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January 22, 2018 Sites Project Authority MINUTES 1:30 p.m.

The Sites Project Authority Board meets in Regular Session this 22nd day of January 2018 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. **Directors Present:** Fritz Durst, Chairman, Gray Allen, Jamie Traynham, Gary Evans, Don Bransford, Jeff Sutton, Mary Wells, Joe Marsh, and Wade Mathis. **Directors Absent:** Leigh McDaniel, John Viegas, Glenn County; Jim Jones, Mike Vereschagin, Orland Artois Water District, Greg Johnson, Ted Trimble, Western Canal Water District. **Alternate Directors Present:** None. (Other Alternate Directors that may be listed as Present below, did not participate in the decision making process).

Chairman Durst calls to order the January 22, 2018 Regular Meeting at 1:31 p.m., with all Directors present, except Glenn County, Orland Artois Water District and Western Canal Water District. (Glenn County, Orland Artois Water District and Western Canal Water District has no representation at this meeting)

Staff Present:

Jim Watson, General Manager.

Ernest Conant, Counsel.

Joe Trapasso, Rob Thomson, Kevin Spesert, Sites JPA.

Rob Tull, via conference call.

Kim R. Davis, Sites.

Ann Nordyke, Clerk.

Others Present:

Don Bader, Reclamation.

Nadine Bailey, Family Water Alliance.

Blake Vann, TCCA.

Oscar Serrano, CICC.

Charlene Vaughn, KCoe Isom.

Jeff Herrin, Masood Mesbah, AECOM.

Jim Lorenzen, Bob Nichols, WSP.

Martin Nicholson, Mark Oliver, Rob Tull, CH2M Hill.

Juleah Cordi, Assemblyman Gallagher.
Laura Nicholson, Senator Jim Nielsen.
John Spranza, HDR.
Benjamin Barker, Joshua Alpine, Ed Horton, PCWA.
Logan Dennis, GCID.
Donita Hendrix, Dunnigan Water District.
Mike Azevedo, Colusa County.
Bill Vanderwaal, RD 108.

Pledge of Allegiance

INTRODUCTIONS

None.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Wells to approve the January 22, 2018 Sites Project Authority Agenda as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County, Orland Artois Water District and Western Canal Water District.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Traynham, seconded by Director Marsh to approve the December 18, 2017 Sites Project Authority Minutes with corrections. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County, Orland Artois Water District and Western Canal Water District.

PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Conant states the Directors will meeting in Closed Session later today with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation or adjudicatory proceedings under Govt. Code 54956.9(d) (2) and (4)) (1 item).

1. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Director Sutton states he moderated for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference in Reno and Mr. Rob Tull did a wonderful job representing the Sites Project.

2. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

2.1 Chairman Durst makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the 2018 Authority Ad Hoc Committee structure and Board Member participation and states he has been working with Mr. Conant on the structure of the Committees. Discussion is held with no action taken.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT:

3.1 Chairman Durst makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding General Manager's monthly status report.

Mr. Watson states the program continues to make progress towards completing the tasks approved by the Authority and Reservoir Committee as part of the second amended Phase 1 work plan. Discussion is held with no action taken.

3.2 Chairman Durst makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding current procurements for professional services.

Mr. Trapasso states the independent annual Financial Auditing Services RFQ/P was sent out to six firms on December 4, 2017 and no proposals were received even though the firms were contacted prior to the release of the RFQ/P. He further states a new list of firms was prepared and the RFQ/P was sent to those firms on January 17, 2018. He speaks further to a Proposal for Registered Municipal Financial Advisor Services being prepared which is undergoing final legal and technical review. Discussion is held with no action taken.

Mr. Spesert speaks to staff support noting a draft position description for an Executive Assistant/Board Clerk has been developed and internally reviewed. He further states staff has held preliminary discussions with potentially qualified applicants who expressed little interest in the position due to concerns over the requirement to be an independent contractor (or work through an employment agency), and the desire to have a guaranteed duration longer than the completion of Phase 1, and for those residing outside of the area the commute is an issue. Discussion is held with no action taken.

3.3 Chairman Durst makes time for a report on California Water Commission meeting held January 18, 2018.

Mr. Watson updates those Directors present on the January 18, 2018 Water Commission meeting he attended and speaks to the scoring of the Sites application. Lengthy discussion is held with no action taken.

