

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Thursday, October 21, 2004
8:15 Adjourned Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wollan called the adjourned meeting of the Placer County Water Agency to order at 8:25 a.m. in the American River Room of the Placer County Water Agency Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California. Legal Counsel led the pledge of allegiance.

Board Directors present: Alex Ferreira, Lowell Jarvis, Mike Lee, Pauline Roccucci and Chair Wollan

Board Directors absent: None

Agency staff present: DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; JANET GOLDSMITH, General Counsel; CHERI SPRUNCK, Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board; BEVERLY BELL, Administrative Aide; MIKE COOPER, Director of Administrative Services; TONY FIRENZI, Engineer III; JOHN KINGSBURY, Director of Customer Services; BRIAN MARTIN, Director of Technical Services; EINAR MASICH, Director of Strategic Affairs; MIKE NICHOL, Director of Field Services; KEN POWERS, Engineer III; MAL TOY, Director of Resource Development

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS/AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW

Agenda items G1, G2, and G3 were heard first. Consent Calendar item D8 was deferred to the November 4, 2004, Board meeting.

There were no Department Head reports.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approve September 7, 2004, adjourned combined Board of Supervisors and Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors meeting minutes.
2. Receive and file Check Register 04-20 expenditures disbursed.
3. Approve 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. Approve 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. Receive the following reports on review for CEQA, declare the projects categorically exempt from CEQA, and authorize the filing of the Notice of Exemptions:
 - a. Antelope, Newcastle, and Caperton Canals Maintenance and Gunitite Project; and
 - b. Renovation of the Horseshoe Bar Road, Granite Drive and Nary Red Road Pressure Reducing Stations.
6. Approve the following for the Blue Cut Siphon Replacement Project, Contract #2003-07, with TNT Industrial Contractors:
 - a. Receive for filing Change Order No. One in the decreased amount of \$584, approved by the Director of Technical Services pursuant to authority previously granted by the Board of Directors, and
 - b. Progress Pay Estimate No. Six and Final in the amount of \$30,888.63; and
 - c. Authorize the Clerk to the Board to file the Notice of Completion.
7. Approve Progress Pay Estimate No. Two with JMB Construction for the Val Verde/Dick Cook Pipeline Replacement Project, Contract #2002-12, in the amount of \$47,249.58.
8. Adopt Resolution No. 04-_____ to initiate proceedings for the annexation of land, Athens Avenue Gaming Site, to PCWA's Zone 1 and setting a public hearing on January 6, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. **Item pulled from agenda.**
9. Approve Progress Pay Estimate No. Four with Meyer Control Corporation for the SCADA System Upgrade Project, Contract #2003-04, in the amount of \$165,347.34.
10. Approve application to discharge uncollectible accounts in the amount of \$16,284.43.
11. Approve Progress Pay Estimate No. Five with Clayborn Contracting Group for the SCADA Communications System Phase II Project, Contract #2003-03, in the amount of \$23,414.03.
12. Update on American River Pump Station Phase II design and approve out of state travel for Tony Firenzi, Engineer III, for hydraulic modeling at Colorado State University, Colorado.

Motion by Director Ferreira approving Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12; motion seconded by Director Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present on roll call. Item D8 was deferred to November 4, 2004, Board meeting.

E. BIDS AND CONTRACTS:

1. Approve Contract Change Order No. One with Meyer Control Corporation for the SCADA System Upgrade Project, Contract No. 2003-04, in the increased amount of \$35,135.
2. Approve a Consulting Services Contract with Black & Veatch for preliminary design services for the Foothill WTP Phase II Project in an amount not to exceed \$886,117.
3. Approve the following for the Fulweiler Avenue Waterline Phase 1B Project, Contract #2004-07;
 - a. Award a construction contract to the apparent low bidder, Gabe Mendez, Inc., in the amount of \$177,450; and
 - b. Consulting Services Contract with Blackburn Consulting for soils and materials testing in an amount not to exceed \$17,622.50.
4. Approve Amendment No. One with Blackburn Consulting for additional soils testing for the Blue Cut Siphon Replacement Project, Contract #2003-07, in an amount not to exceed \$5,500.
5. Approve Amendment No. One with Electrical and Control System Engineering for construction support and design modifications for the 2004 Telemetry System Improvements Project in an amount not to exceed \$60,700.
6. Approve Regional Water Authority Agreement for Agency participation in the 2003 Large Landscape Irrigation Incentive Program.
7. Approve Regional Water Authority Agreement for PCWA participation in "Rinse and Save Project" in 2004/2005.
8. Approve use of Placer County's Contract for Uniform Rental and Laundry Services, Bid No. 9273 with Aramark Uniform Services.

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

F. WATER AVAILABILITY AND REQUESTS FOR NEW WATER SERVICE

1. Consider status on matters affecting water availability and service.
 - a. Consider reconciliation of 2004 Zone 5 water deliveries and declare additional allotment of 367 acre feet.

Director of Customer Services gave a recap of the Zone 5 irrigation season. He clarified the correct amount of additional allotment of water for Zone 5 water deliveries is 392.3 AF not 367 AF. Director Rocucci made a motion to approve the Zone 5 request for an additional allotment of 392.3 acre feet of water; motion seconded by Director Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

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)
 - 2130
 - 2132
 - ii. Other agreements
 - iii. Single Connections (In fill)

Director of Technical Services reported. Director of Customer Services and Director of Resource Development responded to inquiries about backup water and supply to Lincoln for their new school. Application for PLX 2130 was continued to the November 4 Board agenda. Motion by Director Lee approving water service application PLX 2132 in the total amount of 17 acre feet; motion seconded by Director Rocucci and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

- 3. Requests for responses from Agency.
 - 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. Presentation by staff on the design and architectural renderings of the Auburn Tunnel Pump Station Expansion project.

