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## December 21, 2015 Minutes

The Sites Joint Powers Authority Board meets in Regular Session this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 2015 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. **Directors Present:** Leigh McDaniel, Chair, Glenn County, Kim Vann, Colusa County, Joe Marsh, Colusa County Water District, and Jamie Traynham. Westside Water District. **Directors Absent:** Fritz Durst, RD 108, Don Bransford, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Ken LaGrande, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District, and Jim Jones, Orland Artois Water District. **Alternate Directors Present:** Jeff Sutton, Tehama-Colusa Canal, Thad Bettner, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), and Sean Doherty, (RD 108). (Other Alternate Directors that may be listed as Present below, did not participate in the decision making process)

Chairman McDaniel calls to order the December 21, 2015 Regular Session at 9:07 a.m., with all Directors present, except Durst, Bransford, LaGrande, and Jim Jones. Alternate Directors: Sutton and Tehama-Colusa canal Authority, Doherty, RD 108 are seated. Orland Artois Water District was not represented at this meeting.

Staff Present: Jim Watson, General Manager.  
John Kenny, Counsel.  
Jim Bond, Bond Tax.  
Ann Nordyke, Clerk.

Alternates Present: Gary Evans, Colusa County.

Others Present: Jeff Herrin, Richards Webb, Katrina Chow, Ron Ganzfried, Bill Vanderwaal, USBR.  
Tom Charter, (Davis Water Dist./TC5).  
Curt Aikens, Yuba County Water Agency.  
George Pendell, Stony Creek.  
Mike Azevedo, Colusa County.  
Mike Urkov, Investor Districts.  
Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance.

Emil Cavagnolo, Orland-Artois Water District.  
Mark Oliver, Rob Tull, CH2M Hill.  
Jeff Nelson, Parsons.  
Juleah Cordi, Assemblyman James Gallagher.  
Mary Kimball, YCFCWCD.  
Scott Brown, LWA.  
Dan Ruiz, MID/WS.  
Sarah Reynolds, T&P Farms.

Pledge of Allegiance.

It is moved by Director Wells, seconded by Director Vann to approve the December 21, 2015 Agenda as presented. Motion Carried: All yes. Absent: Jim Jones and Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District.

It is moved by Direct Bettner, seconded by Director Sutton to approve the November 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes as corrected. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Jim Jones and Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District.

Period of Public Comment. None.

1. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Mr. Bettner states Ms. Sandy Denn is no longer on the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board. He states further Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Board will be appointing new representatives in January 2016.

Mr. McDaniel states he has been working with Ms. Bailey of Family Water Alliance on advertising. Discussion is held with no action taken.

2. ACCOUNTING

a. It is moved by Director Traynham, seconded by Director Wells to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Jim Jones and Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District.

b. It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Traynham to approve payment of Claims as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Jim Jones and Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District.

c. Discussion is held regarding the proposed draft monthly cost reports, with no action taken.

d. Discussion is held regarding Cash Flow Management Projection, with no action taken.

9:30 a.m. Director Dan Jones, now present. (TC5 District-Proberta)

3. GOVERNANCE

a. It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Wells to **Rescinding** the Third Amendment and Restated Sites Project Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement approved November 17, 2015. **Further**, consider approving a request to the respective

Boards of Authority Members to approve the **Modified** Third Amendment and Restated Sites Project Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Jim Jones and Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District.

b. It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Bettner to approve the Sites Project Authority Bylaws as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Jim Jones and Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District.

#### 4. FUNDING AGREEMENT

a. It is moved by Director Vann, seconded by Director Wells to approve **Revised** Funding Agreement for distribution to Member Agencies for their approval. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Jim Jones and Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District.

b. It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Traynham to approve Phase 1 Election to Participate Form for distribution to Member Agencies for their approval. Absent: Jim Jones and Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District.

Chair McDaniel declares a recess at 10:06 a.m. and reconvenes at 10:18 a.m. with all Directors and Alternates present except Jim Jones and Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District.

5. 10:18 a.m. (10:00 AM item on Agenda) PRESENTATIONS (No action will be taken, informational only)

*Item b taken out of order* b. Presentation regarding Hydropower & FERC Project Licensing - Process & Owner's Considerations. (Jim Lynch, VP HDR Inc.)

Mr. Lynch speaks to the following:

Dam Safety Regulators  
 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)  
 California State Division safety of Dams,  
 Owners Dam Safety Program (ODSP),  
 Annual Inspections,  
 Project Review by an Independent Consultant,  
 Owner Dam Safety Inspections,  
 Equipment Testing & Inspection,  
 Maintenance,  
 Physical and Cyber Security,  
 Public Safety Plan,

Lengthy discussion is held, with no action taken.

10:56 a.m. Director Jim Jones is now present. (Orland Artois Water District)

a. Presentation regarding an Owners Perspective, Dam Safety & Hydropower. (Curt Aikens, General Manager Yuba County Water Agency)

Mr. Aikens speaks to the following:

Who Is FERC?  
What I FERC's Jurisdiction?  
What are available Licensing Processes?  
Is There a Default Process?  
Processes For Hydropower Licenses,

Lengthy discussion is held regarding FERC, FERC Jurisdiction, Licensing process and hydropower licenses, with no action taken.

11:06 a.m. 6. PROP 1, CHAPTER 8 APPLICATION PROCESS

a. Discussion is held regarding the proposed decision-making process & schedule to be used to define the Authority's Proposed Project, with direction given to staff.

b. Discussion is held regarding providing comments regarding proposed facility changes as follows, with direction given to staff.

- o Range of Alternatives  
& Water Commission (Phase 1) vs. CEQA/NEPA (Phase 2)
- o Delevan Pipeline Alignments
- o Access: Road vs. Bridge
- o Terminal Regulating Reservoir locations
- o Sacramento River Outfall and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> Point of Diversion/Intake
- o Pumped-storage
- o Grid Interconnection (WAPA, PG&E, & SMUD)

11:12 a.m. Mr. Sutton dismisses himself from the meeting.

a. Discussion is held in regards to providing comments to proposed operations as follows, with direction given to staff.

- o Water Supply & Public Benefits from Department's prior studies
- o CALSIM Modeling process
- o Sacramento Valley water supply (aka Authority's Proposed Project)
- o Commodities: Water & Storage
- o Water Management Strategies (Pooled vs. Individual Storage Accounts)

7. MANAGERS REPORT (No action will be taken)

- o CA Water Commission
- o Outreach/Engagement -
- o Manager's Meetings

NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.  
Westside Water District,  
5005 Highway 20, Williams, CA,

Chair McDaniel adjourns the meeting at 12:18 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on January 11, 2016 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Liegh McDaniel, Chair

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Kim Dolbow Vann, Secretary to the Board