

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

**Wednesday, March 7, 2007
4:00 p.m., Adjourned Meeting**

Board Directors present: CHAIRMAN LOWELL JARVIS, GRAY ALLEN, ALEX FERREIRA, MIKE LEE, and OTIS WOLLAN

Board Directors absent: None

Agency Personnel Present: DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; CHERI SPRUNCK, Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board; VALERIE LORD, Assistant General Manager and Director of Administrative Services; JOHN KINGSBURY, Director of Customer Services; EINAR MAISCH, Director of Strategic Affairs; MAL TOY, Director of Resource Development

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jarvis called the adjourned meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors to order at 4:07 p.m. in the American River Room, Placer County Water Agency Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California. John Kingsbury led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

C. AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW:

The General Manager reports were heard before closed session.

D. CLOSED SESSION

With all members present, as heretofore designated, the meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:27 p.m. to consider the following:

1. **Conference with labor negotiator** – Pursuant to Section 54957.6 of the Government Code
Agency Negotiators: David Breninger and Valerie Lord
Employee Organizations: All Units

E. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:

Directors returned from closed session at 5:30 p.m. No reportable action taken.

F. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS: No reports received

G. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL: No report received.

H. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

Director of Customer Services reported on the Proposition 50 water use efficiency grant process. The Agency submitted two applications that ranked high in the first round of the application process. Applications include the Foothill Friendly Farms at the Heritage Center and improvements to canals. Staff will condense last year's proposals and turn them in by April 9. Staff will come back to the Board with contracts from Brown & Caldwell to assist in the grant writing process.

The General Manager noted the deadline for the Proposition 50 watershed assessment type grant and local development of project proposals relevant to American River methyl mercury sediment and fish issues from Oxbow down to Lake Clementine has a March 16 deadline. He noted several people are working on it, but can use help with paperwork through the Resource Development department. Director of Resource Development noted that typical of applications for grants, the state is looking for fiscal agent sponsor. The Agency has acted in this role in the past and is positioned to provide the needed facilitator/fiscal role.

The General Manager noted on the Middle Fork Project the Agency uses Oasis software for Middle Fork Project operations. The Agency is looking at using Watershed Evaluation and Planning (WEAP) model (which considers climate change) in the American River Watershed and collaboratively with others in the Yuba/Bear Rivers Watershed.

Director of Strategic Affairs reported the following:

- He showed new logo samples.
- The Agency received a call from Congressman Doolittle about federal funding assistance for LL Anderson Dam improvements.
- The Agency put together a packet for Senate action on HR 482 bill.
- The Agency received a response from Bureau of Reclamation Area Manager Mike Finnegan to the Agency's concern about misusing its American River Pump Station Project contributed funds. Mr. Finnegan is in agreement with the Agency about the need to use these funds only to accelerate the pumping facilities. However, due to the increased federal funding to the Bureau, he is trying to get more funds allocated to the project so they don't have to use the Agency's money for the access elements.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:32 p.m. Director Allen made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Director Lee and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

ATTEST:

Cheri Sprunck, Clerk to the Board
Placer County Water Agency