

TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2012

Present: Directors': Bob Williams; George Russell; Gregg Avilla; Dennis Garton; and Ron Warner. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Williams at 8:17 a.m.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Antone advised the Directors of information regarding the Central Valley Flood Protection Board meeting on the Flood Protection Plan. They will web-cast the meeting saving travel to Sacramento. It will be posted the following day.

Director Williams had a conversation with Ben Carter, Chairman of that Board. The Plan, by Legislative Law, must come out or be in place by July 1, 2012. It is not known at this time what the end result will be. Farmers have contacted me regarding the mile-wide setbacks and there is no plan for farmers in the area as to buying/swapping them out or to continue farming. The Plan calls for set-back levees and habitat along the areas cleared for flood flows. It will be interesting to follow this.

Gary Antone Supervisor Avilla was interested in well monitoring procedures. Staff can do a video of the activities during the Spring monitoring and presented to this Board.

Gary Antone continued by saying a press release for the two open positions of the AB3030 Committee has been completed. These will be three year terms and results will be presented to the Board when information is received.

The Los Molinos Service District has sent letters advising residents of traces of arsenic in the water. This is a requirement for the measurement levels applied to the water system and changes by the Regional Boards policies and requirements, or measurement levels, they are applying to these water systems. If it wasn't for the change, there would be no issue.

Gary Antone added the Napa Pipe/Orange Cove issue regarding removing water from OCID and routing to a Napa development project. The initial review of documents said very little. OCID is a district that has a parent company in the Fresno area. What they have done is make an

agreement with a development firm in Napa to sell 2100 a.f. of surface water that they (OCID) has coming down Mill Creek. The issue is the water they are selling is surface water and it is a pre-1914 water rights issue. Our ordinance deals with groundwater pumping and selling. OCID does have the right to do this, but is it appropriate? That remains to be seen. The Los Molinos Water District is very much involved and attending the public hearing in Napa to see if they can affect any sort of change. Since these are private parties involved, other than the District, they have no need to expand the discussion. The exact date is unknown, but approximately 2009 is when they entered into their agreement.

Director Russell suggested this item go on the next meeting agenda due to concerns with surface water and what we can do.

Director Warner entered the meeting.

A Citizen questioned if everyone knows there is a bill named SB34, "The California Water Resources Investment Act of 2011." This has been around for two years and it wants us to pay for our water. The author of the bill is Senator Joe Simitian from Palo Alto.

3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 7, 2012 MINUTES: Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Avilla to approve the February 7, 2012 minutes as presented. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
4. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Director Warner, second by Director Garton to approve the claims in the amount of \$17,678.45. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
5. AB3030 TAC REPORT: Gary Antone informed the Board of the discussions during the meeting has been levels on monitoring and also the final corrections to the Groundwater Management Plan which is in this agenda.
6. APPROVE THE PERMISSION/RELEASE LETTERS AUTHORIZING USE/POSTING OF PRIVATE WELL MONITORING DATA AND DIRECT STAFF TO DISTRIBUTE TO AFFECTED PRIVATE WELL OWNERS: Gary Antone reviewed the purpose of the letters. The monitoring wells used in our grid apparently do not have written permission from landowners in many of the locations to enter the property or requirements of documents posted on a website that requires information regarding their wells. Provided today, the letters give permission to enter the property on a regular basis to monitor the well, take the information and post it, as part of our CASGEM program, as well as tracking and coordination with DWR on the data. In the request to the owners it also includes posting well information, but not ownership, location, or any private information. DWR still monitors, but is acting as an agent for us. They will have information to enter into the system, but primary the CASGEM will take over the monitoring

grids.

Seth Lawrence of DWR added, we will not stop monitoring, but get more local agencies involved in our monitoring grids. We are also sending letters similar to these for permission to monitor in this County as well as California. According to the California Water Code, information such as well depth and screen intervals, are considered confidential. Prior to CASGEM, only public entities could get this information, not the public. Now it will be listed as latitude and longitude on CASGEM after permission is received.

Motion by Director Avilla, second by Director Warner to approve the permission/release letters authorizing use/posting of private well monitoring data and direct staff to distribute to affected private well owners. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

7. APPROVE THE GROUNDWATER INFORMATION FLYER AND DIRECT STAFF TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE: The final draft flyer was presented to the Board by Gary Antone. This information will educate and make people aware of groundwater.

Motion by Director Warner, second by Director Avilla to approve the groundwater informational flyer and direct staff to make available for public use. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

8. UPDATE ON THE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PROGRESS: The draft of the LHMP is getting closer for review and comment. Data for local hazards have been collected and various identified hazards. This comprehensive document puts us in the position to where we can identify what natural hazards are in our area and options to reduce/mitigate and access funds when these disasters occur. The April meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be presented the document for a public review. These plans, when complete, will be reviewed, but not approved, making sure everything is included.
9. UPDATE ON THE NSVIRWMP PROCESS: Gary Antone discussed the agenda's of past meetings that are well attended by the public. Our major goal is to not send anything out of the County that is not surplus or moving through and support agricultural uses as well.
10. RECEIVE THE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRESS OF THE COUNTY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN DOCUMENT REVISION AND ESTABLISH A TIMELINE FOR REVIEW/COMMENT AND APPROVAL BY THE BOARD: Gary Antone informed the members and provided copies of the Flood Control Water Conservation District Groundwater Management Plan. All revisions in the Plan, due to a change in state law, require the same process as adoption. The public hearing will be done and a proposed timeline has been provided to you with the draft document.

Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Garton to receive the information and accept the time line for review/comment and approval by the Board. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

A reminder by Bob Williams Rawson and Elder Creek Irrigation District should be removed from the maps as previously requested.

11. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.