

MINUTES

Board of Directors
Placer County Water Agency

Thursday, September 2, 2004
3:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wollan called the regular meeting of the Placer County Water Agency to order at 3:02 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Placer County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California. Director of Customer Services led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Directors present: Alex Ferreira, Lowell Jarvis, Pauline Rocucci, and Chair Otis Wollan

Board Directors absent: Mike Lee (arrived 3:24 p.m.)

Agency staff present: DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; JANET GOLDSMITH, General Counsel; CHERI SPRUNCK, Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board; MIKE COOPER, Director of Administrative Services; JOHN KINGSBURY, Director of Customer Services; EINAR MAISCH, Director of Strategic Affairs, BRIAN MARTIN, Director of Technical Services; MIKE NICHOL, Director of Field Services; JOSEPH PARKER, Director of Financial Services.

Introductions and Presentations: General Counsel presented binoculars for the Agency's facilities at Hell Hole Reservoir; Director of Strategic Affairs introduced Tom Johnson who is working on the MFP Relicensing.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS/AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW

Director of Customer Services gave an overview of Proposition 50, discussed a PCWA sponsored September 25 Water Education for Teachers workshop given by the Water Education Foundation at the Placer Nature Center, reported on some educational opportunities at the PCWA Heritage Center in partnership with the University of California Cooperative Extension, and reported on a proposed agreement with the Department of Water Resources to install a weather station at the Heritage Center. Director of Field Services reported on the October 17 – 29 PG&E outage and Zones 1, 2, and 5 water consumption. Handout provided. Director of Strategic Affairs discussed the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's American River Pump Station bids. All bids were rejected, the project will be redesigned to reduce costs, and they are going out for bids in the fall of 2005. Discussion and inquiry followed. Handout provided.

Director Lee arrived at 3:24 p.m.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approval of minutes: August 5, 2004
2. Approval of Warrant Register No. 04-17
3. Approval of budget transfers as recommended by the Director of Financial Services. ***See attached and other non-routine budget transfers that may be included as part of specific items that follow.***
4. Approval of matters related to the Board of Directors as follows:
 - a. Expenses for previous months;
 - b. Anticipated expenses in excess of \$500.00; and
 - c. Anticipated costs of transportation, lodging, and associated fees for travel outside the State of California to be paid by the Agency.
5. Award Power System bid #04-02 for one service truck to the low bidder.
6. Approve Progress Pay Estimate No. One with JMB Construction for the Val Verde/Dick Cook Pipeline Project, Contract #2002-12, in the amount of \$297,599.17.
7. Receive report on review for CEQA for the Channel Hill and Foothill tanks painting, declare the projects categorically exempt from CEQA and authorize the filing of the Notice of Exemption.
8. Adopt Resolution No. 04-26 to initiate proceedings for the annexation of land, Itchy Acres, to PCWA's Zone 1 and setting a public hearing on November 4, 2004, at 3:00 p.m.
9. Adopt Resolution No. 04-27 to initiate proceedings for the annexation of land, Hopkins Ranch, to PCWA's Zone 4 and setting a public hearing on November 18, 2004, at 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Director Ferreira approving Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; motion seconded by Director Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present on roll call.

E. BIDS AND CONTRACTS:

1. Approve the following for the Auburn Bypass Pipeline Phase II Project, Contract #2004-06:
 - a. Award a construction contract to C&D Contractors in the amount of \$999,851.77; and
 - b. Approve an Engineering Services Contract with Blackburn Consulting for materials testing in an amount not to exceed \$27,422.50.
2. Approve Amendment No. Four with Montgomery Watson Harza Americas, Inc., for right-of-way acquisition services for the Val Verde/Dick Cook Pipeline Project, Contract #2002-12, in an amount not to exceed \$14,848.00.
3. Approve an Engineering Services Contract with Hydrosience Engineers, Inc. for the Gold Run Pipe Valve Replacement and Automation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$70,200.00

Motion by Director Lee approving Bids and Contracts items 1, 2, and 3; motion seconded by Director Roccucci and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

F. WATER AVAILABILITY AND REQUESTS FOR NEW WATER SERVICE

1. Consider status on matters affecting water availability and service.
 - a. Approve a fourth supplement to the contract between PCWA and California-American Water Company for additional water connections for the Willow Park Subdivision.

Director of Technical Services reported. Discussion and inquiry followed. The Board carried over item F.1.a. to the September 16, 2004, meeting for an overview of the larger project.

2. Zone 1 water supply information and requests.
 - a. Applications for Water Service – Conditional Raw Water Commitments
 - b. Applications for Water Service – Treated Water Commitments
 - i. Pipeline Extension Agreements (PLX)
 - PLX 2122
 - PLX 2131
 - ii. Other agreements
 - iii. Single Connections (In fill)

Motion by Director Ferreira approving item F.2.-water service applications in the total amount of 83 acre feet; motion seconded by Director Roccucci and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

3. Requests for responses from Agency. Take action as necessary and appropriate on the following that have been requested from the Agency regarding:
 - a. SB 221 (tentative map) – **None at this time**
 - b. SB 610 (environmental process) – **None at this time**
 - c. Other – **None at this time**

G. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Workshop presentation by Brown and Caldwell on progress on Phase 1 of the Integrated Water Resources Plan for western Placer County.

Director of Strategic Affairs reported. Melanie Holton and Paul Selsky of Brown and Caldwell and Kacey Lizon from SACOG gave a Power Point presentation. Handout provided. Discussion and inquiry followed. The General Manager suggested discussion with San Juan Water District for alternative water supplies, master planning with Regional Water Authority and getting possible water equity credit, and coming up with parallel policy issues with other entities on groundwater use. Directors Roccucci and Lee stated that groundwater should only be used after all surface water is used.

At 5:30 p.m. the public comment period was reopened. A representative from Diamond Pacific Corporation addressed item F1 and his company's concern about getting water to their development. The Board express sympathy and assured him that their request for water was next in line but that further discussion with California-American Water Company was needed.

2. Review agenda for joint meeting of the PCWA Board of Directors and the County Board of Supervisors (September 7, 2004, 2:00 p.m., PCWA Business Center) and identify any additional matters for mutual discussion at the meeting.

Director of Strategic Affairs reported. Discussion and inquiry followed. Handout provided.

H. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Director Roccucci reported on her trip to the Northern California Power Agency's meeting.

I. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL: None

J. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER: The General Manager reported on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy bill. PCWA's letter to Assemblymen Laird and Leslie was used on the floor of the Senate. The bill is now before the Governor. He reported that the Sierra Business Council is invited to the Board's East Slope meeting in October. He discussed calendaring and gave an update on the PCWA Heritage Center fencing project, heirloom plants and garden.

K. CLOSED SESSION

At 6:30 p.m. Directors Ferreira, Jarvis, Lee, Roccucci, and Chair Wollan adjourned to closed session to consider the following:

1. **Conferences with legal counsel – existing litigation** – Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code

Name of Cases: (a) F & H Construction, Inc. v. PCWA, et al., Placer County Superior Court Case No. S-CV-17007; and (b) Azteca Construction v. PCWA, Sacramento County Superior Court Case No. 04A500120.

2. **Conference with labor negotiator** – pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code

Agency Negotiators: Mike Cooper and Valerie Lord

Employee Organizations: Water System Unit, Power System unit, Confidential Unit, Mid-Management Unit, Department Head Unit.

3. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** – pursuant to Section 54957 of the Government Code
Position Title: General Manager

L. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: The meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m. No reportable action.

M. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m. to Tuesday, September 7, 2004, 2:00 p.m., at the Placer County Water Agency Business Center.