

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE RECLAMATION BOARD

March 18, 2005

A regular meeting of The Reclamation Board was held on March 18, 2005 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Resources Building Auditorium, First Floor, 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
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
Jeff Fong
Sherri Kemp

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

Mr. Kent McClain, Yuba County Administrator, Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA)
Mr. Anirban Bhattacharyya, Yuba County
Mr. Thomas Foley, Concerned Citizens for Responsible Growth
Mr. Jose Puente, Hamilton City Community Services District
Mr. Craig Zoller, Mackay & Soms
Mr. Al Franzoia, Mathew Homes
Mr. Ralph Vidaus, Hamilton City Community Services District
Mr. Lee A. Grigsby-Puente, Hamilton City CIA
Mr. Ken Myers, HDR
Mr. Mark Traver
Mr. Derek Spalding
Mr. Paul Devereux, American River Flood Control Agency

Mr. Steve Sutton, Miller Holdings
Mr. Jeffrey Twitchell, Wood Rodgers
Mr. Tim Ramirez, California Bay Delta Authority
Mr. Grant Kreinburg, SAFCA
Mr. Paul Denilt, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Scott Shapiro, TRLIA

1. ROLL CALL

President Betsy Marchand brought the meeting to order at 9:00 am. All Board members were in attendance except for Jeff Mount and Gloria Morales.

2.* APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 18, 2005

The minutes for the February 18, 2005 meeting were not available for approval; therefore, the item was removed from the agenda.

3.* APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Cusenza, seconded by Mr. Bundy, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Tim Ramirez, California Bay Delta Authority, reported on the Hamilton City Project, on the Sacramento River. The final CEQA document has moved forward, and they are ready for the next phase. Mr. Jose Puente, Hamilton City Community Services District, also spoke in regards to the Hamilton City Project and the formation of a new Reclamation District.

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

Dr. 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

6.* CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

There were no Consent Items.

REQUESTED ACTIONS

7.* PROJECT OR STUDY ACTIVITIES

South Sacramento Streams Project (*Roger Lee*)

Consider approval of Resolution No. 05-01 to:

1. Adopt the South Sacramento Streams Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SCH 2004102009);
2. Adopt Reclamation Board Findings, Mitigation, and Mitigation Monitoring Plan; and
3. Approve project modifications described in South Sacramento Streams Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, (SCH 2004102009).

Mr. Roger Lee, DWR Project Engineer, and Annalena Bronson, DWR Staff Environmental Scientist, presented this item to the Board and requested approval of Resolution No. 05-01. The Board also heard testimony from Mr. Grant Kreinburg, SAFCA.

Upon motion by Mr. Edgar, seconded by Mr. Cusenza, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Resolution No. 05-01 as presented.

8.* PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Reclamation Board Lease No. 2005-1-RB, Sand Lease in Solano County
(*Jeff Fong*)

Accept a bid of \$5.25 per cubic yard for Reclamation Board Lease No. 2005-1-RB, and approve a three-year lease for sand removal on 400± acres of Board-owned land located in Rio Vista.

Mr. Jeff Fong, DWR Real Estate Branch of the Division of Engineering, presented this item to the Board and requested approval of Reclamation Board Lease No. 2005-1-RB.

Upon motion by Mr. Cusenza, seconded by Mr. Weaver, and unanimously carried, the Board approved Property Management Lease Number 2005-1-RB as presented.

9.* APPLICATIONS

- A. Application No. 17782, Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, Yuba County (Steve Bradley) (continued from February meeting)

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.

At this time, Mr. Steve Bradley, Chief Engineer for the Board, reported that the slip failure found in RD 784 (Bear River Levee) was determined to have no structural impact on the levee which was brought to the Board's attention.

Mr. Kent McClain, Yuba County Water Agency and Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, provided the monthly status report (as granted and required by the Board) on Application No. 17782. The Board also heard testimony from Mr. Scott Shapiro, TRLIA, and Mr. Tom Foley, Concerned Citizens for Responsible Growth.

Upon motion by Mr. Edgar, and seconded by Mr. Cusenza, the Board approved Application No. 17782 as presented with special condition 13 (public safety issue) resolved to the satisfaction of the Board. The document that was presented will be referred to the General Manager and legal counsel to monitor the execution by the parties to the agreement, which are Yuba County, RD 784, Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, and effected developers. The document in its final form will be resubmitted to the Board April 15, 2005.

Ayes = 4

Noes = 1

10.* ENFORCEMENTS

None.

There were no Enforcement Items.

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFINGS

11. REPORT ON WHITE PAPER (*Les Harder*)

Dr. Les Harder, Division of Flood Management, provided a briefing on the White Paper and the legislation resulting from it. Dr. Harder also briefed the Board on the Department's Comprehensive Program Evaluation Study.

BOARD REPORTS

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

Mr. Rabbon reported on a number of upcoming issues and meetings: 1) California Central Valley Flood Control Association – is creating a position paper in response to the white paper, proposed legislation for AB 1665; 2) Lower Yolo Bypass – Mr. Cepos will have recommendations to move forward with the facilitated process in order to resolve the issues in the Lower Yolo Bypass; and 3) Delta Workshop – a workshop will be held on June 6, 2005. The Reclamation Board was asked to co-sponsor this workshop on behalf of the Delta Levees Sub Committee Group.

13. BOARD COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Cusenza reported on a meeting of the San Joaquin River Management Group. The meeting was held in Modesto dealing with salinity, boron, and dissolved oxygen and the amount of nitrogen, the phosphates, and agricultural tailwater.

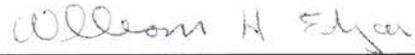
Mr. Weaver reported on meetings about the area around San Joaquin County, land use and contractors wanting to build against the water, and they want the State and federal government to pay for it.

14. ADJOURN

Upon motion by Mr. Edgar, seconded by Mr. Cusenza, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

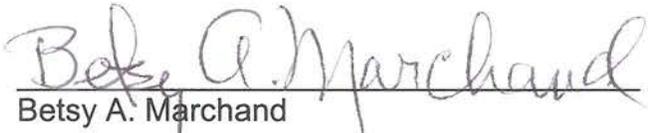
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March 18, 2005

Dated: May 20, 2005



William H. Edgar
Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved:


Betsy A. Marchand
President