3 feet overall. Seth stated that these are preliminary statistics and have not been quality checked yet. Seth explained that the red dots indicate that the individual taking the sample has noted nearby pumping activity.

The members thanked Seth for his presentation.

7. **AB3030 Grant Funding Status**: Ernie Ohlin has received a notice that all the State Proposition funded projects should be stopped. However, the District had already contracted for and completed the printing required for the outreach portion of AB3030 Trigger Level Grant project. The Flood Control Board felt they should move forward and at least complete this portion of the project and not continue with the construction phase until the State's budget has been resolved.

8. **Morgan Ranch Pump Test – Update:** Ernie Ohlin informed members that the Morgan Ranch development project, located on Bowmen Road next to the Dell Webb project, is still proceeding with the investigative work. The development company has rerun the pump test again as requested for a 10 day period. The developer previously had done a three day test. They are doing the modeling for the data and will present it when it is available.
9. Adjourn: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.