

# SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF MEETING

March 4, 2015

Chair Durst called the regular meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, California 95695

### **Present:**

County of Colusa, Kim Dolbow Vann  
County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel (arrived 1:35 p.m.)  
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Sandy Denn  
Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik  
Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Fritz Durst  
Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), Wade Mathis  
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; Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Thad Bettner, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Mary Fahey, Colusa County Ag Department; Mike Azevedo, Colusa County Public Works; John Kenny, Kenny Snowden and Norine; Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance; Jeff Herrin, Khaled Chowdhury, Richard Millet, URS; Mike Urkov, TCCA Consultant; Mark Oliver, CH2M Hill; Jim Wieking, DWR; Juleah Cordi, Assemblyman Gallagher's Office; Jeff Hunerlach, Local #3; Marcos Kropf, Colusa County Counsel; Scott Brown, Larson Wurzec and Associates; Rob Shackelford, Harris and Associates; Mark Salmon, Interested Parties

### **Approve Agenda**

Director Denn moved to approve the agenda, Director O'Halloran seconded the motion, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Vann, Denn, Mensik, Durst, Mathis and O'Halloran

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director McDaniel

### **Public Participation**

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

### **Approval of February 4, 2015 Minutes**

Director O'Halloran moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2015, meeting, Director Denn seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Vann, Denn, Mensik, Durst, Mathis and O'Halloran

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director McDaniel

Director McDaniel arrived at 1:35 p.m.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Approve Treasurer's Report and Approve Payment of Claims**

Director Vann reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Member contributions were discussed and each member agreed to discuss the amount they would be able to contribute with their board and report back to the Sites JPA.

On motion by Director Denn, and second by Director O'Halloran, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as corrected, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Vann, McDaniel, Denn, Mensik, Durst, Mathis and O'Halloran

NOES: None

On motion by Director McDaniel, and second by Director Mensik, payment of claims #1101 through #1105 in the amount of Twenty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Nine Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$26,909.26) was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Vann, McDaniel, Denn, Mensik, Durst, Mathis and O'Halloran

NOES: None

#### **Review Member Budget Contributions**

Director Mensik reported that Maxwell Irrigation District (MID) will contribute \$2.00 per acre to Sites JPA funding for 2015. Director McDaniel reported that the County of Glenn will be discussing their Sites JPA funding contribution at their March 17, 2015, meeting.

### **GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION**

#### **Report on General Manager Proposal**

Discussion was held regarding the Request for Proposal/Qualifications (RFP/Q) for General Manager, and whether to hire a facilitator to determine the common priorities of the Board. It was decided to hold additional meetings to meet the time line for the General Manager proposal and to have a facilitator attend the next meeting to decide if the Board would like to pursue that option. Directors McDaniel and Vann were appointed to an Ad Hoc Committee to contact and meet with a potential facilitator; RD 108 General Manager Lewis Bair was appointed as support staff. A possible meeting with the facilitator and Board members will be scheduled during the week of March 23, 2015. The deadline for individuals to submit the RFP/Q is April 3, 2015.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Coordinating Committee**

The committee had Attorney John Kenny review the draft investor agreement and he made minor changes. Financial investors are needed to provide funding and services to advance

specific activities to promote the goal of the Sites JPA, and the agreement will specify the scope of the work to be undertaken and accomplished.

**Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee**

Director Evans reported that URS Consultant Jeff Herrin has completed the alternative access routes, conveyance alignment and recreation areas around the proposed Sites Reservoir project site. The changes were made as a result of the Outreach Meetings with local landowners.

**Outreach to Conservation and Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Ad-Hoc Committee**

Director McDaniel reported that there was a meeting scheduled with California Director of Fish and Wildlife Bonham next week.

**Water User/Investor Ad-Hoc Committee**

Director Vann updated the Board on potential investors. Letters have been received indicating interest in water from Sites Reservoir for 63,000 acre-feet to 83,000 acre-feet. The Committee is planning to send informational letters to those landowners within Colusa County who are not in an irrigation district to ascertain their possible interest. The same will be done with Glenn County.

**General Managers' Technical Group**

The General Managers' Technical Group has been working with the Coordinating Committee to draft the investor agreement.

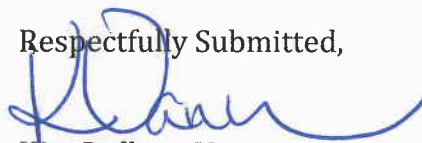
**OTHER BUSINESS**

A special board meeting will be held during the week of March 23, 2015, to discuss the General Manager position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 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.



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Fredrick Durst