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January 11, 2016 Minutes

The Sites Joint Powers Authority Board meets in Regular Session this 11th day of January 2016 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. **Directors Present:** Leigh McDaniel, Chair, Glenn County, Kim Vann, Colusa County, Joe Marsh, Colusa County Water District, Fritz Durst, RD 108, Don Bransford, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Jamie Traynham, Westside Water District, Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District, and Dan Jones, TC5 District-Proberta. **Directors Absent:** Ken LaGrande, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority. **Alternate Director Present:** Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal.

(Other Alternate Directors that may be listed as Present below, did not participate in the decision making process)

Chairman McDaniel calls to order the January 11, 2016, Regular Session at 9:07 a.m., with all Directors present, except Director LaGrande, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority. Alternate Director: Sutton Tehama-Colusa canal Authority is seated.

Staff Present: Jim Watson, General Manager.
John Kenny, Counsel.
Ann Nordyke, Clerk.

Alternates Present: Gary Evans, Colusa County.
Joe Richter, Maxwell Irrigation District.

Others Present: Bill Vanderwaal, USBR.
Jeff Herrin, Rich Millet, AECOM.
Katrina Chow, Ron Ganzfried, Reclamation MP Region.
Mike Urkov, Investor Districts.
Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance.
Emil Cavagnolo, Orland-Artois Water District.
Mark Oliver, Rob Tull, CH2M Hill.
Brent and Shan Wiggan, Wiggan et al.
Juleah Cordi, Assemblyman James Gallagher.

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Tony S. Amant, Francis Hickel, citizen.
Oscar Serreno, CICC.
Jeff Nelson, Parsons Corp.
Sarah Reynolds, T&P Farms.

Pledge of Allegiance.

It is moved by Director Traynham, seconded by Director Durst to approve the January 11, 2016 Agenda as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Ken LaGrande and Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority.

Chair McDaniel state the approval of the December 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes will be continued to the February 8, 2016 Regular meeting.

PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

1. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: (No action will be taken)
Director Bransford speaks to items as they relate to the Sites Project Authority.

1:36 p.m. Alternate Director Jeff Sutton is now present, and is seated to represent Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority.

Chair McDaniel makes time to approve Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Watson speaks briefly to same.

1:40 p.m. Director Vann is now present, and is seated to represent Colusa County.

2. ACCOUNTING
 - a. It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Bransford to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.
 - b. It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Wells, to approve the payment of Claims as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.

3. FEASIBILITY STUDY COMPLETION DATES
Chair McDaniel makes time to consider providing direction regarding pending congressional legislation that includes requirements for Reclamation to complete the feasibility study for Sites Reservoir Project.

Mr. Watson states the proposed federal legislation continues to include dates USBR will need to complete its feasibility studies for Sites Reservoir (and other CALFED storage projects). He states at two meeting in December, Reclamation's Regional Director expressed concerns with congressionally-mandated dates that do not appear to align with the CA Water Commission's schedule and with Reclamation's need to prioritize its resources to meet a congressionally-mandated Schedule.

Discussion is held regarding potential options available to the Sites Project Authority, which include revising the work plan to better manage the risk, which may create

inefficiencies and added costs, inform elected officials the completion is dependent upon a process that is not fully within Reclamations control so that future legislation more-clearly reflects the actual process, and accepting the risk and continue as currently planned.

Following discussion direction is given to staff, with no action taken.

4. GOVERNANCE

Chair McDaniel makes time to consider providing direction regarding the Project Agreement, First Draft and timeline to have a version for Board approval to then execute with participants.

Mr. Watson expresses concern regarding "Exhibit B" of the Sites Project Authority's Phase 1 Reservoir Project Agreement and speaks to same.

Following discussion it is the consensus of those Members present to set up a Directors/Alternates-Managers Workshop to work through expressed concerns and bring back to the full Board at a later date for further consideration.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

It is moved by Director Jim Jones, seconded by Director Traynham to approve delaying the planned 2016 spring start of any environmental field surveys until no earlier than spring of 2017. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.

Biological resource agencies have expressed concern with date and scope of prior field studies and process includes a minimum of 2-year protocol-level surveys. CA Water Commission's December schedule indicates their planned application submittal date may be delayed 8 months combined with draft regulations establish a maximum technical review process of 18-months. In addition, this delay helps manage the cash flow of critical-path activities.

6. PROP 1, CHAPTER 8 APPLICATION:

a. Discussion is held regarding comments to staff's evaluation of CA Water Commission's Draft Regulation, with no action taken.

b. Authority's Proposed Project:

It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Sutton to adopt Staff Recommendation of the Proposed Project based on Staff's presentation Operations. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.

It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Sutton to adopt Staff Recommendation of the Proposed Project based on Staff's presentation of Facilities, Delevan Pipeline Alignments and Access: Road vs. Bridge. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.

It is moved by Director Traynham, seconded by Director Sutton to adopt Staff Recommendations of the Proposed Project based on Staff's presentation of Terminal Regulating Reservoir locations and Sacramento River Outfall and/or 3rd Point of Diversion/Intake. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.

It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Bransford to adopt Staff Recommendation of the Proposed Project based on Staff's presentation of Pumped-

storage and Grid Interconnection (WAPA, PG&E, & SMUD). Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.

7. PRESENTATION: (No action will be taken)

Chair McDaniel makes time to receive information regarding Public Communications and Public Engagement by Family Water Alliance.

Ms. Bailey distributes article titled "How an anonymous blogger stands out on California water policy" and speaks to same. Discussion is held with no action taken.

8. WAPA & SMUD's Proposed Colusa-Sutter Transmission Line Project

Chair McDaniel makes time to consider provide direction regarding the Project's scoping process which closes February 16, 2016. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

Chair McDaniel declares a recess at 4:40 p.m. to convene in Closed Session and reconvenes Regular Session at 5:529 with all Directors and Counsel present.

9. CLOSED SESSION (Government Code Section §54957(b)(1))

Title: General Manager's Performance.

10. Report Out from CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Kenny states there was no reportable action.

NEXT MEETING: February 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
344 East Laurel Street
Willows, CA 95988

Chair McDaniel adjourns the meeting at 5:33 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on February 8, 2016 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lieg McDaniel, Chair

Kim Dolbow Vann, Secretary to the Board