

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Thursday, August 4, 2005
3:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ferreira called the regular meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors to order at 3:03 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Placer County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California. Michael Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Directors present: VICE-CHAIR ALEX FERREIRA, LOWELL JARVIS,
MIKE LEE, OTIS WOLLAN

Board Directors absent: CHAIR PAULINE ROCCUCCI

Agency Personnel Present: DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; JANET GOLDSMITH, General Counsel, CHERI SPRUNCK, Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board; NEIL BARTLETT, Systems Administrator; LACEY BURGE, Personnel Assistant; MIKE COOPER, Director of Administrative Services; DONNA CROWLEY, Data Systems Operator; TONY FIRENZI, Engineer III; DARCY GRANIERI, Typist Clerk II; BRYAN HEATH, Information Systems Analyst; CHARLOTTE JUAREZ, Payroll/Data Technician; JOHN KINGSBURY, Director of Customer Services; BRENDA LINDLEY, Typist Clerk II; VALERIE LORD, Deputy Director of Administrative Services; BRIAN MARTIN, Director of Technical Services; BRYANT NEWCOMB, Risk/Safety Administrator; MIKE NICHOL, Director of Field Services; JOSEPH PARKER, Director of Financial Services; ALEC STIER, Control System Technician; MAL TOY, Director of Resource Development; CAROL WOOLDRIDGE, Typist Clerk II; RAFAEL YAPDIANCGO, SCADA Coordinator

Vice-Chair Ferreira called for a moment of silence in memory of the Agency's first General Manager, John Bernard.

General Manager recognized Mike Cooper, Director of Administrative Services for his 14 years service to the Agency and 32 years of public administration service. The Deputy Director of Administrative Services gave an overview of Mr. Cooper's public administrative service. Vice-Chair and General Manager presented Mr. Cooper with a plaque and commemorative paperweight. Mr. Cooper thanked and complimented his staff and complimented the Board of Directors and General Manager on being farsighted, flexible, and principled. He thanked the Agency's law firm for their assistance and great legal advice during his tenure. Directors Ferreira, Jarvis, Lee, and Wollan commended Mr. Cooper wished him luck.

The General Manager brought to the attention of the Board and public a memo prepared by the retiring Director of Administrative Services appointing Valerie Lord as Acting Director of Administrative Services.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Director of Technical Services said a facility agreement with Loomis School District dealing with an issue in their parking lot will be on the next Board agenda. They need to complete the work done before school starts on August 15.

Director of Financial Services reported on a slight change in the Treasurers Investment Report. A Trustee Statement was accidentally included the Report which was included in the agenda packet. A revised report was handed out. He also reported on the need for money for an emergency purchase in excess of \$5,000 for guniting because the Agency's contract lapsed in June. The contract is out to bid and he expects to bring the new contract to the Board on August 18. Discussion followed regarding the policy for emergency purchases.

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

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approve July 7, 2005, minutes.
2. Receive and file Check Register 05-15 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;
 - 1) **None at this time.**
 - c. Anticipated costs of transportation, lodging, and associated fees for travel outside the State of California to be paid by the Agency.
 - 1) **None at this time.**
5. Approve General Manager's expense reimbursement claim summaries.
6. Receive Report on Review for CEQA for the Gold Run Pipe Valve Replacement and Automation, declare the project categorically exempt from CEQA and authorize the filing of the Notice of Exemption.
7. Approve out-of-state/out-of-country travel to Santa Clara, Mexico, for two Agency staff members to participate in the American River Pump Station Project factory testing.
8. Receive and file Treasurer's Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2005.
9. Approve adjusting salaries of the following classes to ensure market competitiveness for recruitment and retention purposes: Deputy Director of Technical Services from range 46.5 to range 47.5; Property Specialist from range 40.0 to range 41.0; Deputy Director of Field Services from range 43.0 to range 44.0; Deputy Director of Customer Services from range 42.0 to range 43.0.

The Board received the revised Treasurer's Investment Report for item 9. Motion by Director Lee approving Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; motion seconded by Director Jarvis and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

F. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS:

1. Approve Amendment No. 1 to Project Agreement, Regional Water Master Plan and Operational System Program authorizing development of a Proposition 50 planning grant in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
2. Approve the continued participation with Regional Water Authority and authorize payment of Core program fees not to exceed \$34,009.00.
3. Approve an Engineering Services Contract with HydroScience Engineers, Inc., for the preparation of a pre-design report for the Gold Run Pipe Relocation, in an amount not to exceed \$134,000.00.
4. Award a construction contract with Clayborn Contracting Group, Inc., for the Bowman Water Treatment Plant Filter Gallery Enclosure, Contract #2005-03, in an amount not to exceed \$594,920.00.
5. Reject bid for the Bowman Water Treatment Plant Backwash Storage Tank and Alta Water Treatment Plant Storage Tank, Contract #2005-04, and direct staff to solicit bids for the project in the fall.
6. Approve the following for the Auburn Bypass Pipeline, Phase 2, Contract #2004-06, with C&D Contractors, Inc.:
 - a. Contract Change Order No. Five for an increase in contract time of 163 calendar days and no change in contract amount, approved by the Director of Technical Services pursuant to authority previously granted by the Board of Directors;
 - b. Progress Pay Estimate No. Five and Final in the amount of \$7,191.63;
 - c. Authorize the Clerk to file a Notice of Completion with Placer County.

