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June 19, 2017 Sites Project Authority MINUTES 1:30 p.m.

The Sites Project Authority Board meets in Regular Session this 19th day of June 2017 at the hour of 1:32 p.m. **Directors Present:** Kim Dolbow Vann, Chair, Fritz Durst, Jamie Traynham, Don Bransford, Jeff Sutton, Mary Wells, Joe Marsh, Jim Jones, Gray Allan, Wade Mathis and Greg Johnson. **Directors Absent:** Leigh McDaniel, John Viegas, Glenn County. **Alternate Director Present:** None. (Other Alternate Directors that may be listed as Present below, did not participate in the decision making process).

Chair Vann calls to order the June 19, 2017 Regular Meeting at 1:32 p.m., with all Directors present, except Glenn County. (Glenn County has no representation at this meeting)

Staff Present:

Jim Watson, General Manager.
Ernest Conant, Counsel. (Attended via conference call)
Rob Thomson, Sites JPA.
Kim Davis, Sites JPA.
Ann Nordyke, Clerk.

Others Present:

Scott Brown, LWA.
Jeff Herrin, Kevin Spesert, AECOM.
Emil Cavagnolo, OAWD.
Mr. Ramirez, Mott MacDonald.
Thaddeus Bettner, Logan Dennis, GCID.
Mark Oliver, CH2M Hill.
Charlene Vaughn, KCoe Isom.
Susan Lassell, Monique Briard, ICF.
Sean Doherty, RD 108.

Don Buder, Reclamation.
Rebecca Nicholas, JB Comm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Jones to approve the June 19, 2017 Sites Project Authority Agenda as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Traynham to approve the May 15, 2017 Sites Project Authority Minutes as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Sutton congratulates Mr. Johnson of Western Canal on their 20 year celebration of the Butte Creek project.

Director Durst elaborates as to what the project is; stating they greatly improved the salmon population with no additional water.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. announces Closed Session as follows:

Conference with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation (Govt. Code 54956.9(d)(2)), and/or initiation of litigation (Govt. Code 54956.9(d)(4) (one item).

Mr. Conant states for the record litigation is defined in the Brown Act as including preceding of an Administrative Agency.

1. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Durst updates the Directors on items as they pertain to his DC trip and speaks briefly to HR 494. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

Chair Vann makes time for a presentation and acceptance of the FY 2015 Audit prepared by Tittle & Company.

Discussion is held regarding the Auditor opinion, financial statements, fund balances, income statement, revenue, expenditures, putting money into restricted accounts and possible investing in LAIF.

2. 2017 FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE:

2.1 It is moved by Director Jones, seconded by Director Traynham to accept the FY 2015 Audit prepared by Tittle & Company as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

2.2 Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding Invoicing Authority Members of prior years' annual fees.

Discussion is held regarding Yolo County Flood Control 2015 unpaid invoice for membership fees.

Following discussion it is the consensus of those Directors present to direct staff to send a letter with and explanation explaining along with an invoice to Yolo County Flood Control requesting payment for their 2015 membership fees.

2.3 It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Marsh to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, **further**, approve payment of Claims as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

2.4 The payment of Claims was approved in the above action/motion.

3. PHASE 1 MEMBERSHIP & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

3.1 Chair Vann makes time for discussion/action and/or possible direction to staff regarding the status of interest expressed or requested to participate.

Mr. Watson speaks briefly to inquires received with no action taken.

3.2 Chair Vann makes time for discussion regarding report on the status of participants who have agreed to become signatory to the Phase 1 Reservoir Project Agreement and report out of the Reservoir Committee's actions related to the May 31, 2017 deadline.

Mr. Watson states the deadline was May 31, 2017 for onboarding, noting the only response not received was Westlands. He further states the Reservoir Committee took action to revoke participation in Class 1 water and states the water will be reallocated per existing policy. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

4. PHASE 1 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible action regarding the status of current legislation that may affect the development of the Sites Reservoir Project.

Director Sutton states work is being done on a letter, noting he is waiting on a few more names. He further speaks to the need to get a letters of support for the project from various agencies and or entities. Discussion is held with no action taken.

5. PHASE 1 ADVOCACY COMMITTEE:

Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff on the status of engagement and outreach efforts.

Ms. Nicholas of JB Comm updates the Directors on items as they pertain to engagement and outreach efforts. She states calls have been made to Farm Bureaus, Chambers, and NGO's asking for support. She further speaks to individuals attending the Water Commission meetings, working with membership agencies in efforts to keep them engaged and involved in the project, continued engagement with landowners and the landowner newsletter. Discussion is held with no action taken.

6. PHASE 1 CONSULTATION COMMITTEES:

Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff on the status of engagement and outreach efforts related to the following areas:

6.1 Tribal Officials

Mr. Watson he had a meeting on June 12th with the Colusa Tribe to brief them on the project and to find out what their needs are.

6.2 Landowner and Community Interests

- Family Water Alliance status regarding Sites Cemetery research.

