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February 26, 2018

Sites Project Authority

Minutes

1:30 p.m.

The Sites Project Authority Board meets in Regular Session this 26th day of February 2018 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. **Directors Present:** Gray Allen, Gary Evans, Mary Wells, Jim Jones and Wade Mathis. **Directors Absent:** Fritz Durst, Chairman, Jamie Traynham, Doug Parker, Westside Water District; Leigh McDaniel, John Viegas, Glenn County; Don Bransford, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District; Jeff Sutton, Blake Vann, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority; Joe Marsh, Doug Griffin, Colusa County Water District; Greg Johnson, Ted Trimble, Western Canal Water District. **Alternate Directors Present:** Sean Doherty, Reclamation District 108, Logan Dennis, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District. (Other Alternate Directors that may be listed as Present below, did not participate in the decision making process).

Vice-Chairman Allen calls to order the February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting at 1:31 p.m., with all Directors present, except Westside Water District, Glenn County, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Colusa County Water District and Western Canal Water District. (*Westside Water District, Glenn County, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Colusa County Water District and Western Canal Water District has no representation at this meeting*)

Staff Present: Jim Watson, General Manager.
Ernest Conant, Counsel.
Joe Trapasso, Rob Thomson, Kevin Spesert, Sites JPA.
Kim R. Davis, Sites.
Ann Nordyke, Clerk.

Others Present: Don Bader, Reclamation.
Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance.
Juleah Cordi, Assembly Gallagher.
Oscar Serrano, CICC.
Jeff Herrin, Brian Person, AECOM.

Ed Horton, PCWA.
 Zach Barr, Kearns & West.
 Linc To, John Buttz, HDR.
 Michael Green, Delta-4.
 Kimberly Giffin, Maxwell Unified School District.
 Charlene Vaughn, KCoe Isom.
 Laura Nicholson, Senator Jim Nielsen.
 Bill Busath, City of Sac.
 Rob Tull, Lyna Black, Mark Oliver, CH2M.
 Jeff Nelson, NV5.
 Ellen Gross, Environmental Science Assoc.
 Bill Vanderwaal, RD 108.
 Rebecca Nicholas, JB Comm.
 Mark Salmon, WSP USA.
 Mike Azevedo, Colusa County.
 Jacob Spooner, Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District.
 Eleanor Termel, Maxwell resident.
 Rob Cooke, DWR.
 Zach Barr, Kearns & West.

Pledge of Allegiance

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Jones, seconded by Director Wells to approve the February 26, 2018 Sites Project Authority Agenda as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Westside Water District, Glenn County, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Colusa County Water District and Western Canal Water District.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Wells, seconded by Director Dennis to approve the January 22, 2018 Sites Project Authority Minutes as corrected. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Reclamation District 108, Placer County Water Agency/City of Roseville, Colusa County, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Maxwell Irrigation District and Proberta Water District/TC6 Districts.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: Orland Artois Water District.

ABSENT: Westside Water District, Glenn County, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Colusa County Water District and Western Canal Water District.

PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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

None.

2. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Vice-Chair Allen reminds those Directors present that Form 700's are due to the Clerk by March 28, 2018. He further speaks to the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County Water Agency having the required votes from the Authority Members' governing boards to become an Authority Board member noting, approval by 75% of Sites Project Authority members agencies Boards is required. Brief discussion is held, with no action taken.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT:

3.1 Vice-Chair Allen makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the General Manager's monthly status report.

Mr. Watson states the program continues to make progress and speaks to procurement, securing a financial auditor and financial advisor. He further updates the Directors on items that pertain to the February 18, 2018 joint Workshop. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

3.2 Vice-Chair Allen makes time for a report on Prop 1 WSIP application status and activities.

Mr. Watson speaks to the application scoring criteria and preliminary scores. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

3.3 Vice-Chair Allen makes time for a report on activities to define the Phase 1 rebalancing process as an input to the Phase 2 participation agreements.

Mr. Watson states we are nearing the end of Phase 1 and speaks to Phase 1 completion schedule, California Water Commission Prop 1 funding, planning and permitting, engineering, construction/commissioning and operations. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

4. 2017 FINANCE & BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE:

4.1 It is moved by Director Wells, seconded by Director Doherty to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Westside Water District, Glenn County, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Colusa County Water District and Western Canal Water District.

4.2 It is moved by Director Jones, seconded by Director Wells to approve the Payment of Claims as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Westside Water District, Glenn County, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Colusa County Water District and Western Canal Water District.

4.3 It is moved by Director Jones, seconded by Director Wells to accept and award the bid for Professional Financial Auditing Services that was received and opened on February 13, 2018 from Fechter & Company, Certified Public Accountants, and authorize the General Manager to

negotiate a contract with same. **Further**, direct the General Manager to return at a later date with a finalized contract for Board approval. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Westside Water District, Glenn County, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Colusa County Water District and Western Canal Water District.

5. PHASE 1 RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

5.3 Vice-Chair Allen makes time for a report on the Sites Reservoir Committee Meeting held on February 15, 2018.

Mr. Watson states the Reservoir Committee met on February 15, 2018 and held 2018 Election of Officers and had a presentation on alternative delivery and worked on rebalancing. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

5.2 Vice-Chair Allen makes time for a report on the Risk Workshop held February 6-7, 2018.

Mr. Vanderwaal states they worked on identifying risks, identify likelihood something could happen, and could the risk delay the project. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

2:24 p.m. Director Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority is now present and seated.

5.1 Vice-Chair Allen makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding comments received to the Draft EIR/EIS.

Discussion is held regarding additional analysis, additional analysis on fisheries, identifying proposed response approach for letters/categories of comments and identifying next steps.

6. PHASE 1 MEMBERSHIP & GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE:

6.1 Vice-Chair Allen makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding a request by the Colusa Indian Community Council for membership to the Sites Project Authority Board.

Mr. Conant state he has been working with the Tribes Legal Counsel, noting, the issue is a limited waiver of their sovereign immunity. He states when we have that we will bring it back to the Board and move forward at that point.

7. PHASE 1 LEGISLATIVE & OUTREACH AD HOC COMMITTEE:

7.1 Vice-Chair Allen makes time for a report on the Washington DC Legislative Trip and California State Capitol Day.

Director Sutton updates those Directors present on items that pertain to the Washington DC legislative trip, noting it was a very productive trip. Further discussion is held regarding California State Capitol Day, with no action taken.

7.2 Vice-Chair Allen states the report on Sites Project testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans on February 14, 2018 was covered under Agenda Item 7.1.

7.3 Vice-Chair Allen makes time for a report on stakeholder engagement and public outreach activities.

Discussion is held regarding editorials, upcoming NGO workshop, social media and video animation, with no action taken.

8. PHASE 1 LAND USE AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Vice-Chair Allen makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the status of engagement and outreach efforts to local agencies related to impacts or changes in land use.

Mr. Spesert states no discussion in this meeting as of yet; we are working on developing right of entry process.

9. PHASE 1 CONSULTATION COMMITTEES:

Vice-Chair Allen makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the status of engagement and outreach efforts related to the following areas:

- o Tribal Officials
Nothing to report at this time.
- o Landowner and Community Interests
Mr. Spesert speaks to landowner and community interests, with no action taken.
- o Environmental Interests
Nothing to report at this time.
- o Business & Labor Interests
Mr. Spesert speaks briefly to business and labor interests, with no action taken.

Vice-Chairman Allen adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on March 19, 2018 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jamie
Traynham, Secretary to the Sites
Project Authority

Gray Allen, Vice-Chairman

Ann Nordyke, Clerk to the Sites
Project Authority Board