

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT AB3030 GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT PLAN TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2009**

Present: Chairman Allan Fulton, Bill Richardson, Walt Mansell, Roger Sherrill, Mark Barthel, Charles Crain Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Deputy Director of Public Works-Water Resources, Jeff Sutton , Tim Woods, Senior Civil Engineer, Tehama County Public Works.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Chairman Allan Fulton.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Jeff Sutton, Tehama Colusa Canal Authority General Manager
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ernie Ohlin spoke about the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Process (IRWMP). Tehama County had previously sent a letter of support for the Sacramento Valley IRWMP. DWR has been reevaluating the process on regional areas, which requires regions to submit an application to be accepted as a recognized region all through California. The application, which has been submitted to DWR, will be uploaded to the website for review.

Ernie Ohlin also reminded the committee of the May 28 Joint Council meeting, which will include the trigger level presentation.

Roger Sherrill announced the upcoming NCWA conference he will be attending.

4. **TEHAMA COLUSA CANAL UPDATE:** Jeff Sutton, General Manager of the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority gave the committee an update on the Tehama Colusa Canal and provided history of the Red Bluff Diversion Dam.

Jeff Sutton explained that last summer the biological opinion, which is part of the operating plan for the entire central valley project, was deemed legally inadequate. This opinion stated that operations had caused jeopardy on endangered fish species. The judge will not shut down the project, but will entertain interim remedies to protect the species until a new biological opinion can be filed. The new biological opinion is due to be completed June 2, 2009.

Jeff stated that the siphon & bridge portion of the pumping plant is at 90% design, and is anticipated to be out to bid in the next couple months, with construction beginning in October. The pumping plant, forebay and screens, are at 60% design with an anticipate bid date of December 2009 or January 2010, with construction to begin in spring 2010. The total estimated cost for the project is \$200 million, with \$109.8 million in stimulus funds. Allan Fulton asked where the difference in funding would come from. Jeff stated that \$15 million was added with the

passing of the President's budget. The State has also committed to a 25% share, and there are sufficient funds available through Prop. 84.

The final year of operation for the Red Bluff Diversion Dam is 2012. The dam will not be removed due to environmental issues; the gates will be removed or welded into place to prevent harming fish.

Mark Barthel asked if maintenance will be required on the dam once operation ceases. Jeff stated the Bureau will maintain operation and maintenance of the dam, with an anticipated cost of \$20,000 annually.

Tim Woods addressed Tehama County Road Department's concerns related to increased truck traffic to the landfill. He advised Jeff to consider including road maintenance as a contract item so it may function better from a travel stand point. Jeff stated that effect on the landfill is being minimized.

Jeff Sutton stated that the project is expected to take 2 1/2-3 years, and should provide economic benefit to the County and City, with preservation and stimulation of approximately 10,000 jobs.

5. **DEER CREEK WATER EXCHANGE-PERMIT REVIEW APPLICATION:**

Deer Creek Irrigation District has submitted their application to Environmental Health. Bill Ehorn presented the committee with a final copy of the permit that was submitted. This application is part of the Deer Creek Flow Enhancement Project, which started in the late 1990's, to use groundwater substitution for Deer Creek irrigation.

Stanford Vina Irrigation District, which has a diversion off of Deer Creek, has completely backed out. It is unknown if they will pick up the 30 CFS that DCID may bypass. A letter informing the District of the permit has been drafted, asking them to cooperate and allow the 30 CFS to bypass. Ernie Ohlin noted that the Stanford Vina District has had a change in Board members.

Recommend to staff to write comments to Environmental Health in support of the permit application. Motion by Walt Mansell second by Bill Richardson. Motion carried 5-0 with 4 absent.

6. **AB3030 TAC MEMBERSHIP:** With three committee members (Roger Sherrill, Walt Mansell, and Alan Fulton) approaching the end of their 3 year terms, nominations will be accepted for three new members. The deadline for application is May 29, 2009. With Alan's term expiring, the committee will ask Bob Steinacher to lead the sub committee.

Alan Fulton stated that recommendations should be ready by the June Flood Control Board meeting.

Roger Sherrill announced that he will be resigning from the committee after 22 years.

7. **AB3030 TAC ANNUAL REPORT DISCUSSION:** Allan Fulton stated he will begin compiling information for the annual report and e-mail to committee members for review. The annual report will be presented to the Board on June 23, 2009.
8. **AB3030 PLAN REVIEW- NEXT STEPS:** Additional AB3030 Plan review will be agendized for a future meeting. Ernie will meet with County Counsel to discuss how to integrate the changes into the plan.
9. **ADJOURN:** With no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.