

# MINUTES

## MEETING OF THE RECLAMATION BOARD

**November 19, 2004**

A regular meeting (Open Session) of The Reclamation Board was held on November 19, 2004 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California.

The following members of the Board were present:

Tony Cusenza, Vice President  
Bill Edgar, Secretary  
Burt Bundy, Member  
Jeff Mount, 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:

Les Harder  
David Mraz  
Rod Mayer  
Roger Lee  
Noel Lerner  
Jay Punia  
Keith Swanson  
Larry Lee

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

Brent Hasty, Homeowner  
John Hess, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Kent McCain, Yuba County, Three Rivers Levee Authority  
Larry Lucero, North Plumas Lakes Owner Group  
Curt Atkins, Yuba County Water Agency  
Mr. Gerry Kamilos, Developer and Landowner  
Don Schrader, Yuba County  
Dan Logue, Yuba County Supervisor  
Randy Margo, Assistant Yuba County Administrator

Gary Nuss, CH2M Hill, Natomas Water Agency  
Ronald Stork, Friends of the River  
Alan Waltner, Empire Land, LLC

**1. ROLL CALL**

*Vice President Tony Cusenza brought the meeting to order at 8:30 am. All Board members were in attendance except for Betsy Marchand and Gloria Morales.*

*Immediately following Roll Call, the Board entered into a closed session.*

**2. CLOSED SESSION** - Discuss exposure to litigation regarding the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority Permit Application No. 17782 (Government Code section 1126 (e) (2) (i).

*The Board reconvened into open session at 9:30 am.*

**3.\* APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 17, 2004**

*Upon motion by Mr. Edgar, seconded by Mr. Mount, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes for September 17, 2004 with the correction to add Mr. Edgar as being present and the minutes for October 15, 2004.*

**4.\* APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Upon motion by Mr. Edgar, seconded by Mr. Mount, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as presented.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*There were no Public Comments.*

**6. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES** (Les Harder)

*Mr. Les Harder, Chief of the Division of Flood Management, presented the Department of Water Resources report activities. (The report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.)*

## CONSENT

### 7.\* CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

*There were no Consent Items.*

## REQUESTED ACTIONS

### 8.\* PROJECT OR STUDY AGREEMENTS

None.

*There were no Project or Study Agreement Items*

### 9\* APPLICATIONS

Application No. 17782, Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, Yuba County (Steve Bradley)

Consider approval of Application No. 17782 to raise and strengthen right bank levees along the Western Pacific Interceptor Canal and Bear River and to construct a backup levee to the lower Bear River below Highway 70.

*Mr. Steve Bradley, Chief Engineer, presented this item to the Board. This application is for improvements along the Bear River and the Western Pacific interceptor Canal. The Board also heard testimony from Mr. Kent McCain, Yuba County Administrative Officer, and Executive Director for the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority; Mr. Don Schrader, Yuba County; Mr. Don Logue, Yuba County Supervisor; Mr. Curt Aikens, Yuba County Water Agency; Mr. Larry Lucero, North Plumas Lakse Owners Group; Mr. Gerry Kamilos', Developer and Landowner; Mr Randy Margo, Assistant Yuba County Administrator; Mr. Alan Waltner, Empire Land, LLC; Mr. Ronald Stork, Friends of the River; Mr. Brent Hasty, Landowner; and Mr. John Hass, Corps.*

***Upon motion by Mr. Edgar, seconded by Mr. Mount, and unanimously carried, this item will be carried over to the December 17 Board meeting. In addition, staff is directed to work together with the applicant to resolve issues of liability and moratorium.***

**10.\* ENFORCEMENTS**

None.

*There were no Enforcement Items.*

**INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS**

**11. NATOMAS MUTUAL WATER COMPANY** (*Steve Bradley*)

Briefing on proposed project and discussion of routing options for pipes crossing Sacramento River levee into Natomas area.

*Steve Bradley, Chief Engineer, in conjunction with Mr. Gary Nuss, CH2M Hill, Natomas Water Agency, presented the above item to the Board. Staff's recommendation is to go up and over above the floodplain.*

**12. RECLAMATION BOARD PROJECTS** (*Roger Lee*)

Status Report on Board projects.

*Mr. Roger Lee, along with Larry Lee, Noel Lerner and Keith Swanson, DWR, provided the status on Board projects.*

**13. STATUS OF THE SACRAMENTO AND SAN JOAQUIN VALLEYS' FLOOD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.** (*Jay Punia*)

- A. Status of Maintenance on the Federal Levees and Preparations for the 2004-05 Flood Season.
- B. Status of Maintenance Areas and State Maintained Areas and, State Maintained Areas, and Preparations for the 2003-04 Flood Season.
- C. Status of Delta Levees and Preparation for the 2004-05 Flood Season.

*Mr. Jay Punia and Mr. Keith Swanson, DWR; and Dave Mraz, Delta Levees Subvention Program, provided information and status on the above items.*

## **BOARD REPORTS**

### **14. REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL MANAGER (Peter Rabbon)**

*Mr. Rabbon reported on a couple of issues: 1.) O&M – various discussions have occurred with General Schrodell and Major General Riley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, regarding various O&M issues for levees; and 2) Tehama Project - expenses for raising homes in the City of Tehama are much higher than anticipated. A meeting will be established to focus on how to maximize the remaining funds for the project.*

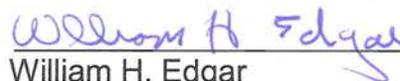
### **15. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*There were no Board Comments and Committee reports.*

### **16. ADJOURN**

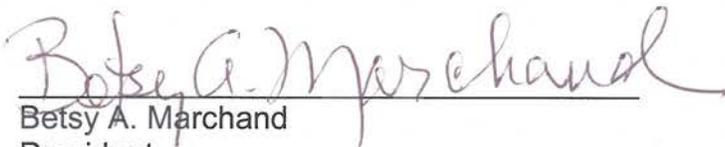
*Thereupon the California Reclamation Board meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.*

Dated: December 17, 2004



William H. Edgar  
Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved:

  
Betsy A. Marchand  
President