

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT AB3030 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TECHNICAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2010**

Present: Allan Fulton, Bill Richardson, Dean Sherrill, Colin Klinestecker; Carolyn Steffan, John Stoufer
Absent:, Mark Barthel; Charles Crain, Jr., Walt Mansell Also present: Bill Ehorn; DWR, John Ayres,
Brown and Caldwell; Barbara Hennigan, Butte Basin Area Groundwater Users, Gary Antone, Director,
Tehama County Public Works.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. by Chairman Allan Fulton.
2. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Self introductions by TAC members. Also present: John Ayres of Brown and Caldwell, Bill Ehorn, DWR, Sharon Wallace, Tehama County resident, Barbara H
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bill Richardson, second by John Stoufer to approve the April 19, 2010 minutes. Motion carried 6-0 with 3 absent
5. **LOWER TUSCAN PROJECT UPDATE:** Allan Fulton announced that the Notice of Intent to adopt a Negative Declaration for the Lower Tuscan Aquifer is out for 30 day review, until June 11, 2010. A public meeting will be held in Oroville on June 8, 2010. The negative declatration can

John Ayres stated that the CEQA document was completed, noting no major impact, with all wells being monitoring and multi-completion wells.

Gary Antone expressed concern with recognizing property owners and sites listed in the document. Prior to the release of the CEQA document affected landowners were unaware they would be effected.

6. **DEER CREEK EXCHANGE PROJECT:** Bill Ehorn provided a history of the Deer Creek Flow Enhancement Project. Bill expects the Negative Declaration to be finalized and posted to the DWR website the week of May 17. Following the 30 day Negative Declaration review, two drilling sites will be identified, and the bid process will begin.

Bill Richardson questioned if well sites have been selected. Bill Ehorn stated that they may revamp existing wells.....

Allan Fulton requested the information be presented to the Flood Control Board. Bill Ehorn stated that Dan McManus will present the information at the May meeting.

7. **2010 TRIGGER LEVEL REVIEW:** Allan Fulton distributed the May 2010 UC Cooperative Newsletter, which contains a recap of the Trigger Level Awareness Actions. The newsletter will be distributed to approximately 600 Tehama County residents and 50 Glenn County residents. Allan coordinated with the Tehama County Agriculture Department to obtain land use information for 9 square miles surrounding the monitoring wells exceeding trigger level 2. Trigger levels were determined based upon historic land use, and may not be accurate based on current land use.

The Corning East area (between Corning Road and Freeman Schoolhouse Road) had an increase in irrigated acreage between 2007 and 2010. The area between Harvest and Olive does not display much difference in agricultural use; however, the trigger level was exceeded.

In the Gyle/Rawson Road area, which water levels declined the most,

John Ayres mentioned that the TAC may want to come up with a methodology and reasons clearly outlines for each area.

Bill Richardson noted the original idea was to have subcommittees to review Trigger Levels, however since subcommittees were not formed; the TAC should review the Trigger Levels and adjust accordingly.

John Ayres noted some of the key wells should be adjusted based on current land use, others with no explanation, should not be adjusted until further investigated.

Gary Antone explained that these results present an opportunity to get information to land users and obtain feedback. The outreach will also be beneficial to areas with land use changes.

Allan Fulton noted that with the destruction of three key wells, he could use information from the Water Data Library to locate wells in their vicinity. Allan will submit a request to DWR on behalf of the committee to obtain well construction data in the area,

8. **NSVIRWMP GOVERNANCE:** Gary Antone presented a recap of the governance structures to be considered by the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Board.
9. **AB3030 PLAN UPDATE:** Gary Antone presented the option to review the plan as much as possible, via an “On-Call Agreement” with the UC Davis Cooperative Extension, paid for out of the Flood Control budget. John Ayres of Brown and Caldwell will review the updates upon completions, prior to Board approval. Gary anticipates presenting the information at the June Flood Control Board meeting.