

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 1, 2013

Chair Durst called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Boardroom, 5513 Highway 162, Willows, California 95988

Present:

County of Colusa, Gary Evans

County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Don Bransford

Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Rick Richter

Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Fritz Durst

Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), Wade Mathis

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD), Ron Tadlock

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Dan Ruiz, MID; Thad Bettner, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Jim Bond, Bond Tax and Financial Services; John Kenny, Kenny, Snowden & Norine; Peter Rude, CH2M Hill; Dave Ceppos, Associate Director for the Center for Collaborative Policy

Approve Agenda

Director Richter moved to approve the agenda, Director McDaniel 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 Tadlock moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2013, meeting, Director Bransford seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Review Budget

Jim Bond, Bond Tax and Financial Services, reviewed the budget. Mr. Bond was asked to prepare two budgets as a comparison on the cost of hiring a general manager, as opposed to not hiring a general manger, for the discussion that would be held later in the meeting.

The residual roll-over amount that would remain from not hiring a general manger would be approximately \$22,000 for the 2013 budget year.

Approve Payment of Claims and Accept Treasurer's Report

On motion by Director Bransford, and second by Director Richter, it was unanimously voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, and to approve the payment of claims #1036 and #1037 in the amount of Two Thousand, Two-Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2,237.50).

Discuss and Consider Developing and Releasing a Request for Proposal to Complete Financial and Feasibility Study Alternatives and to Complete Chapter 12 of the Administrative Draft EIR/EIS

It has been determined that the aquatic resources chapter (Chapter 12) for the Administrative Draft EIR/EIS is not covered under the current contract with CH2M Hill. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) drafted the affected environment section, and HDR drafted the impact analysis section under contract with the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). The draft chapter has not gone through technical reviews by DWR or Reclamation's fisheries experts. DWR does not have funding for DWR's technical review and will defer to Reclamation's technical review. Reclamation's technical review is scheduled take place during April 2013. Even after the review, there is currently no funding in place for HDR to respond to reviewer comments.

It has also been suggested by GCID General Manger Thad Bettner and TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton that an additional local alternative be prepared for the Feasibility Study that focuses on private funding along with Bond funding for the Project, thereby providing an alternative approach and a valuable perspective, apart from the traditional approach. This is not currently contemplated in the preparation of the Feasibility Study.

GCID General Manger Thad Bettner and TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton both agree the best way to move forward would be for the Sites JPA to prepare and fund a Request for Proposal(s) to complete the Chapter 12 study and to complete the local alternative for the Feasibility Study.

Director McDaniel moved to have staff develop a Request for Proposal to retain a , consultant(s) to complete Chapter 12 of the Administrative Draft EIR/EIS and the local alternative for the Feasibility Study, Director Bransford seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Discuss and Consider Approving a Revised Cost -Share Agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation

TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton reported that the currently proposed Cost-Share Agreement will need to be amended, Reclamation feels it needs amendment to comply with its own internal policies, and the Cost Sharing Partners feel it needs amendment to show credit for the amount of money spent to date for each of the Surface Storage Investigations being undertaken under the agreement. There has been some changes made to the

language in the Agreement and he had not heard back from Reclamation regarding those changes prior to the Board meeting.

The item was tabled for discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Discuss and Consider General Manger Services

Chair Durst reported that the ad-hoc committee has had several meetings regarding the general manager position. The committee feels that the expenditure is not a wise decision at this point in time and the small amount of funding the Sites JPA members do contribute will need to be used to help defray the costs of other expenditures not covered under the grant.

Director McDaniel moved to withdraw the Request for General Manager Proposal, Director Richter seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Chair Durst said he would prepare a letter to be sent to those who submitted a proposal for the general manager position to inform them that the request for a proposal was being withdrawn.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Report on Outreach Efforts from Dave Ceppos, Associate Director – Center for Collaborative Policy

GCID General Manager Thad Bettner introduced Dave Ceppos, Associate Director of the Center for Collaborative Policy. Mr. Ceppos is under contract with DWR and will be organizing the public outreach programs for Sites JPA. Mr. Ceppos asked for input from the Sites JPA members and feels that local public meetings, sponsored by Sites JPA, needs to be the first outreach effort.

Meeting Reports

TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Bureau of Reclamation Director Murrillo on Thursday during the Association of California Water Agencies conference to discuss the Feasibility Study, the Administrative Draft of the EIS/EIR, and the Cost -Sharing Agreement.

GCID General Manager Thad Bettner reported that a weekly conference call is held with DWR and CH2M Hill to discuss updates on activities. The administrative Draft NODOS EIR/EIS chapters and appendices will be available on CH2M Hill's SharePoint on May 15; DWR and Reclamation will conduct legal review from April 1 through May 30; the management review of the Administrative Draft NODOS EIR/EIS will take place from June 1 through June 15.

Other Business

None

Member Comments

Director McDaniel reported that he would be flying Senator Dan Logue over the area during an informal visit and was going to include the Sites Reservoir area.

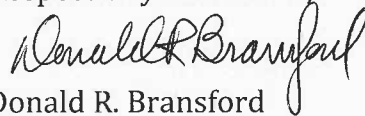
Closed Session

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

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