

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Thursday, September 4, 2008  
2:00 p.m., Regular Meeting

Board Members Present: CHAIRMAN MIKE LEE, GRAY ALLEN, ALEX FERREIRA, LOWELL JARVIS, and VICE-CHAIR OTIS WOLLAN


Board Members Absent: None

Agency Personnel Present Who Spoke: DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; ED TIEDEMANN, General Counsel, CHERI SPRUNCK, Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board; TONY FIRENZI, Senior Engineer ; BRIAN MARTIN, Director of Technical Services; EINAR MAISCH, Director of Strategic Affairs; MIKE NICHOL, Director of Field Services; HEATHER TREJO, Environmental Specialist

### A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

Chairman Lee called the regular meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors to order at 2:00 p.m. in the American River Room, Placer County Water Agency Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Einar Maisch.
3. Introductions & Presentations
  -  Presentation on the new historical photo book, *Auburn*, by Art Sommers

Mr. Sommers introduced his new book, "*Auburn*," a photographic history of Auburn covering the period of 1856-1950. The book is published by Arcadia Publishing as part of a local history series. He noted on page 123 there is a photo of a school building near a reservoir that he believes Mr. Birdsall built in the 1800s. The reservoir is an Agency reservoir and is now known as the Electric Street Reservoir.

### B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wayne Nader thanked the General Manager, Director of Technical Services, and staff for getting water quickly to a person whose well went dry in Black Oak/Bella Tuscany development.

Christine Johnson, legal counsel with Clear Path Land Development, asked if the Board received Mr. Sutherlands' offer to sell property to the Agency. Director of Technical responded.

Ben Mavy, candidate for District 5, introduced himself.

C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

No reports received.

D. AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW

The General Manager noted there will be reports given as follows:

- Under G.4.c. a projects update
- Under G.4.e. update about an application for the Association of California Water Agencies Theodore Roosevelt award for work done on the American River Pump Station and River restoration
- Under G.4.h. Delta update
- Under H.1. Agency staff report given to the City of Roseville Utility Commission

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Approve and file:
  - a. August 7, 2008, minutes.
  - b. Check Register 08-16 expenses disbursed.
  - c. 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.**
  - d. Matters related to the Board of Directors as follows:
    - 1) Expenses for previous months;
    - 2) Anticipated expenses in excess of \$500.00; **none at this time.**
    - 3) 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.**
  - e. General Manager's expense reimbursement claim summary.
2. Approve **Resolution 08-24 declaring certain items to be surplus property and no longer necessary for Agency use; and authorizing sale/disposal thereof.**
3. Approve the following late employee claims pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 3003, of the Agency's Personnel and Administration Manual:
  - 🌊 Jeffrey Smith's expenses dating back to February 2008 in the amount of \$99.00.

Motion by Director Wollan approving Consent Calendar items 1, 2, and 3; motion seconded by Director Ferreira and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of directors present.

F. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS:

Award:

1. Award a contract with Smith Power Systems of Sparks, Nevada, for the installation of one each HUSS Diesel Particulate Filters on the backhoe and grader in the amount of \$40,401.80 for early implementation of the off-road construction equipment particulate matter emission requirements.

Existing:

2. Approve Amendment #4 to Collection Agreement 02-CO-11051754-014 with the Tahoe National Forest, which will extend the expiration date to December 31, 2008.
3. Approve the following for the Foothill Raw Water Supply Pump Station Project, Contract #2005-09, with Pacific Mechanical Corporation:
  - a. Receive for filing Non-Discretionary Contract Change Order No. Thirty-Six in the increased amount of \$88,185.00, approved by the Director of Technical Services pursuant to authority previously granted by the Board of Directors.
  - b. Progress Pay Estimate No. Twenty-Nine in the amount of \$565,023.75

Motion by Director Jarvis approving Agreement and Contract items 1, 2, and 3; motion seconded by Director Ferreira and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

G. WATER AVAILABILITY AND WATER SUPPLY

1. Zone 1 water service:
  - a. Treated Water
    - 1) One Facilities Agreement (FA) for a total of 0.0 acre-feet or 0.0 equivalent dwelling units (EDUs)
      - 🌿 FA 2352, Amendment No. 5, Black Oak Waterline LLC, North Auburn
    - 2) Single Connections (In fill): Four applications for a total of 2.6 acre-feet or 4.0 EDUs
  - b. Raw Water: **None**

Director of Technical Services reported on the applications for facilities agreements and single connections for a total net increase of 2.6 acre-feet. There was 5.5 acre-feet reduction in commitment. There are 1,756 acre-feet remaining in the water availability account.

Motion by Director Ferreira approving Facilities Agreement 2352, Amendment No. 5, and applications for single connections in the total amount of 2.6 acre-feet; motion seconded by Director Wollan and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

2. Zone 3 water service:
  - a. Treated Water
    - 1) One Facilities Agreement (FA) for a total of 32.4 acre-feet or 49.5 EDUs
      - 🌿 FA 2413, Revision No. 1, Cedar Ridge Apartments, Colfax

Director of Technical Services reported.

