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January 23, 2017

Sites Project Authority

Minutes

2:30 p.m.

The Sites Project Authority Board meets in Regular Session this 23rd day of January 2017 at the hour of 2:30 p.m. **Directors Present:** Kim Vann, Fritz Durst, Jamie Traynham, Don Bransford, Mary Wells, Joe Marsh and Jim Jones. **Directors Absent:** Leigh McDaniel, John Viegas, Glenn County, and Dan Jones, TC5 Districts. **Alternate Director Present:** Gary Evans, Colusa County. (Other Alternate Directors that may be listed as Present below, did not participate in the decision making process).

Chair Vann calls to order the January 23, 2017 Regular Session to order at 2:35 p.m., with all Directors/Alternates present, except Leigh McDaniel, John Viegas, Glenn County and Dan Jones, Tom Charter, TC5 Districts. (**Not represented at this meeting- Glenn County and TC5 Districts**)

Staff Present: Jim Watson, General Manager.
Ernest Conant, Counsel.
Rob Thomson, Sites JPA.
Gary Allen, PCWA.
Ann Nordyke, Clerk.

Others Present: Jill Miller, AECOM.
Lisa Bailey, Ch2M
Rob Cooke, DWR.
Lady Bug, Sid LaGrande, Eleanor Temel, Bryan Sites, citizen.
Roger Salazar, ALZA Strategies, Media Relations.
Don Bader, Reclamation.
Scott Brown, LWA.
Emil Cavagnolo, OAWD.

Mike Azevedo, Colusa County Public Works.

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA APPROVAL

It is moved by Director J. Jones, seconded by Director Wells to approve the ~~December 19, 2016~~ January 23, 2017 Agenda as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County and Proberta/TC5.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Bransford to approve the October 17, 2016 Regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County and Proberta/TC5.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Durst, seconded by Director Bransford to approve the November 21, 2016 Regular meeting minutes. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County and Proberta/TC5.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It is moved by Director Traynham, seconded by Director Wells to approve the December 5, 2016 Special meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County and Proberta/TC5.

MINUTES APPROVAL

It is moved by Director J. Jones, seconded by Director Marsh to approve the December 19, 2016 Regular meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried: All yes. Absent: Glenn County and Proberta/TC5.

PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

1. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:
None.

Chair Vann makes time for approval of the Treasurer's Report and payment of Claims.

Director Bransford recommends tabling Item No. 2 (Accounting) to the end of the meeting, to give the Directors time to review the backup.

Chair Vann so directs.

2. ACCOUNTING:
 - 2.1 Consider approving Treasurer's Report.
 - 2.2 Consider approving payment of Claims.

3. GOVERNANCE:3.1 On-boarding:

Chair Vann makes time for a status of on-boarding process will be provided for discussion and potential direction to staff.

Mr. Watson updates the Directors on the status of approval of On-boarding as follows:

Sits Project Authority**Organization**

Glenn County

Maxwell ID

PCWA/City of Roseville

TCCA

Colusa County

Colusa County WD

GCID

Orland-Artois WD

Proberta WD

RD 108

Western Canal WD

Westside WD

Status (Amend #4 & Bylaws)

Plan to approve January 31, 2017

December 13, 2016

Plan to approve Jan 19 & 18, respectively

Approved on Dec 7, 2016

Approved on Dec 13, 2016

Approved on Dec 14, 2016

Approved in Dec. 2016

Approved Dec 17, 2016

Waiting on response

Approved in Dec. 2016

Plan to approve at Jan 17, 2017

Approved Dec 15, 2016

Reservoir Committee**Organization**

Colusa County

Colusa County WD

GCID

OAWD

Proberta WD

RD 108

Western Canal WD

Westside WD

4M WD

Cortina WD

Davis WD

Dunnigan WD

LaGrande WD

American Canyon

AVEK WA

Castaic Lake WA

Coachella V. WD

Desert WA

San Bernardino VMWD

Status (Reservoir PA Amend #1)

Approved Dec 13, 2016

Waiting on response

Approved in Dec. 2016

Approved Dec 17, 2016

Waiting on response

Approved in Dec 2016

Approved Jan 17, 2017

Approved Dec 15, 2016

Waiting on response

Waiting on response

Approved Dec 22, 2016

Approved Dec 15, 2016

Waiting on response

Plan to approve Feb21, 2017

Plan to approve Jan 17, 2017

Waiting on response

Plan to approve Jan 24, 2017

Plan to approve Jan 24, 2017

Approved Jan 3, 2017

San Gorgonio PWA	Approve Jan 17, 2017
SCVWD	Plan to approve Feb 14 or 28
Westlands WD	Plan to approve in Feb
WR-M WSD	Approved Dec 15, 2016
Zone 7 WA	Approved Dec 21, 2016
MWDSC (p)	Asked for a meeting
Carter MWC	Waiting on response
Garden Hwy MWC	Approve January 23, 2017
Pacific Res. MWC	Approved Dec 18, 2016
Cal. Water Svc (p)	Waiting on response

Discussion is held with no action taken.

