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**MINUTES**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 9, 2011**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Haynes called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Directors present: Blankenship, Butcher, Haynes

Directors absent: Kreps, Munson

Staff present: Wangberg

**2. PRESENTATIONS - *None***

**3. DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS - *None***

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - *None***

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

5.1 MINUTES – APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 18, 2011.

5.2 FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING MAY 31, 2011.

5.3 PAYROLL – APPROVE PAYROLL CHECK REGISTER FOR MONTH OF MAY 2011.

5.4 CASH DISBURSEMENTS – APPROVE CASH DISBURSEMENTS JOURNAL FOR MONTH OF MAY 2011.

5.5 EFTPS TRANSACTIONS – APPROVE EFTPS TRANSACTIONS FOR THE PAYROLL PERIODS ENDING APRIL 30, 2011 AND MAY 15, 2011.

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously. *(RB / AB)*

5.6 ITEMS (IF ANY) REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. - *None*.

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**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**6.1 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2011-10 FOR ABANDONMENT OF UNUSED EASEMENT.**

Resolution 2011-20 for Abandonment of Unused Easement was approved unanimously. *(RB / AB)*

**7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

ADMINISTRATIVE

Main Canal Modernization Project

All of the back invoicing and most of the back payments have been made for prior work on this project and we are proceeding with the restart. I've met with CH2M HILL and we are updating the design and bid documents in preparation for putting the project out to bid, which could possibly happen this summer.

Conjunctive Use Project

The CEQA and NEPA environmental review documents are nearly complete and I expect to see an administrative draft later this month. Following review of the administrative draft a public draft will be released.

Northern Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management

As a member of the IRWM Board, we met June 6. The Board approved bylaws, and we are in the process of forming a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Each of the six counties is to appoint two members to the TAC; a county staff member and a landowner. In addition, at its June 6 meeting, the IRWM Board appointed three at-large TAC members to provide general representation. The Department of Water Resources and the Northern California Water Association will each appoint one staff member to sit on the TAC, for a full Committee comprising 17 members.

On June 30 the executive committee, on which I sit as interim vice chair of the Board, will meet to review proposals from consultants for preparation of the Integrated Plan. The State has provided \$900,000 in funding for this effort, and we anticipate proposals from several well-qualified consulting firms for Plan development.

We are also working to create and adopt a conflict of interest code pursuant to state law; a notice of intention for the new code will be considered for release at the next meeting on August 1.

ACWA Conference

My involvement with the Association of California Water Agencies includes: Board member for Region 2; member of the Water Quality Committee; and member of the Outreach Task Force.

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**7. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT *continued***

The recent spring conference was held in Sacramento from May 10-13. I attended the Water Quality Committee and the Outreach Task Force meetings on May 10.

Most of the water quality topics were municipal issues, but there was a presentation regarding the use of aquatic pesticides and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

The primary topic of the Outreach Task Force meeting was to discuss strategy for providing information to the public in regard to the \$11B water bond that will be on the 2012 California ballot.

On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> I attended an off-site meeting of NCWA’s Water Management Task Force. We discussed the Water Use Efficiency Report funded by member agencies including A.C.I.D., and the strategy for disseminating the report after it is complete, which will be soon. Several members were asked to make contact with legislators, regulatory agencies, and delta appointees to open lines of communication for introduction of the report.

On Wednesday afternoon I attended a conference panel session about the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan. The panel included Mark Cowin, Director of the Department of Water Resources; Phil Isenberg, Chair of the Delta Stewardship Council; Michal Machado, Executive Director of the Delta Protection Commission; and Karen Schwinn of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The discussion focused on the goals and potential conflicts within the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan that seeks to provide ecosystem restoration and water supply reliability.

Thursday’s agenda included a luncheon presentation by a UC Davis professor about the lessons that may be learned by the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and in the afternoon I attended the Region 2 Board meeting.

All three nights I attended dinners hosted by West-Yost Associates, NCWA, and CH2M HILL that provided the opportunity for a lot of discussion about water issues with a variety of experienced and knowledgeable people.

Friday morning’s closing breakfast included a very entertaining presentation by Steven Saxton of Downey Brand law, entitled “Without a Paddle: the ACWA Member’s Guide to Understanding Your Water Lawyer.”

Tehama County Groundwater Appointment

My appointment to the Tehama County AB3030 Technical Advisory Committee for groundwater has been recommended to the Board of Supervisors by the Committee, and will be considered by the Board at a meeting later this month.

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**7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT *continued***

Elections

Consolidation of elections in Tehama County for the A.C.I.D. Board of Directors has been approved, and notices will be sent by the Elections Office to all registered Tehama County voters within the District. This consolidation is in conjunction with a similar move already approved by Shasta County whereby all

District elections will be held in even-numbered years to coincide with the General Election.

Audit

The draft of our 2010 Financial Statement was delivered to my desk today; a final draft should be before the Board next month. There were many issues to reconcile from the previous audit which slowed our progress considerably, and we all expect to have a final draft much earlier next year.

**CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE**

Main Dam and river flows

On Thursday, June 2 flows in the Sacramento River were increased to 13,000 cfs so District staff removed a row of fiberglass flashboards. On Friday, Reclamation's operations office called to tell me they were increasing flows to 20,000 cfs and to ask if we needed to remove boards. They agreed to reduce flows to 9,000 cfs at noon Friday to allow for removal of a second row of fiberglass, and then increased to about 20,000 cfs. Inspection of the dam on Saturday morning revealed no problems, and the flow was well below the catwalk. Operations called late Saturday morning to report that the flows would not be increased further, and would be reduced starting Monday.

Cottonwood Creek siphon

At our last Board meeting on May 18, I reported that the main canal had been shut down to facilitate repair of a leak in the unimproved portion of the siphon. A team of divers arrived the morning of May 19 and entered the pipe. The inspection revealed that the leak was a failed patch that had been installed last fall; a metal plate with a rubber seal had been bolted over a failed joint, and the rubber seal had failed on one side of the plate. The diver repaired the leak by installing oakum saturated in epoxy, rolled up in cloth bags. Upon hardening, the divers felt this would provide a permanent patch.

The diver reported that the overall condition of the pipe was very good; the interior was smooth and there were no other visible cracks or breaks.

We are continuing to monitor the vegetative restoration of the site and provide reports as required by our permits. The restoration is filling in very well, with an

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approximate 70-80% survival rate of planted willow stakes, and the seeded areas are growing well. There is no evidence of erosion or scouring at points disturbed by construction, and the siphon is functioning perfectly.

Clear Creek siphon

I met this morning with Susan Goodwin of VESTRA Resources at the Clear Creek siphon to inspect the site to determine the feasibility of beginning surveys of the creek channel. Creek flows are too high for instream survey work, but

Susan is going to begin preparation of her report. The report will provide alternatives and cost estimates for two primary objectives: the permanent repair and stabilization of a damaged pipe joint that has been previously repaired; and to rebury the pipeline within the stream channel. Survey work will proceed as conditions allow.

**8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS - *None.***

*The regular meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:21 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

C.S.1. DISCUSSION OF CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9 (b): ONE CASE.

*No action taken.*

C.S.2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §54957.6 (a): DISTRICT PERSONNEL COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL #137.

Authorization was given to the General Manager to sign letter of understanding to extend the current CBA if a new agreement is not reached by July 1, 2011. (RB / AB)

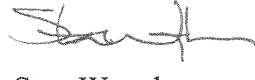
*Closed session adjourned, action taken was announced in open session.*

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stan Wangberg  
Board Secretary / General Manager