

# **SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

April 15, 2015

Chair McDaniel called the special meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:38 p.m. The meeting was held at the Westside Water District, 5005 Highway 20, Williams, California 95987.

### **Present:**

County of Colusa, Kim Dolbow Vann

County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Sandy Willard Denn

Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik

Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Sean Doherty

Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), Wade Mathis

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD), Tim O'Halloran  
(arrived 2:05 p.m.)

### **Absent:**

None

### **Also Present:**

Gary Evans, County of Colusa; Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Dan Ruiz, MID; Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Emil Cavagnolo, Orland Artois Water District; Mike Azevedo, Colusa County Public Works; Mary Fahey, Colusa County Ag Department; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Larry Mandelberg, Mandelberg Consultants; Jeff Herrin, URS; Mike Urkov, TCCA Consultant; Martin Nicholson, CH2M Hill; Mary Wells, Allen Myers, Kelly Haywood, Landowners; Jim Wieking, DWR; Bill Vanderwaal, USBR; Scott Brown, Larsen Wurzec and Associates

### **Approve Agenda**

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

AYES: Directors Vann, McDaniel, Denn, Mensik, Doherty, and Mathis

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director O'Halloran

### **Public Participation**

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

### **GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION**

**Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Funding Request (NSVIRWM)**

There is a grant opportunity in the amount of \$10 million through the NSVIRWM Board, for which the Sites JPA may be qualified. Sites JPA will need to engage with the NSVIRWM and have them provide an emergency submittal to apply for these funds.

TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton and RD 108 General Manger Lewis Bair were asked to prepare a letter of request to be signed by Chair McDaniel.

**Discussion and Possible Action of Sites JPA Critical Path**

Chair McDaniel presented a summary of the actions the Board may need to consider. Decisions made will effect the General Manger position; the USBR MOU will need to be completed and a letter to DWR on lead role developed; the administration budget cannot be completed until all members have stated their contribution amount; and a review of the Sites Project Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

Chair McDaniel will be reviewing the make-up of the ad-hoc committees. The Coordinating Committee date and location will change, participating members and content will be reviewed as well. This is a standing committee and falls under the Brown Act. A cohesive message, presentation and structure of the participation invitation will need to be developed by the Water User/Investor Committee. The NGO, Water User/Investor and Outreach Committees may consider whether to continue their efforts or wait until the General Manager position is filled.

**Authorize the Chairman to Sign Memorandum of Understanding for the Completion of the North-Of-The-Delta Offstream Storage Investigation and Sharing of Costs Pending Final Review by General Manager Group and Counsel**

Chair McDaniel asked the Board to review the MOU and said that it will be on the next agenda for discussion and possible action.

Director O'Halloran arrived at 2:05 p.m.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports**

**Coordinating Committee**

The Coordinating Committee day will change to Mondays and the location will remain at RD 108 for the next few weeks.

**Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee**

Alternate Director Evans said a date for a landowner meeting to keep them informed and to discuss the changes that have been made to the reservoir area from their suggestions at the previous landowner meetings is going to be scheduled. Congressman Doug LaMalfa will be invited to attend.

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

No report.

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

Director Vann distributed a list of water districts that have indicated a desire to participate in the funding of Sites Reservoir, which include the amount of acre-feet they would be interested in purchasing from the Sites Reservoir.

**General Managers' Technical Group**

A draft Project Agreement was distributed for review. The General Managers' Technical Group will convene with their respective legal counsels to discuss how to proceed.

**Public Relations**

The Water Commission will hold a meeting on April 13, 2015.

Metropolitan Water District will be touring the Sites area in early May.

Members should send letters of support for HR1060.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Office Location for General Manager**

Alternate Director Evans reported that Colusa County will have the bank building in Maxwell available for possible office space. Colusa County would need a response from the Sites JPA indicating interest so the County can plan on moving forward with the refurbishing of the building.

The USBR in Willows will have office space that Sites JPA could utilize.

Director O'Halloran moved to have Colusa County proceed with the investigation of the building as possible office location, Director Mensik seconded and the motion passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

A special board meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at Westside Water District in Williams.

**MEMBER COMMENT**

Director O'Halloran thanked Director Durst for the Sites presentation and the question and answer session at YCFC&WCD.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Closed Session (Government Code Section 54957) Public Employee Appointment**

**Title: General Manager**

The board went into closed session at 2:42 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 4:57 p.m. Chair McDaniel reported that no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 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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Leigh McDaniel