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July 31, 2017 Sites Project Authority Minutes 1:30 p.m.

The Sites Project Authority Board meets in Regular Session this 31st day of July 2017 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. **Directors Present:** Kim Dolbow Vann, Chair, Fritz Durst, Jamie Traynham, Jeff Sutton, Mary Wells, Joe Marsh, Jim Jones, Gray Allan, Wade Mathis and Greg Johnson. **Directors Absent:** Leigh McDaniel, John Viegas, Glenn County, Don Bransford, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District. **Alternate Director Present:** Logan Dennis, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District. (Other Alternate Directors that may be listed as Present below, did not participate in the decision making process).

Chair Vann calls to order the July 31, 2017 Regular Meeting at 1:30 p.m., with all Directors present, except Glenn County. (Glenn County has no representation at this meeting)

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Kevin Spesert, AECOM.
Rob Cooke, DWR.
Don Bader, David Van Rijn, Reclamation.
Steve Sanders, Sage Engineers.
Emil Cavagnolo, OAWD.
Charlene Vaughn, KCoe Isom.
Benjamin Barker, Joshua Alpine, PCWA.
Kerry Schmitz, Sac County Water Agency.

Brian Bullock, PSOMAS.
Oscar Serrano, CICC.
Nadine Baily, FWA.
Janet Bardieri, JB Comm.
Mike Azevedo, Colusa County.
Gary Evan, Colusa County Board of Supervisors.

Pledge of Allegiance

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Jones, seconded by Director Durst to approve the July 31, 2017 Sites Project Authority Agenda as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Johnson to approve the June 19, 2017, Sites Project Authority Minutes, with corrections. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

1. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: (No action will be taken)

Director Allan speaks to Placer County Water Agency outreach efforts and what they were doing as an Agency to promote Sites.

2. 2017 FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE:

2.1 It is moved by Director Wells, seconded by Director Durst to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

2.2 It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Sutton to approve the Payment of Claims as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

3. PHASE 1 MEMBERSHIP & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

3.1 Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding report on the status of participation in the Reservoir Committee.

Mr. Watson states Westlands has sent a letter dated June 30, 2017 stating they do not plan on signing the Reservoir agreement. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

3.2 Chair Vann makes time to consider direction to staff regarding

the Governance Committee's conditional recommendation concerning requests to jointly participate as an Authority Member from the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County Water Agency.

Ms. Schmitz thanks the Authority for their consideration, noting, from a staff perspective it is a good idea to join Sites.

Mr. Watson states they are proposing a joint seat on the Authority Board.

Discussion is held regarding how the seat will be handled and reasons for wanting to participate.

Following discussion direction is given to the General Manager to move forward with the conditional recommendation of the Governance Committee.

4. PHASE 1 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the status of current legislation that may affect the development of the Sites Reservoir Project.

Director Sutton states HR 23 has passed the House and speaks briefly to same. He further expresses his appreciation to all those who worked on obtaining support letters for the project together. Discussion is held with no action taken.

5. PHASE 1 ADVOCACY COMMITTEE:

Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the status of engagement and outreach efforts with a focus on letters of support from:

- Fed & State,
- County & City, and
- Business and other agencies/entities.

Ms. Barbieri reads the names of those who have submitted a letter of support for the project. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

6. PHASE 1 CONSULTATION COMMITTEES:

Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the status of engagement and outreach efforts related to the following:

- Tribal interests,
- Landowner and community interests,
- Environmental interests, and
- Business & labor interests

Mr. Watson speaks briefly to Tribal interests, Landowner and community

Interests, Environmental interests and meetings/public meetings held or to be held regarding same. Noting, there is nothing to report regarding Business & labor interests at this time. Brief discussion is held, with no action taken.

7. PHASE 1 LAND USE COMMITTEE:

Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the July 12, 2017 Workshop where discussion was held regarding a proposed powerline alignment paralleling State Route 45 as an alternative alignment to an east-west route paralleling the proposed pipeline.

Mr. Watson states less than a dozen people participated in the meeting/workshop. He further states concerns were raised regarding power lines/voltage, alignment to property, and property values. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

8. PHASE 1 RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

8.1 Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to the General Manager regarding matters relevant to the July 20, 2017 Reservoir Committee meeting.

