

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 7, 2013

Chair Durst called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:31 p.m. The meeting was held at the Maxwell Inn, 81 Oak Street, Maxwell, California 95955

Present:

County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel, arrived at 2:03 p.m.
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Don Bransford
Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik
Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Fritz Durst
Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD), Ron Tadlock

Absent:

County of Colusa
Tehama Colusa Canal Authority

Also Present:

Lewis Bair, Sean Doherty, Reclamation District 108; Dan Ruiz, MID; Sandy Denn, Thad Bettner, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Emil Cavagnolo, Orland Artois Water District; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Lester Messina, Glenn County Ag Department; Ben Reisch, Colusa County

Arrived at 2:02 p.m.

Kamyar Guivetchi, Ajay Goyal and Sean Sou of the Department of Water Resources

Approve Agenda

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

Public Participation

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

Minutes

Director Bransford moved to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2013, meeting, Director Tadlock seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Approve Payment of Claims and Accept Treasurer's Report

On motion by Director Mensik, second by Director Tadlock and unanimous vote, payment of claims #1043 and #1044 in the amount of One Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty Dollars

and Thirteen Cents (\$1,740.13) and #1045 through #1047 in the amount of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Ninety Six Cents (\$148,644.96) were approved.

Chair Durst questioned the outstanding CH2M Hill July 2012 invoice in the amount of \$100,017.83 that has been in question and was directed not to be paid by the Department of Water Resources (DWR). It had been approved for payment by Sites JPA as the issues pertaining to the invoice had been resolved, but Sites JPA accountant never received payment from DWR to pay the invoice. GCID General Manager Thad Bettner explained that DWR has sent payment and the invoice is being paid as part of claim #1045 in the amount of \$148,139.06.

Director Bransford moved, Director Mensik seconded and it was unanimously voted to direct staff to send a letter to CH2M Hill to stop all work regarding the EIR/EIS chapter review. If DWR wants CH2M Hill to work on certain chapters, they will need to pay CH2M Hill directly as Sites JPA no longer has the funding to do so.

On motion by Director Tadlock, second by Director Mensik and unanimous vote, the Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Review Financing, Operational Modeling and Outreach Action Plan

Staff has developed a financing, operational modeling and outreach action plan that will focus the Sites JPA activities for the balance of 2013. The plan includes work currently being undertaken by URS consultants to examine the assumptions and affordability of the project, including the development of a financial modeling tool. The plan also identified some additional modeling work to assist with a better understanding of how Sites JPA would perform with Delta conveyance and new outflow requirements identified in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The plan also includes outreach to landowners, counties and the region.

Staff was directed to add the Outreach Action Plan as an action item to adopt on the agenda for the September 4, 2013, board meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Meeting Reports

Chair Durst reported that the ad hoc committee, plus David Guy, Northern California Water Association and Rob Leaf, CH2M Hill, met with DWR Deputy Director Gary Bardini. The discussion included modeling Sites with BDCP to examine how the project performs with the current Bay Delta Conservation Plan operations; financing strategies based on costs and benefits; status of the EIR/EIS, how and when to release a draft, and current funding shortfalls and how to move forward.

The group then attended a meeting with URS consultants to discuss the cost updates. URS consultants are to update the old DWR cost reports, but URS has been told that DWR no longer has all of the reports they have requested. What URS has discovered looking at the

reports is that there are costs in the reports that are not necessarily needed to build the Sites Reservoir and that these added items just make the project more costly. If these items are removed, it will make the project less costly.

Kamyar Guivetchi, Ajay Goyal and Sean Sou of the Department of Water Resources arrived at 2:02 p.m.

Director McDaniel arrived at 2:03 p.m.

Ajay Goyal brought maps of the Sites Reservoir area and gave an overview of where the reservoir dam, Funks Reservoir, Delevan pipeline and other areas of interest may be located, prior to touring the area.

Other Business

None

Member Comments

None


Closed Session

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m. and a tour was given of the Sites Reservoir area.

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.



Frederick Durst