

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING HELD JANUARY 5, 2004

The special January Joint Board meetings of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (District) and the Lake County Board of Supervisors (Lake) was held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 2004 at the office of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California.

Chairman Rominger convened the District Board meeting with Directors Brice and Eoff present. Director Scheuring arrived later. Director Vink was absent. Mr. Rominger introduced District representatives.

Chair Lewis convened the Lake County Board of Supervisors meeting with Supervisors Brown, Farrington and Smith present. Supervisor Robey was absent. Mr. Lewis introduced Lake representatives.

District Chairman Rominger chaired the meeting. Also in attendance were:

District Staff and Representatives

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager
Paul Bartkiewicz, Legal Counsel
Francis Borcalli, Consulting Engineer

Lake Staff

Bob Lossius, Assistant Public Works Director
Cameron Reeves, Lake County Counsel
Tom Smythe, Water Resources Engineer for Lake County
Georgine Hunt, Lake County Clerk to the Board

Visitors

Linda Fiack, Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department
Jan Lowrey, Cache Creek Conservancy
Chad Roberts, Audubon Society and Tuleyome
Bob Schneider, Cache Creek Wild
Larry Spears, Lake County Record Bee

OPEN FORUM

Jan Lowrey, Cache Creek Conservancy, provided a hand out and encouraged the District and Lake to work with and or partner with the Conservancy to address the invasive species on the Cache Creek watershed.

Chad Roberts, Yolo Audubon Society and Tuleyome, provided a draft "Tuleyome Vision for Cache Creek Basin" to officials.

Linda Fiack, Yolo County Planning and Public Works Department, reported that Yolo County Supervisors Pollock and Thomson represent the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on water issues.

OVERVIEW OF THE DISTRICT

Chairman Rominger explained that this meeting was originally planned as a first meeting of the Lake/YCFCWCD Communications Committee. However, due to the presence of quorums for both the District and Lake it will be run more formally. This Committee is intended to facilitate continued communication and cooperation between the District and Lake, and hopefully, lead to mutually beneficial joint projects. The meeting will provide a briefing on the District, its purpose and activities, to facilitate a working relationship with Lake County, and to provide a brief tour of some of the District's facilities. There is no action planned at this meeting, during the briefing, lunch or tour.

District General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the District's mission, its water management activities and collaborations.

Assistant General Manager Barton reviewed current water conditions at Clear Lake and Indian Valley reservoir and releases as compared to last year. Clear Lake is currently above the fill curve. Current releases from the Cache Creek Dam are being maximized, but are impeded by the Grigsby Riffle.

Attorney Bartkiewicz reviewed the history of the District, its creation, its authorities, its independent yet collaborative relationship with Yolo County, and the development of water rights on the Cache Creek watershed. Mr. Bartkiewicz reviewed a number of collaborative activities between the District and Lake and summarized the various decrees impacting the operation of the Cache Creek Dam.

District Director Scheuring arrived during Mr. Bartkiewicz presentation.

Mr. O'Halloran provided copies of the District's 2002 Water Management Plan to all interested. He then provided an overview of the District's features including budget, physical layout and size, staffing, major facilities and irrigation operations. He further reviewed the impact and importance of agriculture to the Yolo County economy and lifestyle.

Lake Chairman Lewis questioned the District's ability to sell water outside of its boundaries. Attorney Bartkiewicz reviewed the legal authorities, processes and restraints on the District's sale of water outside its boundaries. Linda Fiack reported that Yolo County has an ordinance that is supposed to deter the transfer of surface water that is then replaced by groundwater. Mr. Bartkiewicz reviewed the District and Yolo County's strong support for Yolo County agriculture. Mr. Roberts reported that there is serious discussion regarding significantly increasing the urban development in Yolo County.

Engineer Borcalli reviewed the District's major accomplishments during its tenure, its current activities regarding conjunctive use studies, supplement water supply opportunities, potential environmental enhancements, groundwater quality and quantity monitoring, and desired infrastructure improvements.

Mr. O'Halloran reviewed the District's past conjunctive water use activities and the framework for expanding the District's water management activities. The Plan did not address infrastructure or flood control. The District is anticipating tying together more resource management components into a more comprehensive water management plan. Other activities that the District is working on include the Ag Waiver Discharge, the Cache Creek Watershed Forum, potential for Wild and Scenic legislation, and an Indian Valley Management Plan.

Bob Schneider complemented the District Board on its action to engage the Natural Heritage Institute to look at potential opportunities to modify the District's operations to provide mutual benefits to the environment and the District.

Chairman Rominger adjourned the meeting for lunch. During lunch discussion included the potential to ask the Corps of Engineers to restudy flood control opportunities around Clear Lake, including the potential for upstream storage.

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Chairman Rominger reconvened the meeting. The next meeting for the Lake/YCFCWCD Communication Committee will be set sometime in early March. Lake County will coordinate with Supervisor Robey.

The meeting was continued for a tour of District facilities including the Moore Siphon, the Dunningan Hills Ridge, the Chapman Reservoir and the Capay Rubber Dam.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 4:54 p.m.


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