Mr. Watson speaks to having a process for individuals to delegate voting when they are unable to attend. He further speaks to various Work Groups and progress they have made. Discussion is held.

Following discussion it is the consensus of those Directors present to move forward with voting delegates.

8.2 Reclamation's Draft Feasibility Report:

It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Marsh to accept the Reservoir Committee's recommendation to accept Reclamation's Draft Feasibility Report and provide assistance, as deemed appropriate by the General Manager. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

8.3 Chair Vann makes time to consider recommendation of the Reservoir Committee to direct the General Manager to release the EIR as a Draft for public and agency review with the Authority's application to the California Water Commission by August 14, 2017 and coincident with Reclamation's release of the EIS as a draft for public and agency review.

Mr. Watson states since the June 16, 2017 Reservoir Committee meeting staff and the consulting teams have modified the Administrative Draft EIR/S, coordinated the updated chapters and or sections with Reclamation as the NEPA Lead Agency, and provided updated chapters and or sections primarily to the Reservoir Committee's Document Review Work Group for additional comments and direction. He further states the Reservoir Committee recommends the Authority Board consider the current Administrative Draft EIR/S sufficiently complete to allow the Authority Board to consider and direct staff to release for agency and public review as a Draft EIR/S.

8.3 Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/S):

It is moved by Director Jones, seconded by Director Allan to direct the General Manager to release the EIR as a Draft for public and agency review with the Authority’s application to the California Water Commission by August 14, 2017 and coincident with Reclamation’s release of the EIS as a draft for a 60 day public and agency review period.

Chair Vann calls for comments/discussion.

Director Sutton expresses concern regarding the length of time for the review period.

Lengthy discussion is held regarding releasing the document as a Draft EIR/S versus Administrative Draft and the length time for the review/comment period.

Following lengthy discussion Chair Vann inquires if Directors Jones and Allan would like to amend the motion to add more time.

Directors Jones and Allan reply yes.

8.3 Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/S):

It is moved by Director Jones, seconded by Director Allan to direct the General Manager to release the EIR as a Draft for public and agency review with the Authority’s application to the California Water Commission by August 14, 2017 and coincident with Reclamation’s release of the EIS as a draft for a 90 day public and agency review period. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Colusa County, Reclamation District 108, Westside Water District, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District, Maxwell Irrigation District, Orland Artois Water District, Placer County Water Agency/City of Roseville and Western Canal Water District.

NOES: Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, Colusa County Water District and Proberta Water District/TC 6 Districts.

ABSENT: Glenn County.

ABSTAIN: None.

8.4 Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) Application:

Consider and possible direction to the General Manager regarding the Reservoir Committee’s recommendation to the Authority on the following items:

- 1. It is moved by Director Traynham, seconded by Director

Sutton to include the accepted version of Reclamation's Draft Feasibility Report with the Authority's WSIP Application. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

2. It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Wells to adopt **Resolution No. 2017-001**, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sites Project Authority Authorizing Filing Application to California Water Commission under the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) for the Sites Project. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

3. It is moved by Director Traynham, seconded by Director Marsh to authorize the General Manager to submit the WSIP Application by the August 14, 2017 deadline. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

9. WSIP APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE:

9.1 It is moved by Director Wells, seconded by Director Jones to approve the Executive Summary to the WSIP application. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

9.2 It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Durst to delegate authority of final modification(s) and submission of the WSIP Application to the Executive Committee (Directors Vann, Durst, Traynham and the General Manager).

10. MANAGER'S REPORT:

10.1 Chair makes time for discussion and possible action regarding General Manager's monthly status report.

Mr. Watson states this is his June status report and speaks to the completion of modeling, Outreach, and Environmental document, with no action taken.

10.2 Chair Vann makes time for discussions and direction to the General Manager regarding the proposed Project Administrator position.

Discussion is held regarding application(s) that were received, if there is a need to extend the application deadline and if any Directors want to participate on the interview panel.

Following discussion Directors Wells and Durst volunteer to sit on the interview panel.

10.3 Discussion was held regarding the status of various activities being undertaken by staff, with no action taken.

Chair Vann adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on August 21, 2017 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Kim Dolbow Vann, Chair

Ann Nordyke, Clerk to the
Sites Project Authority Board

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