

# SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF MEETING

November 15, 2010

Chair Ken LaGrande called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 9:15 a.m. The meeting was held at the Glenn County Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 526 West Sycamore Street, Willows, California 95988.

### **Present:**

Donald R. Bransford, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID)

Leigh McDaniel, County of Glenn

Kenneth M. LaGrande, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA)

Ronald R. Tadlock, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (YCFC&WD)

Gary Evans, County of Colusa

### **Absent:**

Frederick J. Durst, Reclamation District No. 108 (RD 108)

Richard M. Richter, Maxwell Irrigation District (MID)

### **Also Present:**

Lewis Bair, RD 108; Thad Bettner, GCID; Sandy Willard Denn, GCID; Steve Dennis, TCCA; Eugene Massa, CBDD; Tim O'Halloran, YCFC&WD; Dan Ruiz, MID; Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Jeff Sutton, TCCA

### **Approve Agenda**

Director Bransford moved to adjust the agenda items to combine items 5a *Hear Report from the Ad Hoc Personnel Committee* and item 6a *Treasurer will report on status of the 2010 budget*, as he would be reporting on both items during the same report, Gary Evans seconded and the agenda items were combined by unanimous vote.

### **Public Participation**

Chair LaGrande called for public participation and as no one from the public was present, the meeting continued.

### **Minutes**

Director Bransford moved to approve the minutes, Director McDaniel seconded the motion, and it was passed by unanimous vote.

### **Governance and Internal Organization**

Director Bransford reported that the Ad Hoc Committee had met on October 18, 2010, and presented the following recommendations:

No staff will be hired in the near term.

Finance, personnel and administration will be handled by GCID for at least the first six months.

Checks will require two signatures by Board Members.

Lobbyists employed by the Districts, NCWA and the Counties will initially be used for support.

Legal counsel is needed to determine if the Sites JPA can use existing liability insurance of the respective organizations for liability coverage.

### **Financial Considerations**

Director Bransford presented a budget outline. The budget will run on the calendar year, January 1 through December 31 of each year. The committee will submit a recommendation for legal counsel and an audit firm at the next meeting. An invoice will be sent to each of the seven members by the first of the year with a due date of January 15, 2011.

### **Governance and Internal Organization**

The Board discussed the need for Alternate Directors. Director Evans moved that respective members shall appoint an alternate for their director, Director Bransford seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Each member organization must submit their choice of alternate by letter to the Sites JPA.

### **Regular Business**

Discussion was held on State and Federal outreach efforts. Due to the election results and not knowing the administrative changes that will be made, it was decided to wait until January to proceed with any other outreach efforts.

Thad Bettner briefly summarized the CalFed Surface Storage Investigations report that was presented to the California Water Commission. The North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage Investigation shows that the Sites Reservoir capacity would be 1.8 million acre-feet at a cost of \$3.62 billion with a broad range of benefits. The Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation projected that Temperance Flat Reservoir capacity would be an additional 1,260 thousand acre-feet of storage at a cost of \$3.36 billion, and could be operated under a variety of scenarios to provide potential benefits for a range of different purposes. Los Vaqueros Expansion Investigation report showed the expansion of the reservoir from 160 thousand acre-feet to 275 thousand acre-feet was analyzed. Capital cost for the expansion would be \$985 million, with the benefits characterized as public benefits, and non-public benefits including water supply and water supply reliability and M&I water quality. The Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation of enlarging the existing Shasta Dam and lake by 18.5 feet, which would increase the capacity by 634 thousand acre-feet and focuses on a broad range of potential benefits at a cost of \$942 million.

Thad Bettner suggested that meetings to discuss this should be held with the members of the California Water Commission.


**Other Business**

The regularly scheduled meeting for December will be changed to Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the Colusa County Board of Supervisors' chambers.

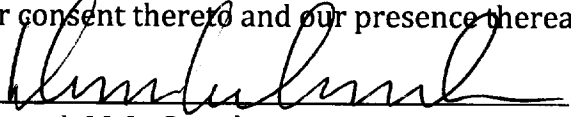
**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.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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Kenneth M. LaGrande