

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 4, 2015

Vice Chair McDaniel called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:34 p.m. The meeting was held at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, 344 East Laurel Street, California 95988.

Present:

County of Colusa, Kim Dolbow Vann

County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Don Bransford

Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Rick Richter

Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Sean Doherty

Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), Ken LaGrande

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD), Tim O'Halloran

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Gary Evans, County of Colusa; Lewis Bair, RD 108; Wade Mathis, Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Dan Ruiz, MID; Sandy Denn, Thad Bettner, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Emil Cavagnolo, Orland Artois Water District; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community ; Lisa Hunter, Glenn County Ag Department; Mary Fahey, Colusa County Ag Department; Hal Charter, Colusa County Water District; Mary Wells, Landowner; Jeff Herrin, URS; Mike Urkov, TCCA Consultant; Rob Leaf, CH2M Hill, John Ayres, Ayres Consulting; Mark Atlas, Atlas Law; Curtis Anderson, Jim Wieking, DWR; Ron Ganzfried, USBR; Juleah Cordi, Assemblyman Gallagher's Office

Approve Agenda

Director Vann moved to approve the agenda, Director Richter seconded the motion, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Vann, McDaniel, Bransford, Richter, Doherty, LaGrande and O'Halloran

NOES: None

Public Participation

Vice Chair McDaniel called for public participation and as no one from the public wished to address the Board, the meeting continued.

Approval of December 10, 2014, and January 7, 2015 Minutes

Director Vann moved to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014, and January 7, 2015, meetings, Director LaGrande seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Vann, McDaniel, Bransford, Richter, Doherty, LaGrande and O'Halloran

NOES: None

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Approve Treasurer's Report and Approve Payment of Claims

GCID General Manager Thad Bettner reviewed the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Director Bransford, and second by Director Doherty, the treasurer's report and payment of claims #1095 through #1100 in the amount of Forty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Seventy-Seven Cents (\$44,473.77) was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Vann, McDaniel, Bransford, Richter, Doherty, LaGrande and O'Halloran

NOES: None

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Report on General Manager Proposal

GCID General Manager Thad Bettner reported that the General Manager Request for Proposal/Qualifications (RFP/Q) was distributed for advertisement. The RFP/Q has been posted on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) website and will be advertised in the January issue of the *ACWA News*. Dan Keppen, executive director for Family Farm Alliance, dispersed the advertisement to the Family Farm Alliance Directors and Advisory Committee Members. It will also appear in the next issue of the *Irrigation Leader* magazine, and Northern California Water Association (NCWA) will publish it in the *NCWA Week in Review*.

The deadline for any interested parties to submit a proposal is April 3, 2015.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Committee Reports

Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee continues to meet at their standing meeting.

Outreach Committee

Alternate Director Evans reported that the committee is waiting to review the information gathered from the public meetings that is being compiled by consultant, Dave Ceppos and will then move forward on planning the next set of public meetings.

Outreach to Conservation and Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)

Director McDaniel said that Congressman Garamendi and Congressman LaMalfa would like to meet with Sites JPA representatives to discuss plans to move the project forward. A mid-February meeting is in the planning stages.

Water Users/Investor Committee

Director Vann reported that there has been a great response from North State water users, who have submitted letters of interest totaling 43,000 acre-feet. They anticipate receiving more letters of interest in upcoming months.

Discussion took place on potential investors and contributions by investors to be used for finalizing planning efforts. Investor inquiries regarding assurances that their money will

be spent on activities to reach the goal of obtaining water from Sites Reservoir was also discussed, in addition to the need for further definition related to a process to allow for their participation in the governance process.

To provide these assurances would require the Board to review the Sites Governance Agreement. Additionally, an Investor Contract to receive and use their funds would help in the process of building the investor base. The Board directed Attorney John Kenny to bring suggestions to the next board meeting on what changes may be needed to the Governance Agreement and what an Investor Contract might contain for prospective investors. The Board also asked Attorney Mark Atlas, legal staff for the TCCA, to assist Mr. Kenny as needed on this project.

The Investor Contract will need a baseline Sites JPA Work Plan to show where the monies would be used. GCID General Manager Thad Bettner was requested to bring a revised Work Plan back to the next Board meeting for review.

TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton reported on the Federal budget cycle for the coming fiscal year, and efforts to have \$1.5 million appropriated to the Sites Reservoir Project for planning, feasibility studies, and environmental documents. He requested that the JPA Board support the pursuit of these additional funds in the Federal budget. The Board agreed and, if a special board meeting was necessary between now and the March meeting to assist on this effort, one would be scheduled.

General Managers Group

RD 108 General Manager Lewis Bair reported regarding interest expressed from California Fish and Wildlife to start discussions with the Sites JPA as Proposition 1 storage funding regulations begin to be developed by the California Water Commission. He will schedule a meeting with Chuck Bonham and Director McDaniel will attend.

They will be working with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to review the draft MOU Scope of Work and draft Project Management Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

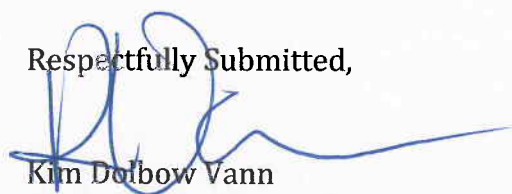
There is an outreach planning meeting on February 9, at the Capitol, hosted by Senator Nielson and Assemblyman Gallagher to generate awareness and support for the Sites Reservoir and to provide information to assist on the Proposition 1 funding process. Director McDaniel plans to attend.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Woodland.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Dolbow Vann
Secretary to the Board

Attest a true record of proceedings made
and taken at the above foregoing meeting
our consent thereto and our presence thereat.



Frederick Durst