

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE RECLAMATION BOARD

March 19, 2004

A regular meeting of The Reclamation Board was held on March 19, 2004 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California.

The following members of the Board were present:

Betsy Marchand, President
Tony Cusenza, Vice President
Bill Edgar, Secretary
Burt Bundy, Member
Gloria Morales, Member
Floyd Weaver, Member

The following members of the staff were present:

Peter Rabbon, General Manager
Stephen Bradley, Chief Engineer
Scott Morgan, Counsel
Lori Buford, Staff Assistant

Department of Water Resources staff present:

Lester Snow
Stein Buer
Rod Mayer
Jeff Fong
Larry Lee
Roger Lee
Sonny Fong
Jacob McQuirk

Also present (according to sign-in sheet and cards):

Rob Clark, Central Valley Flood Control Assoc.
Mike Archer, MBK Engineers
Austin Belltran, City of Lathrop Council Member
Benny Gato, Landowner
Frank Cavaco, Landowner
Sean Bechta, EDAW, River Islands
Mark Charleton, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Bruce George, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District
George Stillman, Stanislaus County

1. ROLL CALL

President Marchand brought the meeting to order. All Board members were in attendance except for Jeff Mount, who had been previously excused. Immediately following Roll Call Ms. Marchand introduced Mr. Lester Snow, the newly appointed Director of the Department of Water Resources, whereupon Director Snow made opening remarks.

2.* APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- February 6 & 20, 2004

Upon motion by Mr. Bundy, seconded by Mr. Edgar, and unanimously carried, the Minutes for February 6 and 20, 2004 were approved as presented.

3.* APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The March 19, 2004 Agenda was unanimously approved with the removal of Item No. 11.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

**5. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
(Stein Buer)**

Mr. Stein Buer, Chief of the Division of Flood Management, presented the Department's report of activities. (The report is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.)

CONSENT

6.* CONSENT CALENDAR

Easement Deed – SFPP, L.P. (Jeff Fong)

Consider granting an easement to SFPP.L.P., operating partnership for Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. for a petroleum pipeline under Ledgewood Creek, Solano County.

Upon motion by Mr. Cusenza, seconded by Mr. Edgar, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

REQUESTED ACTIONS

7.* PROJECT OR STUDY AGREEMENTS

Tuolumne River and Tributaries Feasibility Study (*Jacob McQuirk*)

Consider approval of Resolution No. 04-07 to:

1. Accept the County of Stanislaus' request to suspend the Study; and
2. Suspend the Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement, Contract No. 4600002638 dated September 24, 2002, with the US Army Corps of Engineers; and
3. Suspend the Local Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement, Contract No. 166422 dated October 31, 2002, with the County of Stanislaus; and
4. Approve letters of suspension from the Board President to the County of Stanislaus and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Jacob McQuirk presented this item to the Board and requested approval of Resolution No. 04-07, which is to suspend the Tuolumne River Feasibility Study. The Board also heard testimony from Mr. George Stillman, Stanislaus County.

Upon motion by Mr. Edgar, seconded by Ms. Moralez, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 04-07.

8.* PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

None.

9.* APPLICATIONS

None.

10* ENFORCEMENTS

None.

There were no property management, application, and enforcement items.

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS

11. TULE RIVER, SUCCESS RESERVOIR ENLARGEMENT PROJECT (Tim Kerr)

Project briefing.

Removed from the Agenda

12. STRATEGIC PLAN (Pete Rabbon)

Briefing status.

Mr. Pete Rabbon provided the status on various items that are included in the Board's Strategic Plan ["Actions", Goal 1 (B, H, and P); Goal 2 (A and B); and Goal 3 (A and B)]. The Board also heard testimony from Steve Bradley, Chief Engineer for the Board, Mr. Bob Clark, Central Valley Flood Control Association, and Scott Morgan, Legal Counsel for the Board.

BOARD REPORTS

13. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Rabbon reported on a number of issues and meetings: 1) Tule River – seismic issue/ problem needs to be resolved before project continues; 2) SB 1280 – discussions with SAFCA and staff from Senator Ortiz's Office have occurred regarding the Folsom Dam raise; 3) Maintenance Area 18 – Levee District 1 is in the process of taking over MA 3 (maintenance) which also includes signing a liability agreement with the Board; 4) Maintenance Area 17 – locals want to take over maintenance; 5) Policy on Projects – water supply vs. flood control projects – staff is working with Corps to establish a meeting to look at the details of cost allocations; and 7) LAO Report – Board and DWR provided recommendations. Mr. Rabbon advised the Board that April 16 would be the next Board meeting.

14. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Betsy Marchand requested staff to develop a Resolution for Butch Hodgkins who is retiring from SAFCA. Ms. Marchand also reported that farmer's revenue in the Yolo Bypass is being given to Fish and Game to fund the project, and farming enhances flood control in the Bypass.

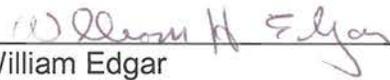
Mr. Burt Bundy reported that the Hamilton City Project is continuing to move along well. And, the also reiterated that the Woodson Bridge Project has stopped due to running out of money.

Mr. Floyd Weaver has concerns regarding cities and counties doing maintenance on the levees.

15. ADJOURN

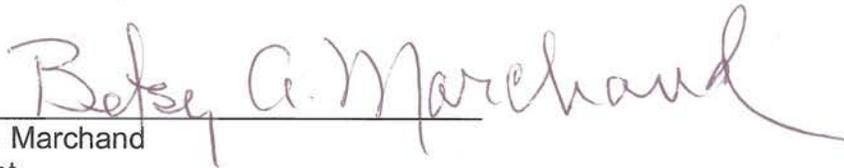
Upon motion by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Cusenza, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Dated: April 16, 2004



William Edgar
Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved:



Betsy A. Marchand
President