

SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 5, 2014

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 Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California 95695.

Present:

County of Colusa, Kim Dolbow Vann
County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel
Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Don Bransford
Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik
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:

Gary Evans, County of Colusa; Lewis Bair, RD 108; Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Thad Bettner, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Dave Ceppos, Center for Collaborative Policy; Lisa Hunter, Glenn County Ag Department; Mary Fahey, Colusa County Ag Department; Jeff Herrin, Richard Millet, URS; Mike Urkov, TCCA Consultant; Martin Nicholson, CH2M Hill; Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance; Curtis Anderson, Sean Sou, DWR

Approve Agenda

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

AYES: Directors Durst, Mathis, Vann, Tadlock and Mensik

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 October 1, 2014 Minutes

Director Vann moved to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2014, meeting, Director Tadlock seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Mathis, Vann, Tadlock and Mensik
NOES: None

Director Bransford arrived at 1:33 p.m.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Approve Treasurer's Report

GCID General Manager Thad Bettner, reviewed the Treasurer's Report, reviewed new invoices and the amount remaining for 2014. He also summarized the DWR grant funding and where those funds were used. Any of the remaining funds will need to be used by the grant's termination date of November 14, 2014.

Director McDaniel arrived at 1:35 p.m.

Director Bransford moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Director McDaniel seconded, and the Treasurer's Report was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Bransford, LaGrande, Vann, McDaniel, Tadlock and Mensik
NOES: None

Approve Payment of Claims

On motion by Director Bransford, and second by Director Tadlock, payment of claims #1083 through #1086 in the amount of Seventeen Thousand, Seventy-Five Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$17,075.86) by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Bransford, Mathis, Vann, McDaniel, Tadlock and Mensik
NOES: None

GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION

Report on General Manger Proposal

The Board discussed the passage of Proposition 1, the Water Bond, and how it would affect the General Manager proposal.

The General Manager discussion was tabled until the December meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Report and Discussion on Federal Affairs Meetings

A meeting was held with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) Deputy Area Manager Federico Barajas and Deputy Regional Director Jason Phillips. Two planning development tracks were discussed: 1) Sites Reservoir would be a locally constructed/owned non-federal project and Sites JPA would be the lead for CEQA process with Reclamation as the federal lead for the permitting process and the EIS, and 2) the traditional USBR feasibility study approach that would include a local Sites JPA alternative.

Committee Reports

Coordinating Committee

The Coordinating Committee has been involved with Reclamation and DWR Director Mark Cowin regarding advancing the Sites Project.

Outreach Committee

Alternate Director Evans reported that he has had contact with some of the landowners who attended the public meetings and they were appreciative of the efforts being made by the local Sites JPA conducting the meetings. It was agreed that it would be beneficial if the Sites JPA was the lead agency throughout the process of building the project.

Outreach to Conservation and Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO)

The NGO committee has met with the National Heritage Institute, The Nature Conservancy, and American Rivers to discuss the configuration of Sites Reservoir, including operations and associated public benefits.

Water Users/Investor Committee

No report.

Meeting Reports

RD 108 General Manager Lewis Bair reported that the Water Education Foundation Northern California water tour was held on October 24, 2014. They toured the Sites area and he, Mary Wells, and Chair Fritz Durst provided the talking points.


OTHER BUSINESS

The next board meeting will be held December 10, 2014, instead of December 3, 2014 due to the conflict with the ACWA Conference. The meeting will be held at the Tehama Colusa Canal Authority.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 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