

# SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF MEETING

January 22, 2014

Chair Durst called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Glenn County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 525 West Sycamore Street, Willows, California 95988.

### **Present:**

County of Colusa, Gary Evans

County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID), Don Bransford

Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik

Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Fritz Durst

Tehama Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA), Wade Mathis

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD), Ron Tadlock

### **Absent:**

None

### **Also Present:**

Lewis Bair, RD 108; Sandy Denn, Thad Bettner, Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Jim Bond, Bond Tax and Financial Services; Lisa Hunter, Jim Donnelly, Glenn County Agriculture Department; Mary Fahey, Colusa County Resource Conservation District; Vickie Newlin, Butte County Water Resource and Conservation; Oscar Serrano, Colusa Indian Community; Susan Sims; California Water Commission; Dave Ceppos, Heidi Hill Drum, Center for Collaborative Policy; Rob Leaf; CH2M Hill; Jeff Herrin, Nik Carlson, Joe Barnes, URS; Deputy Director Gary Bardini, Ajay Goyal, Amy Lyons, Sean Sou; Curtis Anderson, Department of Water Resources; Kamyar Guivetchi, Ron Ganzfried, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Doug Ross, Sacramento Valley Mirror; Ryan Schohr, John Scott, Lester Messina

### **Approve Agenda**

Director Evans moved to change the order of the agenda, and place 'Approve Payment of Claims' as the last item under Item 4. Director Bransford seconded the motion, and the revised order of the agenda was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Bransford, Evans, Mathis, McDaniel, Mensik and Tadlock

NOES: None

### **Public Participation**

Chair Durst called for public participation and as no one from the public wished to address the Board, the meeting continued.

**Minutes**

Director Evans moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2013, meeting, Director McDaniel seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Bransford, Evans, Mathis, McDaniel, Mensik and Tadlock  
NOES: None

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**Approve Treasurer's Report**

Accountant Jim Bond presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported that all members of the Sites JPA have been invoiced for dues in the amount of \$5,000 each. He also reviewed the previous year's income and expenses for both the local membership fund and for the grant fund.

On motion by Director Bransford, second by Director Evans the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Bransford, Evans, Mathis, McDaniel, Mensik and Tadlock  
NOES: None

**Approve 2014 Annual Budget**

Accountant Jim Bond presented the 2014 Annual Budget for approval. Accountant Bond reiterated that the DWR Grant Funding has been completed and the budget will be funded solely by membership dues.

On motion by Director Evans, second by Director Bransford the 2014 Annual Budget was unanimously approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Bransford, Evans, Mathis, McDaniel, Mensik and Tadlock  
NOES: None

**Adopt Resolution No. 2014-01 Requesting Bi-Annual Audit**

Chairman Durst reported that Sites JPA has had little financial activity in the past two years and the cost of an audit for the single-year of limited financial activity would far exceed the value achieved by the audit. Government Code § 26909(f) permits the Board of Supervisors by unanimous approval to replace the annual audit with a bi-annual, two-year audit.

Director Evans moved, Director McDaniel seconded and it was unanimously voted to approve the request for a bi-annual audit and adopt Resolution No. 2014-01 as follows:

**SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION 2014-01**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A BI-ANNUAL AUDIT PURSUANT  
TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 26909(f)**

WHEREAS, the Sites Joint Powers Authority (JPA) has had little financial activity in the past year; and

WHEREAS, the cost of an audit for the single-year of limited financial activity would far exceed the value achieved by the audit; and

WHEREAS, Government Code § 26909(f) permits the Board of Supervisors by unanimous approval at the unanimous request of the JPA to replace the annual audit with a bi-annual, two-year audit.

NOW ,THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sites JPA Board unanimously request the Board of Supervisors to replace the annual audits ending September 2012 and September 2014 with a single bi-annual audit ending September 2014 as provided by Government Code § 26909(f).

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Bransford, Evans, Mathis, McDaniel, Mensik and Tadlock

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

**Approve Payment of Claims**

On motion by Director Evans, and second by Director McDaniel, payment of claims #1058 through #1061 in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Three Cents (\$159,375.03) was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Durst, Bransford, Evans, Mathis, McDaniel, Mensik and Tadlock

NOES: None

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**Action Plan Update**

Chair Durst provided an Action Plan status review. He reported that many of the components of the Action Plan have been completed. The requested contract extension has been granted to November 2014, meetings on strategies and agency roles have been held, URS has delivered the first version of the financial model, and also completed a revised scheduled that reduced the timeline by 18 months. The modeling approach has been agreed upon with CH2M Hill, and the outreach efforts are underway.

**Operational Modeling**

Rob Leaf of CH2M Hill presented an overview of the operational modeling. Alternative C provides more than one million acre-feet of additional upstream storage. The water can be managed for storage or flow related environmental purposes during the year, or may be

stored for many years and released to improve downstream and Delta diversions for water supply reliability in the driest years. This additional water can be managed for both environmental purposes, improving water supply reliability and water quality simultaneously.

The modeling demonstrates that there is little conflict, but rather an opportunity for North of the Delta Off Stream Storage (NODOS) to achieve these benefits and support the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

### **Financial and Costing**

Jeff Herrin, URS, provided a cost estimate update. URS has developed a new set of drawings that compile quantities for estimating, defined construction methods, equipment and material costs, and estimates for major and minor facility costs. December of 2013 was used as the cost basis. The cost estimates are pending review by Reclamation and DWR.

URS also identified cost saving possibilities that would include relocating Golden Gate Dam further up the canyon, eliminating the South Bridge, optimizing the Delevan pipeline design, using local borrow materials, and a few others for a cost savings of \$597 million.

### **Outreach**

Dave Ceppos, Center for Collaborative Policy, introduced his assistant Heidi Hill Drum. He reported that a footprint has been developed of the Sites area that includes the local landowners' names and addresses. Sending letter to the affected landowner to begin Outreach meetings with local landowners are planned for April. After local stakeholder meetings have been held, other interested parties will be invited to attend the public meetings.

Discussion took place and the JPA directors indicated that it is important for the County Supervisor(s) to be invited to these meetings as well.

### **Agency Input and Reports**

DWR Deputy Director Gary Bardini discussed the state's water issues. He explained that he has been meeting with the general managers of the Sites JPA member districts who have been providing him with background information on the Sites Reservoir Project. Sites would play a significant role in helping with water issues during a drought year, such as this year, and also with the Delta issues.

Sue Simms, of the California Water Commission, spoke on the importance of Sites Reservoir project and its multi-beneficial that could help the entire state.

Ron Ganzfield, of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, reported that he has been meeting with the technical advisory committee to consult and support the Action Plan. Reclamation feels it is a good time to let the Sites JPA progress on its own, and Reclamation's part would be as a complimentary partnership.

Alternate Director Sandy Denn questioned if any thought had been given to a recharge system being put in at the base of the reservoir as had been done at Diamond Valley reservoir. Chairman Durst responded that he was unaware of a system being planned next to the reservoir, but that there is a recharge system planned for downstream.

**Other Business**

None

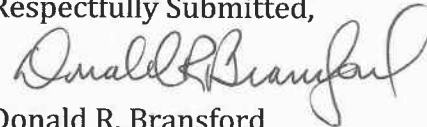
**Member Comments**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donald R. Bransford  
Secretary to the Board

Attest a true record of proceedings made  
and taken at the above foregoing meeting  
our consent thereto and our presence thereat.

  
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Frederick Durst