4. 2017 FINANCE & BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE:

4.1 It is moved by Director Bransford, seconded by Director Well to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County, Orland Artois Water District and Western Canal Water District.

4.2 It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Bransford to approve the Payment of Claims as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County, Orland Artois Water District and Western Canal Water District.

5. PHASE 1 RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

5.1 Chairman Durst makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding comments received to the Draft EIR/EIS.

Mr. Watson distributes a memo titled "Subject: **Report to the Authority Board-Comments on the Draft EIR/S**" From the Document Review Work Group.

Mr. Thomson states the public review period for the Sites Project Draft EIR/S ended on January 15, 2018 and states he is pleased with the comments received. He further states through the close of business on Friday, January 19, 2018 we received comments/letters of support from Federal Agencies, Tribes, State Agencies, Local and Regional Agencies, Non-governmental agencies, individuals and a petition with 663 signatures organized by Save California Salmon (No New Dams in NorCal: Stop Sites Reservoir). Discussion is held with no action taken. **(Document on file with the Clerk)**

5.2 Chairman Dust makes time for a report on Joint Authority & Reservoir Committee Workshop held on January 18, 2018 regarding contracting and procurement.

Mr. Watson updates those Directors present on items regarding the Joint Reservoir Committee Workshop noting the focus is on Phase 2 contracting/technical support approach as speaks briefly to the timeline, intent to award, and funding for Phase 2. Discussion is held with no action taken.

5.3 Chairman Durst makes time for a report on Sites Reservoir Committee Meeting held on January 19, 2018.

Mr. Watson states Mr. Jeffery Mount; Senior Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California gave a presentation regarding accounting for environmental water. Brief discussion is held with no action taken.

6. PHASE 1 MEMBERSHIP & GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE:

6.1 Chairman Durst makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the City of Sacramento/Sacramento County Water Agency request for Authority Board Membership.

Mr. Watson states we are waiting on 3 of the member agencies Board resolution approving the addition of the City of Sacramento/Sacramento County Water Agency as Authority Board members. Noting, approval by 75% of the Sites Project Authority member agencies Board is required to bring on any Authority Board member(s).

6.2 Chairman Durst makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the request by the Colusa Indian Community Council's request for Authority Board Membership.

Mr. Conant states discussions with the Colusa Indian Community Council's legal Counsel is in progress and he should have a clear answer by next month.

7. PHASE 1 LEGISLATIVE AD HOC COMMITTEE:

7.1 It is moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Traynham to approve a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans expressing the Sites Project Authority's support for

H.R. 434 and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County, Orland Artois Water District and Western Canal Water District.

8. PHASE 1 ADVOCACY AD HOC COMMITTEE:

8.1 Chairman Durst makes time for a presentation and update from Family Water Alliance regarding the Sites History Project.

Ms. Bailey gives a brief update of the Sites history project she is working on and speaks to upcoming interviews, community meetings and a Facebook page. Brief discussion is held with no action taken.

9. PHASE 1 LAND USE AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Chairman Durst makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the status of engagement and outreach efforts to local agencies related to impacts or changes in land use.

Mr. Spesert states he has met with the Fire Chiefs and is working on setting up a working group for Public Safety. He further states he will be reaching out to the School Districts next.

10. PHASE 1 CONSULTATION COMMITTEES:

Chairman Durst makes time for discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the status of engagement and outreach efforts related to the following areas:

- o Tribal Officials
Nothing to report at this time.
- o Landowner and Community Interests
Mr. Spesert speaks briefly to upcoming meeting, with no action taken.
- o Environmental Interests
Nothing to report at this time.
- o Business & Labor Interests
Nothing to report at this time.

Director Durst declares a recess at 3:19 p.m. to convene in Closed Session and reconvenes Regular Session at 4:15 p.m. with all Directors and Counsel present except for Glenn County, Orland Artois Water District and Western Canal Water District.

Present: Jim Watson, Kevin Spesert, Sites.
Ann Nordyke, Clerk.

11. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation or adjudicatory proceedings (Govt. Code 54956.9(d) (2) and (4)) (1 item).

12. Chairman Durst makes time for report from Closed Session.

Mr. Conant state there is no reportable action.

Chairman Durst adjourned the meeting at 4:16 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on February 26, 2018 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Fritz Durst, Chair

Ann Nordyke, Clerk to the Sites
Project Authority Board

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