

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Thursday, April 6, 2006
2:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

Board Directors present: CHAIR ALEX FERREIRA, LOWELL JARVIS, MIKE LEE, OTIS WOLLAN, PAULINE ROCCUCCI

Board Directors absent: NONE

Agency Personnel Present: VALERIE LORD, Assistant General Manager and Director of Administrative Services; ED TIEDEMANN, General Counsel, CHERI SPRUNCK, Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board; JOHN KINGSBURY, Director of Customer Services; BRIAN MARTIN, Director of Technical Services; EINAR MAISCH, Director of Strategic Affairs; MIKE NICHOL, Director of Field Services; JOSEPH PARKER, Director of Financial Services

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ferreira called the regular meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors to order at 2:01 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Placer County Administrative Center, 175 Fulweiler Avenue, Auburn, California. Valerie Lord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: No member of the public commented.

C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Director of Field Services reported the Gold Run pipe had multiple leaks at Magra Road and alongside the railroad tracks. The leaks are in both Techite and steel pipes. Some repairs have been made. Further repairs were put off until the scheduled outage is done. The Agency is working on a program to replace the Gold Run and Secret Town pipes.

He also reported on a landslide into the Boardman canal outside of Colfax. Water backed up and damaged the flume that was in need of repair.

Director of Strategic Affairs reported there was a slide on Mosquito Ridge Road. Power System employees will be issued keys to the Forest Service gate so they can get in to work.

Director of Financial Affairs reported on the Middle Fork Project Relicensing. They are adopting an expanded budget through 2006 and using Authority funds to reimburse the Agency.

D. AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW

Item F3 was pulled.

It was noted the wording in item E10 should have stated "including tax" instead of "plus tax."

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approve February 23, 2006, minutes.
2. Receive and file Check Register 06-06 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; **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; **none at this time.**
5. Approve General Manager's expense reimbursement claim summary.
6. Approve out-of-state travel for expenses for Deputy Director of Financial Services, Systems Administrator, Administrative Specialist, Data Systems Operator, Payroll Technician, Accountant, and Accounting Technician to attend the H.T.E. Annual International HUG Conference, June 5 – 9, 2006, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
7. Approve Right of Way and Easement Agreement and payment to Pamela and David Poore for the Foothill Raw Water Supply Pipeline project in an amount not to exceed \$3,800.00.
8. Receive Report on Review for CEQA for April 2006 Canal Guniting and Maintenance Projects, declare the project categorically exempt from CEQA and authorize the filing of the Notice of Exemption.
9. Receive Report on Review for CEQA for four Power System projects, declare the projects categorically exempt from CEQA, and authorize filing of the Notice of Exemptions for: 1) Duncan Creek Crossing Replacement and Sediment Removal, 2) Improvement of Measurement Section at Duncan Creek Flow Gauging Station R2, 3) LL Anderson Dam Spillway Bench Repairs and Geotechnical Borings, and 4) Removal of Sediment from North and South Fork Long Canyon Diversions.
10. Approve purchase of Bandit Drum Chipper, Model 1590 from Cal-Line Equipment, Inc., for the price of \$36,999.11 ~~plus~~ including tax.

Motion by Director Roccucci approving Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 with the modification to wording in item 10 from "plus" to "including"; motion seconded by Director Wollan and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

F. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS:

1. Approve Power System Contract #06-01 with Sanders and Associates Geostructural Engineering, Inc. (SAGE) for professional services to design a replacement crossing at Duncan Creek, to replace the large culvert crossing destroyed by the storm flows of January 1, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$91,000.00.
2. Approve Consulting Services Contract with Jones & Stokes to complete the environmental documentation for the Rock Springs Pipeline Project in an amount not to exceed \$18,972.00.
3. ~~Approve Change Order No. Seven with Con J. Franke Electric, Inc. for the Electrical Punch List Work for the Foothill WTP 28-MGD Expansion Project, Contract #2005-02, in the increased amount of \$50,000.00.~~
4. Approve Change Order No. Seven with Pacific Mechanical Corporation for the General Punch List Work for the Foothill WTP 28-MGD Expansion Project, Contract #2005-06, in the increased amount of \$190,000.00.
5. Approve Change Order No. Four with Auburn Constructors, Inc. for the Auburn Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project, Contract #2003-06, in the increased amount of \$81,905.22.
6. Approve Task Order No. 2006-03 with Peterson, Brustad, and Pivetti, Inc. for Construction Management Services for the Alta Water Treatment Plant Storage Tank and Bowman Water Treatment Plant Redundant Backwash Tank Project, Contract #2005-04, in an amount not to exceed \$76,130.00.
7. Approve Construction Management Contract with Watkins Consulting Engineers for Construction Management Services for the PCWA Business Center 2nd Floor Improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$16,560.00.
8. Approve Amendment No. Four with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) for Consulting Services Contract for the Ophir Road/Taylor Road Treated Water Pipeline Project and Ophir WTP, in an amount not to exceed \$45,312.00.
9. Approve Amendment No. One with Andregg Geomatics for Consulting Services Contract for Ophir Road/Taylor Road Treated Water Pipeline Project and Ophir WTP Project, in an amount not to exceed \$127,379.00.
10. Approve Amendment No. Three with CH2M Hill, Inc. for Consulting Services for Ophir Road/Taylor Road Pipeline Project Design, in an amount not to exceed \$204,931.56.
11. Approve the following with Clyde G. Steagall, Inc. for the Gold Run Pipe Valve Replacement and Automation project, Contract #2005-05:
 1. Progress Pay Estimate No. Two in the amount of \$111,512.88.
 2. Change Order No. One to increase the Contract duration by 28 days.
12. Approve Change Order No. 1 for Target Specialty Products and Wilbur-Ellis, extending their contract period of one year on Contract #P-05-01, Purchase of Pesticides.
13. Approve the First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding for Consulting Services regarding the cost share of a contract with Brown & Caldwell for services necessary to implement the Regional Conservation Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$4,054.00.

