

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 2, 2012

Director John Viegas called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:36 p.m. The meeting was held at the Glenn County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 525 West Sycamore Street, Willows, California 95988.

Present:

County of Colusa, Gary Evans

County of Glenn, John Viegas

Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Sean Doherty

Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD), Ron Tadlock

Kamyar Guivetchi, Department of Water Resources

Absent:

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID)

Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA)

Also Present:

Daniel Ruiz, MID; Lewis Bair, RD 108; Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Thad Bettner, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Lester Messina, Jim Donnely, Glenn County; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Mark Oliver, Holly Dawley, Martin Nicholson, Robert Leaf, CH2M Hill; John Kenny, Kenny, Snowden and Norine; Marc Atlas, Steve Saxton, J. Marc Atlas Attorneys; Ajay Goyal, Sean Sou, Jim Wieking, DWR; Sharon McHale, USBR

Approve Agenda

Director Mensik moved to approve the agenda, Director Evans seconded and the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Public Participation

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

Minutes

Director Doherty moved to approve the April 4, 2012, minutes, Director Mensik seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Approve Payment of Claims and Accept Treasurer's Report

Director Mensik moved, Director Evans seconded and it was unanimously voted to approve the payment of claims #1008 through #1010, inclusively, in the amount of One Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$1,756.59).

Director Mensik moved, Director Doherty seconded and it was unanimously voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Approve Accounting Contract with Bond Tax and Financial Services

Jim Bond of Bond Tax and Financial Services was introduced to the Board. Director Durst moved, Director Mensik seconded and it was unanimously voted to approve the contract with Bond Tax and Financial Services.

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Review and Approve Releasing Request for Qualifications for General Manager

An ad-hoc committee of Directors Denn and Durst were assigned to work with the managers to develop a job description. They presented a Request for Qualifications and Proposal that includes a detailed job description, which has been reviewed by counsel.

Discussion was held regarding hiring a General Manager as a contracted position versus hiring a manager as an employee of the Sites JPA. The ad-hoc committee was asked to complete the proposal with the timeline and dates, along with ideas and costs associated with advertising for the position and present it at the June meeting.

Discuss and Consider Role of Sites JPA as Responsible Agency for CEQA/NEPA Documents

Extensive discussion took place regarding the role the Sites JPA should take in the CEQA/NEPA process. Counsel Kenny gave a brief summary of the responsibility involved in the two roles. It was agreed that the Sites JPA board will need to make a determination as to whether to participate in the project as to whether to function as the "lead agency" or a "responsible party."

The managers were directed to meet with counsel to discuss the pros and cons of each role and report back to the Board with their recommendation.

Meeting Reports

GCID General Manager Thad Bettner reported that a number of meetings have occurred between the managers, DWR, USBR and CH2M Hill. At a meeting on April 18 between the managers and DWR covered public benefits, non-public benefits and its operations, financial feasibility, EIR/EIS schedule, public outreach, mitigation strategies, cost estimate and timing of construction. Discussion also took place on the future role of the Sites JPA in the CEQA/NEPA process.

On May 1 a meeting between the managers, DWR and USBR took place to further the feasibility study status, Sites JPA as a funding partner, how the USBR is viewing

beneficiaries, the cost estimate and the EIR/EIS schedule, as well as USBR strategies to insure a quick turnaround of the feasibility study and EIR/EIS.

On May 2 a meeting was held with CH2M Hill, DWR and the Sites JPA managers. Topics discussed included CH2M Hill's ability to perform financial modeling to examine different funding methods and repayment options, correlate yield benefits to financial tools and project estimating and/or oversight of USBR cost studies.

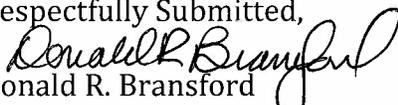
Report from DWR

Ajay Goyal of DWR reported that 34 chapters of the draft EIR/EIS have been completed and are being reviewed and prepared for technical review. Eight chapters will be sent to the Sites JPA managers by May 15 for their review. The draft EIR/EIS is scheduled to be completed by July 13, 2012, and a public draft made available by November.

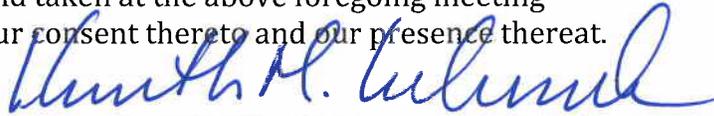
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 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