

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT AB3030 GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT PLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2009**

Present: Chairman Allan Fulton, Vice-Chairman Bob Steinacher, Bill Richardson, Walt Mansell, Roger Sherrill, Colin Klinesteker, Charles Crain Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Deputy Director of Public Works- Water Resources

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chairman Allan Fulton.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** None
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ernie Ohlin discussed the F.E.M.A. levee certification process. The State will not begin the certification process due to the lack of 100 year flood protection. If the levees are de-certified residents living in the new "A" Zone would be required to obtain flood insurance. This item will be agendized for the March 24, 2009 Flood Control Board meeting.

Roger Sherril asked what the status of the annual reports was. The item will be agendized for the next TAC meeting.

Allan Fulton announced that Glenn and Colusa counties will be having an outreach meeting on April 1, 2009 to discuss their ground water management.

Roger Sherill asked what the TAC anniversary date is. Ernie Ohlin stated it is also March and will be agendized for the next meeting.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Correct minutes to read "coliform" in place of "chloroform" on page 2, paragraph 2. On item #6: change the wording from "red dots" to "red symbols displayed on map". Motion by Walt Mansell to approve minutes with changes. Second by Bob Steinacher. Motion 7-0 with 2 absent.
5. **Deer Creek Water Exchange- UPDATE:** Bill Ehorn is working with Deer Creek Irrigation District (DCID) to renew groundwater extraction permit, which should be submitted to Tehama County Environmental Health within the next week. As a review, the well was installed in 2003, and was pumped in 2004, 2005 and 2008. Once the 550 acre feet allowed by the permit was pumped, Environmental Health required DCID to reapply.

Bill Richardson commented on the Memorandum of Agreement, in which one of the appendices is the new groundwater monitoring and management guidelines, which is the same as the Basin Management Objective (BMO) which will be submitted with the permit.

Ernie Ohlin stated that this project has been beneficial to farmers in addition to assisting in providing fish transfer flow when needed.

Walt Mansell asked who pays the power bill for the well. Bill Ehorn replied that it is the 4 Pumps in the delta.. DCID is able to use the well at their own expense when not requested for bypass flow by Fish & Game.

Charles Crain asked what the total acre feet requirement and annual usage for DCID is. Ernie Ohlin noted that the information is available online in the Water Inventory Analysis.

Colin asked if the water left in the creek the water is tagged as environmental water to the Delta? Ernie stated he believes the water is tagged as environmental and cannot be exported. Bill Ehorn explained that the water cannot be purchased, once it leaves Deer Creek, it will go to the Delta and to the Pacific Ocean.

6. **EL CAMINO IRRIGATION DISTRICT – POSSIBLE WATER TRANSFER UPDATE:** Due to the possibility of Corning Water District being at zero delivery from the CVP, the District is looking into a water transfer from El Camino Irrigation District. Ernie Ohlin attended a meeting along with County Counsel, Bob Williams, and Tim Patonovic to discuss the process and requirements for a water transfer. If the transfer does move forward, it may come before the TAC for review.

Bill Richardson questioned how much water would be transferred, as well as the method of transfer. Ernie replied that he was unsure of the amount of water to be transferred. The water would be pumped from the wells located near the canal, and transferred to Corning.

Chuck Crain asked if there are any alternative methods to supply groundwater to Corning, seeing as they are so far north. Ernie stated that Jim Lowden was working on it, but did not make the meeting today for the presentation. Allan Fulton noted that when he spoke to Jim, he mentioned the high cost (\$50-\$75 an acre foot) of state water bank water.

Chuck Crain asked if a permit would be required for transfer. Ernie Ohlin stated yes, and explained Tehama County's Export Ordinance 1617, would require a permit for transferring water. Chuck asked how long the process would take the El Camino Irrigation District. Ernie discussed the process, which includes the CEQA, as well as the regular process outlined in the permit obtained from Environmental Health. Walt Mansell informed the committee that under the CEQA process, the original document is required to be circulated for 45 days.

7. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.