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April 17, 2017
Sites Project Authority
Minutes
1:30 p.m.

The Sites Project Authority Board meets in Regular Session this 17th day of April 2017 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. **Directors Present:** Jamie Traynham, Jeff Sutton, Mary Wells, Joe Marsh, Jim Jones, Gray Allen, and Greg Johnson. **Directors Absent:** Kim Dolbow Vann, Colusa County, Fritz Durst, Reclamation District 108, Leigh McDaniel, Glenn County, Don Bransford, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, and Wade Mathis, Proberta/TC6. **Alternate Director Present:** Gary Evans, Colusa County, Sean Doherty, RD 108, John Viegas, Glenn County, Logan Dennis, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Tom Charter, Proberta/TC6. (Other Alternate Directors that may be listed as Present below, did not participate in the decision making process).

Secretary Traynham calls to order the April 17, 2017 Regular Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., with all Directors/Alternates present.

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

Others Present: Scott Brown, LWA.
Jeff Nelson, Parsons.
Kevin Spesert, Jeff Herrin, AECOM,
Bill Vanderwaal, RD 108.
Lady Bug Doherty, citizen.
John Meniti, USBR.
Juleah Cordi, Assemblyman Gallagher.
Ed Horton, Benjamin Barker, Joshua Alpine, PCWA.

Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance.
 Janet Barbieri, JB Comm.
 Jacob Spooner, Dunnigan Water District.
 Oscar Serrano, CICC.
 Patrick Scott, DWR.
 Dan Ruiz, WS/MID.
 Michael Azevedo, Colusa County.
 Don Bader, Reclamation.
 Emil Cavagnolo, OAWD.

Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Jones, seconded by Director Johnson to approve the April 17, 2017 Sites Project Authority Agenda. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Wells, seconded by Director Dennis to approve the March 20, 2017 Sites Project Authority Minutes as corrected. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.

Period of Public Comment

None.

1. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: (No action will be taken)
None.

2. AUTHORITY'S 2017 FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE:

- 2.1 Revenue:

Secretary Traynham makes time for the General Manager to provide a status of revenue received to date for both the Authority and Reservoir Committee functions and for the Reservoir Committee, provide status on the process to ensure all participants are and have paid the same amount on a dollar-per-acre-ft. basis.

Mr. Watson states everyone was not billed for 2014/2015 costs. He states he is in the process of trueing up accounts and will be ready for the next Authority Board meeting. Brief discussion is held with no action taken.

- 2.2 2017 Budget Update:

Secretary Traynham states the Budget Committee met and went over the budget in detail with Mr. Watson and speaks briefly to the Authority's Amended Phase 1 Budget Target and the Reservoir Committee's Amended Phase 1 Budget Target. Discussion is held, with no action taken. **NOTE:**The budgets for the Authority and Reservoir Committee were approved at the special board meeting held on Dec 5, 2016.

- 2.3 It is moved by Director Jones, seconded by Director Doherty to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent:

None.

2.4 It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Jones to approve the Payment of Claims as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.

3. AUTHORITY'S PHASE 1 MEMBERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

Secretary Traynham makes time for report on the status of expressions of interest and/or requests to participate.

It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Johnson to approve Metropolitan Water District for up to fifty (50) thousand acre ft. of Class II water. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: None.

4. AUTHORITY'S PHASE 1 JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

4.1 Discussion is held regarding the status of meetings in Washington D.C. with agency and elected representatives and pending legislation, with no action taken.

4.2 Discussion is held regarding the April 8, 2017 congressional letter to the United States Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. Watson states the letter clarifies the intent is for the Sites Reservoir Project to be developed as a locally-sponsored water storage project and it establishes dates to accelerate the feasibility analysis in a manner that is consistent with the California Water Commission's schedule to implement the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP). Discussion is held, with no action taken.

5. AUTHORITY'S PHASE 1 ADVOCACY COMMITTEE:

Ms. Barbieri updates the Directors and staff regarding on-going engagement and outreach efforts related to the following areas:

5.1 Media:

5.2 Federal and State:

5.3 Tribal Officials:

5.4 Landowners & Community:

5.5 Environmental interests:

5.6 Business & labor Interests:

Discussion is held regarding the above items, with no action taken.

6. RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

6.1 Joint Phase 1 Document Review Work Group:

6.1.1 Secretary Traynham makes time for a report on the status of the working draft Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/S).

Mr. Thomson states an administrative draft is available for review, noting the document is very large. He further suggests reading the Executive Summary at the very least. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

6.1.2 Secretary Traynham makes time for discussion of the anticipated process and schedule to seek a recommendation from the Reservoir Committee and approval from the Authority for the submission of the WSIP application and associated documents. Brief discussion is held, with no action taken.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT:

7.1 Secretary Traynham makes time for discussion regarding an updated Authority and Reservoir Committee meeting calendar.

Mr. Watson suggests canceling the July 17, 2017 scheduled Sites Project Authority meeting and holding a Special meeting on July 31, 2017. Discussion is held.

Following discussion it is the consensus of those Directors present to cancel the July 17, 2017 scheduled meeting and hold a Special meeting on July 31, 2017.

7.2 Secretary Traynham makes time for a monthly status report and possible direction to staff.

Mr. Watson states the principle activities approved as part of the amended Phase 1 work plan are underway with consultant work products being submitted for review and comment. He states based on the Water Commission's schedule, work is on track to have the application ready in June and to be able to start Phase 2 in July 2018 and the target completion date for Phase 2 is December 31, 2022. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

7.3 Secretary Traynham makes time for report on the status of various activities being undertaken by staff.

Mr. Spesert updates the Directors on items as they pertain to the rehabilitation of the Sites building in Maxwell since the flooding occurred, noting July 2017 as the date of potential occupancy.

Secretary Traynham adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on May 15, 2017 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Jamie Traynham, Secretary
to the Sites Board

Ann Nordyke, Clerk to the
Sites Board