Motion by Director Wollan approving Bids and Contracts items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; motion seconded by Director Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

G. WATER AVAILABILITY AND REQUESTS FOR NEW WATER SERVICE

1. Zone 1 water service;
 - a. Treated Water
 - 1) Facilities Agreements (FA) - 3 agreements for 21 total acre feet for 32 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs)
 - PLX 2131, Adjusted Amendment No. One-Rocklin 94 Multi-Family
 - FA 2181 – Canyon Rim Estates
 - FA 2225 – Indian Hill Office Park
 - 2) Single Connections (In fill): 1 (0.7) total acre foot for 1 EDU
 - b. Raw Water: None at this time.

Director of Technical Services reported on applications for 21 acre feet of treated water for Facilities Agreements and 1 acre foot of treated water for a single connection (in fill), for a total net increase of 22 acre feet. Motion by Director Lee approving water service applications in the total amount of 22 acre feet; motion seconded by Director Jarvis and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

c. Status report on the American River Pump Station Project.

Engineer III reported the columns are being formed and the next step will be installation of concrete blocks for the walls. Agency staff is going to Mexico to test the pumps and it is anticipated that they will be shipped late this fall. Regarding Phase 2, Agency staff was in Colorado the week of July 12 and revised design documents for the intake structure. The final documents will go to the Bureau of Reclamation tomorrow. He also noted more of the coffer dam will be removed in Phase 2 to avoid severe erosion and deposition over the intake.

2. Requests for response from Agency on water availability.
 - a. SB 221 (tentative map) – **None at this time.**
 - b. SB 610 (environmental process) – **None at this time.**
 - c. All other requests - **None at this time.**

H. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Informational report on the PG&E/CPUC Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council.

General Manager reported on the July 27 & 28 Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council Board meeting and Yuba-Bear Rivers' watershed field trip that he and Director Wollan attended. PG&E did an assessment of 140,000 acres of non-hydro project land. PG&E was required to develop a plan over a two-year period of time of what the disposition of those lands should be. At the function he reported on the 150 years of water supply deliveries from the Yuba River system that have been put to beneficial use in Placer County, the importance of sustaining that water availability to the Agency and NID within Placer County for agriculture, farms, municipal and industrial uses, ecosystem and environment. He pointed out that in some ways it is like looking at an integrated water resource supply project that is intertwined through the Yuba System into Placer County. He brought to their attention the historical 165 miles of ditch system that still moves water to farmers, sustains ecosystem and development in Placer County. The Agency has been long involved in the Public Utilities Commission and a stipulation was developed September 25, 2003, that created the Land Conservation Stewardship Council. An integral part of the stipulation was Appendix E relevant to the land conservation commitment. Within Appendix E commitments are to be made relative to the disposition of the lands and also that conservation easements and watershed lands will include an express reservation for rights or continued operation of easements of hydroelectric facilities and associated water delivery facilities, including project replacements and improvements required to meet existing and future water supply requirements for power generation consumptive use by existing users. He told them the four principle interests relative to the Agency: protection of 125,400 acre feet of water annually from the Yuba/Bear Rivers watershed, protect integrity of the watershed and supply to enhance water system reliability, acquire or protect lands next to the PG&E water storage facilities that assure water to the Agency, and assurance of continued good watershed stewardship of lands currently owned by PG&E on the Yuba and North Forks of the American Rivers if those change hands. Director Wollan said the Agency was interested in the protection of those lands. He noted that normally stewardship of land and watersheds are handled together with relicensing or water rights hearing, but

these PG&E lands are being processed separately as a result of the bankruptcy proceedings. He expressed concern about potential catastrophes that could happen to 23 miles of canals on the So. Fork of the American River where fires have resulted in major landslides. Discussion followed.

I. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Director Wollan attended the Sierra Nevada Alliance Conference.

J. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL: No report received.

K. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager relayed Chair Roccucci's regrets that she could not attend the meeting, but she will be at the next meeting.

The location and time for the September 15 meeting was discussed. The meeting will begin in the morning, starting at the Agency Business Center then adjourning to the Squaw Valley Service District.

General Manager and Chair Roccucci attended the July 26 Board of Supervisors' Squaw Valley meeting where there was discussion regarding issue of voting on west Placer 1,100 acres – whether it is a private university or not.

He handed out the Agency's response to the *Little Hoover Commission's Questionnaire Concerning CALFED Bay-Delta Authority Governance*. There will be hearings on August 25 and September 22 on the matter. General Counsel summarized the Agency's response.

L. CLOSED SESSION: There was no closed session.

M. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cheri Sprunck, Clerk to the Board
Placer County Water Agency