

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Thursday, April 28, 2005
2:00 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 2:04 p.m. in the American River Room, Placer County Water Agency Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California. Director Ferreira led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Directors present:	ALEX FERREIRA, LOWELL JARVIS, MIKE LEE, OTIS WOLLAN, CHAIR PAULINE ROCCUCCI
Board Directors absent:	None
Agency Personnel Present:	DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; CHERI SPRUNCK, Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board; RICKY ALLAN, Deputy Director of Field Services; JAMIE BULAND, Canal Operator II; 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; BRENT SMITH, Senior Engineer; MAL TOY, Director of Resource Development

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Director of Financial Services gave a status report on the Certificates of Participation refinancing effort.

Director of Strategic Affairs gave an update on the American River Pump Station project, Phase 1 construction, Phase 2 design, and contributed funds agreement. He discussed Zones 1 & 5 water use by year. He discussed treated water demands, overall increase in water use, commitment vs. availability and supply vs. demand, and the purpose of East Loomis Basin Canal Study. Director of Technical Services reported on status of uncommitted water, committed water, actual water use and water efficiency efforts. Four handouts provided.

D. AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW: There were no agenda changes.

E. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS:

1. Approve Amendment No. Five to the Consulting Services Contract with ENTRIX, for water temperature study work that is currently estimated to be \$220,722, subject to the review by the General Manager and Legal Counsel.

The Director of Resource Development discussed the need for ENTRIX, the prime MFP relicensing technical services consultant, and its sub consultant, Surface Water Resources Inc (SWRI), to implement the MFP relicensing temperature monitoring program. He noted that the magnitude of the program was beyond the capabilities of Agency staff. He said the option for hiring additional help remains open as a means of reducing program costs. SWRI has been involved in the development of this program and has the relevant expertise acceptable to the resource agencies.

Samuel Bowman addressed the Board concerning this contract. Mr. Bowman said he was approached by consultants of the Agency on his interest to provide support to this program and that he had submitted his qualifications and a cost to the Agency consultants. He claimed that the Agency has not followed up to notify or hire him. Mr. Bowman remarked that he is more qualified than SWRI and as a semi-retired software engineer was not concerned about the money. Discussion followed. Mr. Bowman then stated he was present as a ratepayer and asked what the Agency has in writing for the contract process and what was the process used to select ENTRIX/SWRI. The Director of Administrative Services responded. Discussion followed.

Motion by Director Lee approving Amendment No. Five to the Consulting Services Contract with ENTRIX, for water temperature study work; motion seconded by Director Ferreira and approved by unanimous vote of directors present.

F. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Update on the Regional Collaborative Effort to submit a Proposition 50 Grant—IRWMP—Consumnes, American, Bear, Yuba River Watersheds.

Director of Resource Development reported that NID has come on board the grant launch team. The team also includes El Dorado Irrigation District and Georgetown Divide Public Utility District. Others may be joining. The content of the proposal is being worked on. The target is a \$500,000 grant application. He discussed regional collaboration. The Agency is applying for a planning grant rather than an implementation grant. Inquiry and response followed.

G. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Chair Roccucci reported that the May 3 Water Resources and Energy Committee meeting is cancelled.

H. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL: None

I. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER:

General Manager reported that CALFED participants are beginning to inquire who the beneficiaries are and how they benefit from the program. Handout provided.

J. CLOSED SESSION: There was no closed session.

K. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: n/a

L. AGENCY CANAL TOUR

1. Driving tour of select locations of the Agency's canal system to commence at the conclusion of the business meeting.

At 3:23 p.m. the Board meeting temporarily recessed to travel to select locations of the Agency's canal system. The group stopped at the head of the Perry Diversion off the Boardman Canal where the Director of Field Services discussed canal chart recording and how data is acquired. The tour next stopped at the berm of Mammoth Reservoir where monitoring of water flows into and out of the reservoir were discussed to get a better idea of how Mammoth is used so the Agency can better control it to meet the needs of customers downstream. The tour proceeded to the Hanson Spill off the Boardman Canal where spill water from a planned discharged point is used for a strawberry farm and other agriculture. The tour proceeded to the end of Stallman Canal where telemetry and a spill were observed. At 5:00 p.m. Chair Roccucci left. The last stop on the tour was at the Laird Pump where water is recaptured back into the Boardman. Discussion followed about piping the system so that the need to pump could be eliminated. Four handouts provided.

M. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cheri Sprunck, Clerk to the Board
Placer County Water Agency