

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 6, 2014

Chair Durst called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:35 p.m. The meeting was held at the Maxwell Inn, 81 Oak Street, Maxwell, California 95955.

Present:

County of Colusa, Gary Evans
County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Don Bransford
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:

Maxwell Irrigation District (MID)

Also Present:

Sean Doherty, Lewis Bair, RD 108; Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Dan Ruiz, MID; Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Dave Ceppos, Sue Woods, Center for Collaborative Policy; Lisa Hunter, Glenn County Ag Department; Mary Wells, Landowner; Jeff Herrin, URS; Mike Urkov, TCCA Consultant; Mark Oliver, CH2M Hill; Jim Weiking, Ajay Goyal, DWR; Nadine Bailey, Joe Lauwerijssen, Joe Carrancho, Family Water Alliance

Approve Agenda

Director McDaniel moved to approve the agenda, Director Bransford seconded the motion, and the agenda was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Mathis, Bransford, Evans, McDaniel, and Tadlock

NOES: None

Public Participation

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

Approval of July 9, 2014 Minutes

Director Bransford moved to table the minutes of the July 9, 2014, meeting to the September meeting, Director McDaniel seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Mathis, Bransford, Evans, McDaniel, and Tadlock

NOES: None

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Approve Treasurer's Report and Approve Payment of Claims

On motion by Director Bransford, and second by Director McDaniel, payment of claims #1073 through #1074 in the amount of Two Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$2,379.57) and the Treasurer's Report was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Mathis, Bransford, Evans, McDaniel, and Tadlock

NOES: None

Report Update on Cost-Share Agreement with USBR

TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton reported on recent outreach from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) in regard to the preparation of a MOU and Cost-Share Agreement to outline how the Sites JPA and USBR will work collaboratively and fund the work necessary to finalize the feasibility study and National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) work for North of the Delta Off-stream Storage (NODOS). The Board directed staff to meet with USBR and to fashion these agreements in a way that allows for the work necessary to be fully funded and completed in an expeditious manner, and to allow for collaboration, information sharing, and the inclusion of the Sites JPA alternative.

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Discussion of Brown Act Requirements

TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton reported that he and Attorney Kenny discussed the concerns the Board had regarding Brown Act requirements and the ad-hoc committees. The Brown Act requirements apply to the Board, standing committees and advisory committees formed by the Board.

TCCA General Manager Sutton reported that an ad-hoc committee is exempt from the formal requirements of the Brown Act; however, an ad-hoc committee is limited to addressing a specific issue for a limited period of time, and cannot address continuing subject matter. The ad-hoc committee can only consist of less than a quorum of the Board. Staff members cannot be part of the committee, but can serve as staff to the committee.

A standing committee has a continuing subject matter and meeting schedule determined by the Board, can be made up of Board members and/or staff, or other members of the public, and is subject to the Brown Act open meeting requirements.

Chair Durst appointed Director McDaniel, Alternate Director Mathis and Alternate Director Evans to the Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee. Alternate Director Evans was appointed as Chair of the committee. Landowner Mary Wells, Family Water Alliance (FWA) Chief Operations Officer Nadine Bailey, and Dave Ceppos of the Center for Collaborative Policy, volunteered as support staff.

Chair Durst appointed Director McDaniel, Director Bransford and Director Mensik to the Sites Ad-Hoc Committee for Outreach to Conservation and Environmental Non-

Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Director McDaniel was appointed as Chair of the committee. TCCA consultant Mike Urkov and Dave Ceppos of the Center for Collaborative Policy, volunteered as support staff.

Chair Durst appointed Director Vann, Director LaGrande and Alternate Director Sean Doherty to the Water Users/Investor Ad-Hoc Committee. Director Vann was appointed as Chair of the committee. TCCA General Manager Jeff Sutton and Dave Ceppos of the Center for Collaborative Policy, volunteered as support staff.

Chair Durst appointed himself, Director Bransford and Director LaGrande and the General Managers Group to the Coordinating Committee, which is a standing committee. Chair Durst will act as Chair of the committee.

Chair Durst will define each committee's purpose and subject matter and bring it to the September Board meeting.

Continued Discussion from Workshop on Alternatives

Dave Ceppos, Center for Collaborative Policy, distributed a list of questions for each board member to take to their respective Board to answer in an attempt to clarify what each of the Sites JPA members consider as priorities for the Sites Reservoir Project. Each member agency was asked to place this item on their next agenda. Discussion took place regarding the various questions and, after the discussion, Mr. Ceppos was directed to include additional questions and re-distribute the questionnaire along with a timeline to have it completed by the Sites JPA member agencies.

Identify Discussion Items for Next Meeting

Director McDaniel requested to have each Committee Chair plan on providing an update at every Board meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at Tehama Colusa Canal Authority.

OTHER BUSINESS

RD 108 General Manager Lewis Bair is a committee member on ACWA's Water Management Committee and would like to present the committee with information on Sites JPA. He was directed to prepare and provide the information that he plans on presenting to the ACWA Water Management Committee at the next Sites JPA Board meeting.

FWA Chief Operations Officer Nadine Bailey will be scheduling meetings with several newspaper editorial boards to discuss the drought and the need for additional surface storage and would like to include Sites JPA information. TCCA General Manager Sutton volunteered to participate in this effort on behalf of Sites JPA.

MEMBER COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 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.



Frederick Durst