Director of Technical Services reported that the architect has designed the facility to make it blend in with the other architecture in the Newcastle area. Consultant Ron Lichau showed renderings of the proposed design. Handout provided. Inquiry and response followed. No Board action taken.

- 2. Report on East Loomis Basin Canal Water Efficiency Study.

Director of Technical Services reported on the WRDA grant for water efficiency programs. Staff Engineer III Powers reported on the East Loomis Basin Canal. He introduced Core of Engineer project consultants Mary M. Paasch and Jamil S. Ibrahim. He also introduced Kathleen Russeth who is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the project. Inquiry and response followed. Handout provided. No Board action was taken.

- 3. Discussion on changes being proposed to water flows on the lower American River and for water storage purposes for Folsom Reservoir.

General Manager briefly reported on water flows on the lower American River and the Water Forum Agreement. He introduced Water Forum Executive Director Leo Winternitz and Regional Water Authority General Manager Ed Winkler. Mr. Winternitz and Mr. Winkler spoke about the Water Forum Agreement and Regional Water Authorities' effort to fulfill the agreement. Handouts provided. Mr. Winternitz reported

that the Forum identified a new Lower American River Flow Management Standard as an essential step to achieve the goal to provide a reliable and safe water supply for the Sacramento region's future economic health and planned development and to preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational and aesthetic values of the lower American River. Discussion, inquiry and response followed. No Board action taken.

4. Regarding the Sacramento River Water Reliability Study:
 - a. Approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$900,000 from the Water Connection Charge fund to the Sacramento River Water Reliability Study Project; and,
 - b. Authorize payment of \$1,000,000 to the US Bureau of Reclamation for fund project activities.

Director of Strategic Affairs reported. He stated that there will be a 58% reimbursement to PCWA. Director Ferreira made a motion to approve the \$900,000 budget transfer and authorize payment of \$1,000,000 to the US Bureau of Reclamation to fund project activities; motion seconded by Director Rocucci and adopted by all directors present.

5. Discussion on budget and fiscal matters.

General Manager reported on the Agency's revenue loss due to the State shifting property taxes. He also discussed the proposed combined Agency budget. Handouts provided. Squaw Valley Public Service District General Manager Rick Lierman commented on the loss of property taxes to his district and the impacts.

H. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Director Rocucci reported on Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She also expressed concern for people going through prostate cancer and handed out "Live Strong" bracelets in support of those people.

I. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL: None

J. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager gave a report about the City of Roseville's new wastewater treatment plant, Lincoln's new wastewater treatment plant, the October 28 City County meeting, and the upcoming two day Forest Service symposium. He also noted that the NID/PCWA Water Planning Committee meeting was cancelled.

K. CLOSED SESSION:

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.

There being nothing to consider on closed session, the Board did not adjourn to closed session.

L. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: None

10:10 a.m. Adjourned to drive to East Placer County

11:45 a.m. Meeting reconvened at Northstar Community Services District, 908 Northstar Drive, Truckee, California, to resume PCWA Board of Directors meeting at the Northstar Community Services District Board of Directors Meeting Room.

M. GENERAL ITEMS:

1. Greetings from Northstar Community Services District representative.

No presentation.

2. Consider alternative project for the Talmont Resort Improvement District Financial Assistance Program Grant.

Director of Resource Development discussed Talmont Resort Improvement District's alternative project which involved well improvements. Motion by Director Jarvis to approve staff recommendation to reassign \$25,000 Talmont Resort Improvement District pump station grant to their well improvement project; motion seconded by Director Roccucci and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

3. Receive presentations.
 - a. Scott Finley: Update on LAFCo East Placer Municipal Service Review

Mr. Finley discussed the tax money LAFCo takes from Special Districts. He explained Municipal Service Review (MSR) process and that an MSR must be performed before the district's sphere of influence can be amended or updated. Discussion followed including an update by Director of Technical Services on his meeting with a group in Applegate seeking an improvement district.

- b. Steve Rogers: Update on North Tahoe Public Utility District issues

Mr. Rogers introduced himself as the new General Manager for the North Tahoe Public Utility District. He discussed King's Beach aging infrastructure and gave an update on longstanding projects of the district.

- c. Rick Lierman: Update on Squaw Valley Public Service District issues

Mr. Lierman gave an update on Squaw Valley Public Service District's water production, public education process, monthly water audits, rate structure and new pending facility.

- d. Update from Agency staff on water resource matters in Eastern Placer County:
 - Brian Martin: Zone 4 infrastructure issues

Director of Technical Services discussed the domestic water well and raw water well that serves Lahontan. He talked about the future developments—about 700 services for Siller Ranch, 60 to 70 residential units for Hopkins Ranch, and 575 units for the Englewood. He reported we are working on one system for all new development rather than many small systems. Discussion, inquiry, and response followed.

- Mal Toy: Review of Truckee River Operating agreement draft EIR/EIS

Director of Resource Development reported on the second draft of the Truckee River Operating agreement EIR/EIS.

N. REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

Director Jarvis reported on his tour of the East Loomis Basin canals related to a water efficiency improvement project. Director Rocucci attended the WRDA bill signing for San Juan, EID, US Army Corp of Engineers, Congressman Doolittle, and the Regional Water Authority. She met the new US Army Corp of Engineer Colonel Ronald Light. She also reported on the Pleasant Grove wastewater treatment plant dedication. Chair Wollan attend the Sierra Fund Retreat and discussed Sierra Conservancy issues.

O. ADJOURNMENT: Thursday, October 21, 2004, 1:50 p.m., at Northstar Community Services District, 908 Northstar Drive, Truckee, California.

ATTEST:

Cheri Sprunck, Clerk to the Board