A handout was provided by the Director of Strategic Affairs for item F13. Motion by Director Wollan approving Agreements and Contracts items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13; motion seconded by Director Jarvis and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

G. WATER AVAILABILITY AND WATER SUPPLY

1. Zone 1 water service:
 - a. Treated Water
 - 1) Ten Facilities Agreements (FA) for a total of 78.1 acre feet or 119.4 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs)
 - FA 2116- Blue Oaks Town Center, Rocklin
 - FA 2173- Whitney Ranch Unit 12, Rocklin
 - FA 2221- Placer Corporate Center Lots 15 & 16, Placer County
 - FA 2229- Augustine Place, Rocklin
 - FA 2246- Bowman School Classroom Addition, Bowman
 - FA 2249- Blue Oaks Plaza, Rocklin
 - FA 2258- Offices at Sunset, Rocklin
 - FA 2268- Crossroads Shopping Center, Auburn
 - FA 2286- Lone Tree Pad Improvements, Rocklin
 - FA 2295- BRCO Office Addition, Loomis
 - 2) Single Connections (In fill): 2 for a total of 1.3 acre feet or 2 EDUs
 - b. Raw Water: Two applications for service for a total of 9.1 acre feet or 13.9 EDUs

Director of Technical Services reported on applications for 78.1 acre feet of treated water for Facilities Agreements, 1.3 acre feet of treated water for single connections (in fill), and 9.1 acre feet of raw water for a total net increase of 88.5 acre feet. Motion by Director Lee approving water service applications in the total amount of 88.5 acre feet; motion seconded by Director Wollan and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

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 or information
3. Reports on water resource systems and issues important to the Agency:
 - a. Yuba/Bear River
 - b. American River
 - c. Truckee River/Lake Tahoe
 - d. Sacramento River/Delta
 - e. Groundwater
 - f. Water use efficiency and conservation practices
 - g. American River Pump Station funding and project construction update

Director of Technical Services reported Phase 1 of the American River Pump Station should be done in June. The Phase 2 bid date was extended to April 15, 2006, by the Bureau of Reclamation because they had to resurvey the area after the coffer dam washed out.

He reported the Bureau of Reclamation has purchased new pipe to replace the pipe that was washed out in the flood. The Bureau is in negotiations with a contract to put the pipe in. They will also have to build a 25' road so that they can install the pipe. The temporary pipe is scheduled to be put in the beginning of June. Discussion followed.

H. MIDDLE FORK AMERICAN RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, (FERC PROJECT 2079), RELICENSING PROGRAM

1. Report on integrated licensing process and schedule.
2. Report on budget, budget transfers, agreements, and amendments.
3. Report on MFP Financing Authority.

No reports received.

I. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Consider declaring up to 15,000 acre feet of water be available for Zone 5 customers for the 2006 irrigation season before losses, with the intent that up to 12,145 acre-feet be available for Zone 5 customers after water losses through the existing conveyance system. The difference between the recommended amounts and the amount requested by our Zone 5 customers would allow staff to allocate an additional 690 AF without additional Board action.

Director of Field Services reported on the annual Zone 5 customer requests for irrigation water. He noted the continual rain may change how much the customers want. He noted the amount purchased last year and the supply projections for the coming year. Discussion followed.

Motion by Director Wollan approving up to 15,000 acre-feet of water be available for Zone 5 customers for the 2006 irrigation season before losses; seconded by Director Jarvis and adopted by unanimous approve of directors present.

2. Consider amendments to Regional Water Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

Director Roccucci explained how the voting is currently handled by the Regional Water Authority and the proposed changes. Discussion followed. Motion by Director Lee approving the proposed amendment to the Regional Water Authority Joint Exercise of Powers agreement; motion seconded by Director Wollan and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

3. Consider nominating PCWA Board member as Special District Representative to Placer Local Agency Formation Commission for a four-year term beginning May 2006.

Assistant General Manager introduced the item. Discussion followed. Motion by Director Wollan approving submittal of Director Pauline Roccucci's name to LAFCo for the open regular Special District representative on Placer LAFCo; motion seconded by Director Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

J. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Director Wollan reported on the Consumnes/American/Bear/Yuba (CABY) planning committee meeting. The group is working on goals and objectives for a charter.

Director Roccucci noted she has spoken to several groups in the last couple of weeks and noted the biggest concerns of people close to western Placer County are water, traffic, and transportation.

K. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel reported on a two-year proceeding before the California Public Utilities Commission to determine what investor owned utilities have to pay for power from qualified facilities (Hell Hole). The Agency's 5-year contract with PG&E expires in June. The Agency will need to enter into a new contract. He named the two choices the Agency has for the contract (fixed price or gambling with the energy market) for the next 5 years. Discussion followed.

L. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

The Assistant General Manager reminded the Board of the April 11, 2006, adjourned Board meeting in Foresthill.

M. CLOSED SESSION: There was no closed session.

N. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

O. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cheri Sprunck, Clerk to the Board
Placer County Water Agency