

# **SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

April 29, 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, Gary Evans  
County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel  
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Don Bransford  
Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik  
Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Fritz Durst  
Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), Ken LaGrande  
Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD), Tim O'Halloran

### **Absent:**

None

### **Also Present:**

Wade Mathis, Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Sean Doherty, RD 108; Dan Ruiz, MID; Sandy Denn, GCID; Mike Azevedo, Colusa County Public Works; Mary Fahey, Colusa County Ag Department; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; John Kenny, Kenny Snowden & Norine; Jeff Herrin, URS; Mike Urkov, TCCA Consultant; Mark Oliver, CH2M Hill; Mary Wells, Landowner; Jim Wieking, DWR; Bill Vanderwaal, USBR; Scott Brown, Larson Wurzec and Associates; Stan Hazelroth, Rick Barnett, Interested Parties

### **Approve Agenda**

Director Durst made a motion to remove Item 3a and Item 3f from the agenda, Director LaGrande seconded the motion, and the agenda was unanimously approved with the changes by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Durst, LaGrande and O'Halloran

NOES: None

### **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**

### **Consider and Approve Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Funding Request (IRWMP)**

TCCA General Manager Sutton reported on efforts to determine the eligibility of the Sites Reservoir Project planning efforts for the upcoming Proposition 84 IRWMP grant

process. The Board directed staff to continue to explore this opportunity and to report back to the Chair.

**Review and Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the Project Management Plan (PMP) with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation**

Director Durst moved to approve and execute the MOU and PMP with USBR, Director Bransford seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Durst, LaGrande and O'Halloran  
NOES: None

**Discuss and Approve Draft Letter to DWR on Sites JPA Role**

Director LaGrande moved to approve remitting back to DWR the draft letter regarding the Sites JPA role with changes as discussed, Director LaGrande seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Durst, LaGrande and O'Halloran  
NOES: None

Director Durst and Consultant Mike Urkov were tasked with finalizing the letter for signature.

**Discuss and Consider Action on Investor Group Need for Representation**

Chair McDaniel created an Ad-Hoc Committee of Directors Vann, Durst and himself to meet with and discuss investor group representation on the Sites JPA Board.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Approval to Pay Larry Mandelberg for Facilitation Services**

Director Durst moved to approve payment of Consultant Larry Mandelberg invoices with member dues, Director Vann seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Evans, McDaniel, Bransford, Mensik, Durst, LaGrande and O'Halloran  
NOES: None

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Committee Reports**

**Coordinating Committee**

A meeting has been scheduled with USBR during the Association of California Water Agencies conference during the week of May 4, 2015.

**Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee**

Alternate Director Evans will be meeting with the stakeholders group on May 6, 2015.

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

Efforts on hold at this time.

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

Efforts on hold at this time.

**General Managers' Technical Group**

Further development of scope of work and budget for feasibility study and EIS/EIR efforts is ongoing.

**Public Relations**

Sites JPA members and Northern California Water Association conducted a Sites JPA tour for Ducks Unlimited. Landowner Mary Wells and TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton held a tour and Sites JPA briefing for a group of forty San Francisco State University students.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Title: General Manager**

The board went into closed session at 2:45 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 3:30 p.m. Chair McDaniel reported that no action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 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