

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 5, 2011

Chair Ken LaGrande called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:32 p.m. The meeting was held at the Colusa County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 546 Jay Street, Colusa, California 95932.

Present:

Donald R. Bransford, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID)

Leigh McDaniel, County of Glenn

Kenneth M. LaGrande, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA)

Ronald R. Tadlock, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD)

Gary Evans, County of Colusa

Frederick J. Durst, Reclamation District No. 108 (RD 108)

Absent:

Richard M. Richter, Maxwell Irrigation District (MID)

Also Present:

Lewis Bair, Marty Stripling, RD 108; Thad Bettner, Sandy Willard Denn, Dennis Michum, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Steve Dennis, Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Greg Mensik, Dan Ruiz, MID; Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WD; Steve Hackney, County of Colusa; John Viegas, County of Glenn; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Dave Bogener, DWR; Mary Wells, Sites Landowner

Approve Agenda

Director Durst moved to approve the agenda, Director McDaniel seconded and the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Participation

Chair LaGrande called for public participation. Mary Wells asked to address the board to give an update from the Colusa County Grand Plan Steering Committee.

The Committee makes recommendations for all elements of the Sites Reservoir. The annual Sites landowner meeting is being scheduled and the landowners would like the Sites JPA Board members to attend to add their input and to discuss where they may be able to assist one another.

Minutes

Director Bransford moved to approve the minutes, Director McDaniel seconded the motion, and it was passed by unanimous vote.

Governance and Internal Organization

Director Bransford reported that the Ad Hoc Committee had selected three names for legal counsel consideration. Thad Bettner and Jeff Sutton were directed to prepare a letter of interest along with a Request for Proposal to submit to the Ad Hoc Committee for review.

The Directors each reported the name of an alternate selected by their respective Board of Directors. They are the following: Greg Mensik, MID; Marty Stripling, RD 108; Steve Dennis, TCCA; Sandy Willard Denn, GCID; Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WD; John Viegas, County of Glenn and Kim Vann, County of Colusa. Each Board member must submit a letter to the Sites JPA confirming their Alternate Director selection and a Conflict of Interest Form 700 will be required for the Alternate Directors.

A list of the action items the Board has discussed was distributed for review, along with the remaining actions that may still be needed. It was decided that the few items remaining would move forward after a general counsel is selected as a legal view point of view may be required.

Financial Considerations

Director Bransford introduced Dennis Michum, GCID Controller. Dennis reported that he has established the Federal Tax ID, acquired a Post Office box (P.O. Box 1266, Willows) as the mailing address, and is in the process of establishing a checking account with US Bank.

Regular Business

Thad Bettner gave a status report on State and Federal activities related to the Sites project. He and others met with Mark Cowin of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and with Michelle Denning of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to discuss ways to better accomplish communications between the DWR, Reclamation and Sites JPA and to advise them that the Sites JPA is ready to enter into a formal agreement.

He and others also has met with Luther Hintz, Commissioner on the California Water Commission, and updated him on the Sites JPA.

Dave Bogener of the DWR Red Bluff office, summarized the CALFED Surface Storage Investigations Progress Report recently published by DWR. The EIR/EIS will be finalized by July 1, 2011.

Chairman LaGrande asked Vice Chair Durst to chair the meeting at 2:10 p.m. as he had to leave for another appointment.

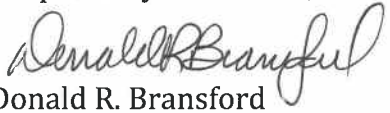
Other Business

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Glenn County Board of Supervisors' chambers.

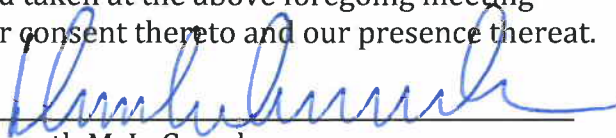
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Donald R. Bransford
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.



Kenneth M. LaGrande