

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

**Tuesday, September 7, 2010
6:00 p.m., Adjourned Meeting**

Board Members Present: CHAIRMAN ALEX FERREIRA, GRAY ALLEN, LOWELL JARVIS, MICHAEL LEE, and BEN MAVY

Board Members Absent: None

Agency Personnel Present: DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; ED TIEDEMANN, General Counsel, NEIL BARTLETT, Systems Administrator; BEVERLY BELL, Acting 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; EINAR MAISCH, Director of Strategic Affairs; MIKE NICHOL, Director of Field Services; JOSEPH PARKER, Director of Financial Services; BRENT SMITH, Deputy Director of Technical Services

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Ferreira called the September 7, 2010 adjourned meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Colfax City Council Chambers, 33 S. Main Street, Colfax, California.

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Tom Jones
3. Introductions & Presentations:

The General Manager stated the Mayor of Colfax, Josh Alpine, may not be able to attend tonight's meeting due to his work schedule. Mr. Alpine sends his apologies if he cannot be attendance.

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

C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS: None

D. AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW: None

E. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Presentation by Zone 3 citizens committee
 - a. Zone 3 water supply and water service issues and concerns

- b. Citizens committee suggested approaches to Zone 3 water supply and water service issues and concerns. Take action as appropriate.
2. Discussion on Zone 3 water supply and water service issues and concerns. Take action as appropriate.

The General Manager acknowledged that Jeff Bosby has been the spokesperson for the Zone 3 citizen's committee and will be providing a PowerPoint presentation.

Director of Strategic Affairs, Einar Maisch, provided an introduction and background of the status of the current water situation in Zone 3, steps the Agency has taken to date, and the purpose of tonight's meeting.

Mr. Maisch stated residents in Meadow Vista, Applegate, Weimar, and Colfax requested this meeting to ask the Board to allocate funds for partial assistance in infrastructure and water system improvements. Some residents have failing wells and/or no financial means to obtain treated water to their property. He explained what steps PCWA has taken over the past five years to help provide Zone 3 residents with treated water. Mr. Maisch spoke about different avenues for subsidizing these costs and the Board's policy regarding Middle Fork Project (MFP) revenues. At this time, Jeff Bosby offered to give his PowerPoint presentation.

Jeff Bosby thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet with Zone 3 citizens and was appreciative of staff for the time they've committed in meeting with him. Mr. Bosby presented his PowerPoint (handout provided).

Mr. Maisch explained during previous discussions with the PCWA Board it was discussed that a master plan would provide a good avenue for planning and prioritizing future water needs throughout the County and to guide the Board on the use of MFP net power sale revenues to complete needed projects at affordable rates to local homeowners.

Members of the audience addressed the Board about their ideas and concerns regarding receiving treated water. One resident requested the Board not make it a mandatory condition to hook-up to treated water. Mr. Maisch explained the Agency's position is to not make it a mandatory assessment and force anyone to join.

Discussion followed.

Director Allen made the following motion:

Staff is directed to identify funds and prepare a master plan to extend water service to under-served and un-served areas throughout the County, prioritize the recommended projects and plan for the use of a portion of the net revenues from Middle Fork Project power sales as one source to complete the recommended projects.

The motion was seconded by Director Jarvis and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

F. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS

Director Jarvis noted the Board had previously discussed forming an Ad Hoc committee to address strategic planning issues. This master plan would formalize the Board's intention. The Agency's Financial Assistance Program (FAP) has been providing grant funding for District 5 (Zone 3) residents. He suggested in future years the MFP net revenues might be used like the FAP to help subsidize water projects on a competitive basis, county wide.

G. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL

Ed Tiedemann, KMT&G, commented that in 1962 when the bond was passed by the citizens of Placer County, the motivating factor for voting in favor 25:1 was in 50 years the people would benefit from the water that will reside in Placer County and the power revenue that will be generated from the MFP. Those original voters would be pleased to see the Agency doing what the Middle Fork Project was originally created for.

H. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

David Breninger acknowledged Ed Tiedemann and his visionary work while he acted as Placer County's Assistant County Executive (1957 to early '60s). Mr. Tiedemann created a general plan which morphed into a master plan that has taken the Agency where it is today. The next phase for the Agency will take us from relicensing of the MFP into the future.

Mr. Breninger noted the important decision made today serves as a testimony to the hard work done by PCWA staff and the men and women who helped launch the Agency.

I. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:15 p.m. Director Lee made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Director Allen and adopted by unanimous vote of directors present.

ATTEST:

Beverly Bell, Acting Clerk to the Board
Placer County Water Agency