Motion by Director Wollan approving Facilities Agreement 2413, Revision No. 1, in the total amount of 32.4 acre-feet; motion seconded by Director Ferreira and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

3. Requests for response from Agency on water availability:
  - a. SB 221 (tentative map)
  - b. SB 610 (environmental process)
  - c. All other requests or information

No reports received.

4. Reports and response on water resource policy, planning and management issues and interests:
  - a. Water rights and contracts
  - b. Land use and water policy
  - c. Water supply, service, and infrastructure system
  - d. Water use efficiency and conservation
  - e. American River Pump Station Project
  - f. Sacramento River Diversion Project
  - g. Regional water matters
  - h. Delta and State water matters

Under item G.4.c. Director of Field Services gave a PowerPoint presentation updating the Board on the following projects:

- Replacing 30 percent of pipe on the Hayford Siphon on the Boardman Canal below Colfax
- Encasement of 1,165 feet of 16" pipe on the Upper Banvard Canal near Newcastle
- Gunite lining 1,110 feet of the Newcastle Canal
- Replaced portions of the Gold Run pipeline
- Removed a large willow tree root ball from the Freeman Canal
- Applied gunite lining to 2.5 miles of various canals

He also reported Pacific Gas and Electric Company will have their annual maintenance outage for four weeks beginning October 19. Work is planned on the Bear River Canal, Wise Canal, and South Canal.

Inquiry and response followed.

Under item G.4.e. the Senior Engineer reported on the Agency's application for the Association of California Water Agencies Theodore Roosevelt Environmental Award for the American River Pump Station and River Restoration Project. (Handout provided—copy of official entry form)

Under item G.4.h. General Manager reported on Delta issues. He provided a handout of a map of Delta canal options. Key points of his report included:

- Water code area-of-origin rights
- The Water Forum Agreement helps provide the Agency's mitigation for downstream needs.
- The Agency's concern in being involved in the governance of the operation of the Delta so that the Agency may protect the interests of its citizens.
- The beneficial use of water and not wasting it.

He noted he spoke with Regional Water Authority (RWA) Executive Director John Woodling regarding RWA developing a position for the RWA relevant to what the Delta fixes are and water supply.

Director Allen noted the Regional Water Authority Executive Committee is on board about taking a position on the Delta issue and will probably come to a consensus about protecting area-of-origin water rights.

Discussion followed.

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

1. Report on relicensing process, schedule, and activities:

Director of Strategic Affairs showed a new PowerPoint presentation that provides an overview of the Agency and its Middle Fork American River Project. The presentation will be available to show to local government agencies. (Handout provided – August 26, 2008, video recording of his presentation to the Roseville Public Utilities Commission meeting)

He reported County and Agency staff has been meeting to discuss how to market the Middle Fork Project power. He reported on Tri-Dam's experience selling their power.

Discussion followed.

2. Report on financial matters and services:

No report received.

I. GENERAL ITEMS

1. For the Auburn Raw Water Supply Pipeline Project consider the following:
  - a. At 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, open the noticed public hearing on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, note any comments received by the Agency, and solicit comments from the public.
  - b. If comments are received which are sufficient to warrant modifications of the document, the hearing shall be continued until a later Board of Directors' meeting to allow time for the Agency to respond to comments and develop and/or enhance the document.
  - c. If no comments are received which are sufficient enough to warrant continuation of the hearing, staff recommends that the Board approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration, adopt **Resolution No. 08-23 Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Plan and Approving the Auburn Raw Water Supply Pipeline Project** and authorize staff to file a Notice of Determination.

Director of Technical Services described the location of the property of the proposed project. He reported the project is to replace an existing pipeline from Ikedas to the Auburn

Water Treatment Plant to repair leaks. He noted the alternatives and also noted the Agency will conserve raw water by replacing the pipeline.

The Environmental Specialist reported the environmental document was circulated to the County and State Clearinghouse. The Agency received two comment letters regarding minor issues. The Agency responded to those concerns.

Inquiry and response followed.

At 2:21 p.m. the Chairman opened the hearing for public comment.

Jennifer Montgomery, District 5 Supervisorial candidate, asked how long the project will take. Director of Technical Services responded the project should be done by May 2009.

At 2:23 p.m. Director Wollan made a motion to close the public hearing; motion seconded by Director Ferreira and adopted by unanimous vote of Directors present.

Motion by Director Allen adopting **Resolution No. 08-23 Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Plan and Approving the Auburn Raw Water Supply Pipeline Project** and authorizing staff to file a Notice of Determination.; motion seconded by Director Wollan and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of directors present.

J. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Director Allen reported

K. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL

No report received.

L. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

No report received.

M. CLOSED SESSION AND REPORT

There was no closed session.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:08 p.m. Director Ferreira made a motion to adjourn to September 23, 2008; motion seconded by Director Wollan and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

ATTEST:

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Cheri Sprunck, Clerk to the Board  
Placer County Water Agency