Ms. Bailey updates the Directors on items as they pertain to the history research she is doing on the Sites Cemetery noting work is being done on a database and indexing the historical journals. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

~~6.26.3~~ Environmental Interests

Mr. Watson states work is still being done on forming this Committee; therefore there is nothing to report at this time.

~~6.36.4~~ Business & labor Interests

Mr. Watson states this item was addressed earlier.

7. PHASE 1 LAND USE COMMITTEE:

Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff on the status of engagement and outreach efforts related to changes in land use.

Mr. Watson states this item was covered under Outreach.

8. PHASE 1 RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

8.1 Chair Vann makes time for Proposed Reservoir Operations:

8.1.1 Chair Vann makes time to consider and possible direction to the General Manager regarding the Reservoir Committee's recommendation related to the CalSim modeling results being used as the basis for preparing the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Impact Statement

(EIS), Reclamation's Feasibility Report, and key sections of the WSIP Application.

NOTE: The Work Group's proposed recommendation was reviewed by the Reservoir Committee at their June 16, 2017 meeting and potentially modified.

Messrs. Bettner and Watson both speak to the recommendation of the Reservoir Operation's Work Group, with Mr. Watson stating this is information only, no action is needed.

8.1.2 Discussion is held pertaining conversations with Reclamation and Department of Water Resources regarding the proposed operations of Sites Reservoir to improve reliability of the state's water system - specifically Central Valley Project and State Water Project - while providing Proposition 1-eligible public benefits, with no action taken.

8.2 Discussion is held regarding the Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/S).

Mr. Bettner states a Document Sub Committee was formed to review and provide comments, noting the Reservoir Committee has approved and it is now in a state it should be released.

Mr. Watson states if there are any items the Directors feel needs to be addressed or need more detail on, now is the time to voice those concerns. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

8.2.1 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):

Chair Vann makes time to consider/possible direction to the General Manager regarding the Reservoir Committee's conditional recommendation regarding the release of the draft EIR for agency and public review coincident with submission of the Authority's WSIP application to the Water Commission.

Mr. Watson states this is a joint document, one should go with the other, noting, it is Reclamation decision on the release of the document.

8.2.2 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):

Discussion is held regarding the Report out and to Reclamations preparations and potential release of the draft EIS for agency and public review coincident with submission of the Authority's WSIP application to the Water Commission, with no action taken.

8.3 Feasibility Studies:

Mr. Watson speaks to the requirements of the Feasibility Study and having ready for acceptance July 31, 2017.

8.3.1 WSIP Application Requirements:

Discussion is held regarding report out of the Reservoir Committee's recommended approach to address the WSIP Application requirements, with no action taken.

~~8.3.18.3.2~~ Reclamation's Draft Report:

Discussion is held regarding Reclamations preparation of a draft feasibility report (in conformance with the April 8, 2017 letter from congressional representatives) and submission to the Authority by July 20, 2017 for possible inclusion into the WSIP Application, with no action taken.

8.4 Discussion is held regarding the Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) Application to the Water Commission, with no action taken.

8.4.1 Discussion is held regarding activities underway to address the WSIP application requirements, with no action taken.

Chair Vann makes time for approval of Reservoir Committee's recommended "Project Value Statement" with potential modifications by the Authority.

Mr. Watson distributes revised Attachment 8-4 "Proposed Project Value Statement" and states this version incorporates the Reservoir Committee's comments and speaks to same. Discussion is held.

8.4.2 It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Sutton to approve Version D, "Project Value Statement". Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

NOTE: A draft of the proposed "Project Value Statement" was reviewed by the Reservoir Committee at their June 16, 2017 meeting and was potentially modified.

8.4.3 It is moved by Director Traynham, seconded by Director Bransford to direct the General Manager to take steps necessary to compile the required documentation and to begin filling out the required forms in DWR's Grants process but to not submit the Authority's WSIP application to the Water Commission before the August 14, 2017 deadline. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County.

NOTE: A decision regarding submission will occur at the July 31, 2017 Authority Board meeting.

8.4.4 Discussion is held regarding decisions relevant to submission of the Authority's WSIP application and preparations for the July 31, 2017 Special Board meeting, with no action taken.

8.5 Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible direction to General Manager regarding matters relevant to the June 16, 2017 Reservoir Committee meeting.

Mr. Watson state there is nothing to report at this time.

11. MANAGER'S REPORT:

11.1 Chair Vann makes time for discussion and possible action regarding General Manager's monthly status report.

Mr. Watson goes over Attachment 11-1 his monthly status report and inquires if there are any questions.

Brief discussion is held, with no action taken.

11.2 Discussion regarding the status of various activities being undertaken by staff, with no action taken.

Chair Vann declares a recess at 3:15 p.m. to convene in Closed Session and reconvenes Regular Session at 4:10 p.m. with all Directors and Counsel present except Glenn County.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation (Govt. Code 54956.9(d)(2)), and/or initiation of litigation (Govt. Code 54956.9(d)(4) (one item).

10. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action was taken.

Chair Vann adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on Ju31, 2017 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Kim Dolbow Vann, Chair

Ann Nordyke, Clerk to the
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