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WESTSIDE WATER DISTRICT

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WILLIAMS, CA 95987

## April 11, 2016 Minutes

The Sites Joint Powers Authority Board meets in Regular Session this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. **Directors Present:** Kim Dolbow Vann, Chair, Colusa County, Fritz Durst, RD 108, Joe Marsh, Colusa County Water District, Don Bransford, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Mary Wells, Maxwell Irrigation District, Jamie Traynham, Westside Water District, and Dan Jones, TC5 District-Proberta.

**Directors Absent:** Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District, and Leigh McDaniel, Glenn County.

**Alternate Directors Absent:** John Viegas, Glenn County and Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District.

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

Chair Vann calls to order the April 11, 2016, Regular Session at 1:35 p.m., with all Directors present, except Directors Leigh McDaniel, Glenn County and Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District. There is no representation for Glenn County and Orland Artois Water District present at this meeting.

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

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

Others Present: Ernest Conant, Young Wooldridge, LLP.  
Jeff Herrin, Kevin Spesert, Juan Sorensen, AECOM.  
Dan Ruiz, MID/WS.  
Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District.  
Jeff West, YBOI.  
Bill Vanerwaal, P&P.  
Thad Bettner, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District.  
Mark Connelly, Kleinfelder.  
Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community.

Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance.  
Ted Trimble, WCWD.  
Scott Brown, LWA.  
Jeff nelson, Parsons.  
Tony St. Amant, citizen.  
Mike Azevedo, County Public Works Department.

Pledge of Allegiance.

It is moved by Director Bransford, seconded by Director Wells, to approve the April 11, 2016 Agenda as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Directors Leigh McDaniel, Glenn County and Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District.

Chair Vann states at the request of the Clerk the approval of the March 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes is continued to the May 9, 2016 Regular meeting.

#### PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Bailey speaks to an offer from the Family Water Alliance, ACWA and the Rice Commission, stating they have offered to fund the cost of Branding for the Sites Project Authority. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

1. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: (No action will be taken)

None.

2. ACCOUNTING

a. It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Durst to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried: Absent: Directors Leigh McDaniel, Glenn County and Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District.

b. It is moved by Director Bransford, seconded by Director Wells to approve payment of Claims. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Directors Leigh McDaniel, Glenn County and Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District.

c. Mr. Watson distributes updated Cash Flow Chart and speaks briefly to same. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

d. Chair Vann makes time for discussion/direction related to accounting services. She states the County Auditor can take over the accounting services if the Sites Project Authority Board so chooses. Discussion is held.

Following discussion, it is the consensus of those Directors present to move forward with the proposed change in accounting services.

e. Chair Vann makes time to consider approving proposed letters regarding Past-due accounts to LaGrande and Cortina Water Districts. Discussion is held.

Following discussion, it is the consensus of those Directors present to continue this matter to a date uncertain.

3. GOVERNANCE

a. Chair Vann makes time for discussion regarding status of the **Modified Third Amended and Restated Sites Project Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement** and possible direction regarding same. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

b. It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Dan Jones, to approve **Sites Project Authority's Phase 1 Reservoir Project Agreement**, with changes. **Further**, authorize routing to Members electing to participate. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Directors Leigh McDaniel, Glenn County and Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District.

c. Expanding Membership:

Chair Vann makes time to consider proposed Workshop dates of April 25, 2016 or May 9, 2016 to discuss On-boarding process & expanded voting. Discussion is held.