3.2 Seat New Authority Members:

Chair Vann makes time to discuss based on the members who have executed the Fourth Amended and Restated Sites Project Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, consider seating the two new members: Western Canal Water District and the joint participation by Placer County Water Agency/City of Roseville.

Sites Directors welcomes the two new members to the Board. Brief discussion is held, with no action taken.

3.3 Work Groups:

Chair Vann makes time for the status of the creation of ad hoc working groups, which will include new participants to the Authority and/or Reservoir Committee will be provided for discussion and possible direction to staff.

Mr. Watson summarizes the Phase 1 ad hoc working groups that will address specific issues related to key topic areas associated with advancing the Project and/or work that will be a part of or accompany the WSIP application. Discussion is held with no action taken.

4. PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH:

4.1 Media & Water Commission:

Chair Vann makes time for a short presentation by JB Comm staff, and provide direction to staff.

Ms. Barbieri gives a short presentation regarding the recent Site tour, press releases, scheduling more tours and distributes 'Public Benefits of Sites Reservoir' flyer and speaks briefly to same, with no action taken.

4.2 Federal and State Legislation:

Chair Vann makes time for status of recent and pending legislation and possible direction to staff.

Mr. Watson states there are three groups discussing the concept of putting another water bond on the November 2018 ballot, two are currently referred to as SB 5 and AB 18, respectively and the third is being developed under the initiative process. Noting, no language is currently available for either of these three concepts.

He further recommends to work through organizations like NCWA and work with Project's participants to determine what, if any, potential benefit to Sites Reservoir are being proposed. Discussion is held with no action taken.

4.3 State Officials:

Chair Vann makes time to discuss the results of the January 12, 2017 tour by 12 state assembly persons and a senator will be provided for discussion and possible direction to staff. In addition, an outline of plans to further engage state officials will be provided for discussion and possible direction to staff.

Ms. Cordi expresses her gratitude to all those involved in setting up the tour of Sites.

Ms. Barbieri states she would like to have more tours. She further states the Rice Commission is helping to set up a Brown Bag lunch at the Capital. Discussion is held, with no action taken.

4.4 Federal Officials:

Discussion is held regarding an outline of plans to further engage federal Officials. Discussion is held with no action taken.

4.5 Tribal Interests:

Discussion is held regarding the receipt of a letter from the Cahil Dehe Band of the Wintun Indians with no action taken.

4.6 Landowners & Communities:

4.6.1 Discussion is held regarding an outline of plans to engage landowners within the Project's proposed 'footprint' with no action taken.

4.6.2 Chair Vann makes time for Family Water Alliance to present a proposal to document the cultural heritage of the project area for consideration and potential direction to staff.

Ms. Bailey speaks to a deep rich history of the cultural heritage of the landowners in the Sites area and the need to preserve same.

Discussion is held, with direction given to Mr. Watson to develop a draft contract and bring back for further consideration.

4.7 Environmental Community:

Discussion is held regarding the status of recent meetings with environmental organizations ~~was provided~~ along with an outline of plans to engage the environmental community, with no action taken.

4.8 Revised Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Scoping:

Discussion is held regarding the status of plans to reissue the NOP and conduct public scoping meetings, with no action taken.

4.9 SMUD's CoSu Project's Additional Scoping and Public Comment Period:

Discussion is held regarding the public comment period closing on March

7, 2017 and provided direction to staff regarding the current role of the Authority, which has been to allow members to respond directly to SMUD, with no action taken.

5. RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

5.1 Report: Mr. Bettner provides a summary of the January 20, 2017 Reservoir meeting and discusses near-term activities, with no action taken.

5.2 Environmental Planning & Permitting:

Mr. Thomson provides an update of staff and consultant activities to advance the joint Environmental Impact Report/Statement, with no action taken.

5.3 Water Rights and Integrated Operations:

Discussion is held regarding an update of staff's, legal counsel's, and consultant's activities to develop a strategy for how the Project's water rights should be secured, with no action taken.

5.4 Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP):

Discussion is held regarding an update of the Water Commission's activities and schedule, with no action taken.

5.5 Federal Feasibility Report:

Discussion is held regarding an update on Reclamation's activities, with no action taken.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Watson gives the Directors an update of his activities since the last Sites JPA meeting.

Chair Vann adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m. to reconvene in Regular Session on February 27, 2017 at the hour of 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Dolbow Vann, Chair

Jamie Traynham, Secretary to the Board