

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Wednesday, June 28, 2006  
2:00 p.m., Adjourned Meeting

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

Board Directors absent: MIKE LEE

Agency Personnel Present: DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; JANET GOLDSMITH, General Counsel, CHERI SPRUNCK, Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board; VALERIE LORD, Assistant General Manager and Director of Administrative Services; JOHN KINGSBURY, Director of Customer Services; BRIAN MARTIN, Director of Technical Services; MIKE NICHOL, Director of Field Services; JOSEPH PARKER, Director of Financial Services; MAL TOY, Director of Resource Development

### A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Chair Ferreira called the adjourned meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors to order at 2:10 p.m. at the Placer County Water Agency Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California.
2. Consultant Steve Barber led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Introductions & Presentations:

General Manager introduced Jim Branham, Executive Director of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Mr. Branham handed out a copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Review Draft Strategic Plan. He thanked the Agency for the role they played in helping with the formation of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. He reported on their office location, staffing, and organizational structure. He noted there is a November ballot measure that will allow the Conservancy to develop grants and loans. Inquiry and discussion followed.

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

### C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Director of Technical Services handed out photos of the progress of the temporary American River Pump Station construction and storm damage repairs.

Director of Field Services reported on water supply and thanked San Juan Water District and South Sutter for their assistance. He noted one of the four temporary pumps has a problem and is being tested.

General Manager reported on work progressing at the Ophir property. Director of Technical Services showed an architectural rendering and reported on the structure type. Discussion followed about landscaping for the parking area.

General Manager reported the Director of Strategic Affairs is testifying on behalf of the Agency in Washington D.C. on Bill 4204—transferring ownership of the American River Pump Station Project to the Agency.

General Manager further reported the Director of Resource Development has been requested by the Water Education Foundation to help with their Sierra Watershed tour. The Director of Resource Development noted he would be a host and would be talking about Tahoe/Squaw Valley/Placer watershed issues.

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

E. CONSENT CALENDAR: There were no Consent Calendar items.

F. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Informational briefing on various leaves of absence.

Director of Administrative Services introduced David Tyra of Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard. She and Mr. Tyra gave a PowerPoint presentation on the various types of leaves of absence permitted by the Agency and required by law. (Two handouts provided)

The Board recessed at 3:24 p.m. and returned at 3:30 p.m.

2. Workshop and discussion among Board of Directors on near and long-term strategic issues, interests and topics.

Agency Consultant Steve Barber provided a handout and gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Board's strategic plan. He provided a spreadsheet to help the Board and staff identify and track Agency issues. The spreadsheet included a list of issues the Board has discussed at previous Board workshops.

Discussion included the following topics:

- Middle Fork Project Relicensing staffing
- Infrastructure replacement in Zone 3 over the past year. Director of Field Services noted funding has been pulled from other projects to fund emergency repairs on the Zone 3 system. There was discussion on different ways to help fund the lower density areas.
- The possibility of purchasing Bear River Canal infrastructure from PG&E
- Possibly raising water at Fordyce and Rock Creek
- Implications of Congressional intervention in property acquisitions by public agencies.

G. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Director Roccucci attended the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) open house and noted the framed photos provided by the Agency to NCPA looked good. She also attended the NCPA meeting where greenhouse gas reduction was discussed. There will be a California MOU national plan for energy commission on September 27 or 28 in Napa.

She attended the June 28 Regional Water Authority (RWA) committee meeting. The RWA turned in a proposal for Prop 50. On July 13 RWA will have someone talk about theme water parks and the Coastal Protection Act.

Director Wollan attended a Cosumnes/American/Bear/Yuba (CABY) meeting. CABY is asking for projects by September. He suggested the Agency submit a viable project for Prop 50 funding.

Director Jarvis attended a California Extreme Precipitation Seminar at UC Davis. He reported on atmospheric conditions, precipitation over the past year, and forecast releasing. He noted the Federal government runs Oroville and Yuba County runs Bullards Bar. They are working on sharing information.

Director Ferreira noted the farmers in his area are not planting as much rice this year.

#### H. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel noted she is working on updating the Board rules and regulations and the draft ethics policy for the Board.

Directors Roccucci and Jarvis agreed to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to go over the Board rules and regulations.

#### I. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager reported the following:

- Placer Land Trust has an anniversary on July 8
- He pointed out a budget schedule distributed by the Director of Financial Services
- He reminded the Board of the September 21 East Slope meeting
- He went over a list of PCWA previous Board resolutions regarding the Auburn Dam

#### J. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:02 p.m. Director Roccucci made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Director Jarvis and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

ATTEST:

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Cheri Sprunck, Clerk to the Board  
Placer County Water Agency