Following discussion, it is the consensus of those Directors present to hold the Workshop on April 25, 2016 at Westside Water District, located in Williams, CA, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

4. PROP 1, CHAPTER 8 APPLICATION:

a. Chair Vann makes time for discussion regarding Water Commission: March 16, 2016 hearing. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

b. Chair Vann makes time for discussion regarding Update on Concept Paper Submitted March 31, 2016. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

c. Chair Vann makes time for discussion regarding Public Comments to draft regulations. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

d. Required Studies-prior modeling assumptions:

It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Sutton to approve CALSIM modeling assumptions of Sacramento Valley Demand with changes. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Directors Leigh McDaniel, Glenn County and Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District.

e. Chair Vann makes time for discussion regarding Participation in ACWA Surface water-Groundwater Integration Study. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

5. PRESENTATION (No action will be taken)

Chair Vann makes time for a Presentation by Ch2M Hill regarding NEPA & CEQA process and requirements.

Mr. Oliver speaks at length to the following:

- Environmental Review Process,
  - Implementation of project requires federal and state environmental review.
- CEQA/NEPA similarities/differences,
  - Project Objectives vs Purpose and Need.
- Alternatives,
  - Project Objectives (CEQA) vs Purpose and Need (NNEPA)
  - Reasonable range of a alternatives required for both.
- Baselines-Impacts/Mitigation,

Existing Conditions (CEQA) vs No Action (NEPA).  
 Resource/Issue Area,  
 Both laws require evaluation of many of the same resources (e.g.)  
 Biological, Cultural, Land Use, Water Quality.  
 Responsible and Trustee vs Cooperating Agencies,  
 Responsible Agencies (CEQA)  
 Trustee Agencies (CEQA)  
 Cooperating Agencies (NEPA)  
 Notice of Determination vs Record of Decision,  
 Notice of Determination (CEQA)  
 Record of Decision (NEPA)  
 Legal Challenges,  
 Typical litigation issues  
 General issues of concern (e.g.)  
 Inadequate project description, Improper baseline definition,  
 Reasonable range of alternatives, and cumulative impacts.  
 Key Permits and Authorizations  
 Federal  
 Federal Endangered Species Act,  
 Federal Power Act,  
 Clean air Act,  
 American Indian Religious freedom Act,  
 Clean Water Act,  
 Rivers and harbors Act,  
 National Historic Preservation Act.  
 State  
 California Endangered Species Act,  
 Water commission Act/Water Code,  
 California Water Code, Division 3 (Dam safety)  
 California Fish and Game Code,  
 California Labor Code, (Construction authorizations)  
 California Code of Regulations (Encroachment Permit)  
 Clean Air Act (Best management practices)

Lengthy discussion is held, with no action taken.

6. OUTREACH:

a. Chair Vann makes time for discussion regarding Landowner Outreach/meetings and Consultant support. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

b. Chair Vann makes time for discussion regarding Public Outreach related to ongoing efforts, Implementation Strategy. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

7. PROJECT OFFICE:

Chair Vann makes time for discussion/direction related to the opening of the Sites Project Authority office in Maxwell, CA.

Alternate Director Evans states the final inspection is today. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT:

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- DWR: Meetings CEQA lead-agency & DWR role/participation.
  - USBR: Meetings & Feasibility Study completion dates.
  - Storage vs. Yield.
  - Colusa Basin Drain Study: Status.
  - ACWA Conference.
  - Actions prior 30 days & next 30 days.
  - Project Management Office/Staffing.

Chair Vann declares a recess at 4:10 p.m. to convene in Closed Session and reconvenes in Regular Session at 4:25 p.m. with all Directors except, Directors Leigh McDaniel, Glenn County and Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District.

Present: Jim Watson, General Manager.  
Ann Nordyke, Clerk.

#### CLOSED SESSION

#### PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

California Government Code 54957. Consideration of 1 (one) potential appointments.

#### Report out from Closed Session

It was moved by Director Traynham, seconded by Director Wells to move forward with a contract with Young Wooldridge. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Directors Leigh McDaniel, Glenn County and Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District.

Chair Vann adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on May 9, 2016 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 9, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.  
Glenn Colusa Irrigation District  
344 East Laurel Street  
Willows, CA 95988

Respectfully submitted,

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Kim Dolbow Vann, Chair

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Jamie Traynham, Secretary to the Board