

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Tuesday, January 4, 2005  
3:00 p.m., Adjourned Meeting

### A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rocucci called the adjourned meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors to order at 3:03 p.m. in the American River Room, Placer County Water Agency Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California. Director Jarvis led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Rocucci called for a moment of silence in memory of the late Congressman Matsui.

Board Directors present: Alex Ferreira, Lowell Jarvis, Mike Lee, Otis Wollan, Chair Rocucci  
Board Directors absent: None  
Agency Personnel Present: DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; ED TIEDEMANN, General Counsel, CHERI SPRUNCK, Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board; RICKY ALLAN, Deputy Director of Field Services; MIKE COOPER, Director of Administrative Services; JOHN KINGSBURY, Director of Customer Services; BRIAN MARTIN, Director of Technical Services; EINAR MASICH, Director of Strategic Affairs; MIKE NICHOL, Director of Field Services; JOSEPH PARKER, Director of Financial Services; KEN POWERS, Engineer III; BRENT SMITH, Senior Engineer; MAL TOY, Director of Resource Development; HEATHER TREJOS, Environmental Specialist

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS: None

D. AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW: None

### E. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Receive and consider staff report on Loomis Basin Canal Efficiency Study.

Director of Strategic Affairs highlighted the goals and objectives of the Loomis Basin Canal Efficiency Study. He showed a PowerPoint presentation which discussed the purpose of the study; the study area; the planning process; issues and opportunities; retaining Agency water rights; efforts to characterize existing/baseline conditions;

potential components of alternatives; alternatives formulation, evaluation and comparison; key environmental considerations, and opportunities for community involvement. (Handout provided.) Engineer III reported on the study timeline. Discussion, inquiry and response followed. Public comment received from Stewart Feldman and Cathy Russeth. No Board action taken.

2. Receive and consider staff report on Middle Fork Project Relicensing Project including related water rights protection efforts, potential costs between now and 2013, and financing.

Director of Resource Development gave a status report on the Middle Fork Project Relicensing process. He discussed how water rights are woven into the relicensing project. He discussed cost extensions, FERC Relicensing process, application timelines, the pre-application document requirements, and the project functions: power, water supply, and recreation. Director of Strategic Affairs discussed the extension of water rights, the estimated costs, finance options, PCWA/NID relicensing, and renegotiating the Yuba/Bear River supplies contract with PG&E. Discussion, inquiry and response followed. Public comment received from Stewart Feldman. Motion by Director Lee to pursue all revenue resources listed; motion seconded by Director Wollan and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

3. Discuss Agency options on proposed State imposed water user/supplier fees to fund Delta improvement package.

Director of Strategic Affairs gave an overview on the Bay-Delta Authority Finance Plan. Discussion followed. No Board action taken.

4. Discuss Agency's options and position on El Dorado Irrigation District's request for assistance in legal action to defeat an attempt to condition their water rights with a Term 91 condition. Take action as necessary and appropriate.

Director of Strategic Affairs reported on El Dorado Irrigation District's request for assistance in a legal action. General Counsel reported further and recommended the Board take no action at the present time. No Board action taken.

5. Begin discussion on possible strategic Board issues and topics for 2005 and beyond. Continue matter to regular Board meeting on January 6, and 20, 2005, and Board workshop on January 31, 2005.

Consultant Steve Barber spoke about a potential strategic plan and facilitated identifying potential topics. Board member suggestions included Legacy; Yuba/Drum/Spaulding; FERC; unified raw water system; NID/PCWA/PG&E Relicensing; post FERC Relicense—vision; agriculture in Placer County/open space/Placer Legacy; bigger picture of Placer County—canal culture, canal efficiency; City of Lincoln proposed general plan;

groundwater; City/County water resources; business motto for Sacramento River and who pays for what; and the integrated resource plan for Western Placer County.

F. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS: Director Jarvis ruminated on meeting with Congressman Matsui; Director Ferreira commented on a letter from constituent Dale Smith; Chair Roccucci reminisced about Congressman Matsui.

G. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL: None

H. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER: General Manager noted a report will be coming about Agency issues achieved in 2004. He discussed *2005 Designated Representative from the Board of Director's* list. He brought to the attention of the Board the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Agency Board of Directors becoming independent from the Placer County Board of Supervisors and suggested an item be on a January 2005 Board agenda noting the anniversary.

I. CLOSED SESSION

With all members present as heretofore designated, the meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:31 p.m. 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.

J. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: None

K. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:54 p.m. Director Ferreira made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Director Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

ATTEST:

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Cheri Sprunck, Clerk to the Board  
Placer County Water Agency