

# **SITES PROJECT JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

December 11, 2013

Chair Durst called the meeting of the Sites Project Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) Board of Directors to order at 1:40 p.m. The meeting was held at Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Board Room, 5513 Highway 162, Willows, California 95988.

### **Present:**

County of Colusa, Gary Evans

County of Glenn, Leigh McDaniel

Maxwell Irrigation District (MID), Greg Mensik

Reclamation District 108 (RD 108), Fritz Durst

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

### **Absent:**

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

Tehama Colusa Canal Authority

### **Also Present:**

Jeff Sutton, TCCA; Dan Ruiz, MID; Lewis Bair, RD 108; Mary Spooner Danley, GCID; Lisa Hunter, Brian Taylor, Lester Messina, Glenn County Agriculture Department; Mary Fahey, Colusa County Resource Conservation District; Rob Leaf; Chandra Chilmakuri, CH2M Hill; Jeff Herrin, URS; Ajay Goyal, Department of Water Resources

### **Approve Agenda**

Director Evans moved to approve the agenda, Director Mensik seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Public Participation**

Chair Durst called for public participation. Mary Fahey of the Colusa County Resource Conservation District introduced herself.

### **Minutes**

Director McDaniel moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2013, meeting, Director Tadlock seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Approve Payment of Claims**

The Directors requested clarification on the CH2M Hill billing. Accountant Jim Bond explained that there will be one final billing from CH2M Hill that will be reimbursed by the DWR grant, and there will be no further billing from CH2M Hill.

On motion by Director McDaniel, second by Director Mensik and unanimous vote, payment of claims #1053 through #1057 in the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$140,424.32) was approved.

### **Approve Treasurer's Report**

Accountant Jim Bond reviewed the draft budget for 2014. He reported that he will be sending out the membership billing prior to the end of the year.

On motion by Director Mensik, second by Director McDaniel and unanimous vote, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

### **GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL ORGANIZATION**

#### **Authorize Chairman to Sign DWR Extension Agreement**

At the September board meeting, the Board requested an extension of the term of the agreement from DWR from November 14, 2013 to November 14, 2014, in order for the activities under the grant to continue and to complete the EIR/EIS.

Director McDaniel moved and Director Evans seconded to authorize Chairman Durst to sign the DWR Extension Agreement. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

#### **Report on Action Plan Activities**

Jeff Herrin from URS reported that the Financial Plan has been divided it into five tasks. Task 1 will determine alternative constriction costs and financial scenarios; Task 2 will review construction costs and scheduling; Task 3 will develop spreadsheet tools for estimating annualized water costs; Task 4 will be a summary report after two or more rounds of Task 3; Task 5 will be to develop supporting information for Level 3 costs.

Rob Leaf from CH2M Hill reported on the ongoing modeling efforts, analyzing the compatibility of North of the Delta Off Stream Storage (NODOS) with Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). Preliminary findings illustrate that the operations of the proposed BDCP would have a negligible impact on the presumed operation and filling of NODOS. The modeling focused on the high outflow Alternative of BDCP.

Chairman Durst announced that Dave Ceppos of the Center for Collaborative Policy was not able to attend the board meeting, but that Lewis Bair, RD 108 General Manager, would be reporting on his behalf.

Lewis Bair informed the Board that Dave Ceppos and his staff are working on the outreach portion of the Action Plan and that landowner meetings should be scheduled for late in January.

#### **Other Business**

Ajay Goyal, DWR, reviewed the status of the EIR/EIS. DWR is proposing to release the EIR/EIS as a Preliminary Administrative Report, and as a DWR document. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) will not take part in releasing this draft as it does not currently meet the Federal requirements for feasibility. DWR staff feels that it would be beneficial to release the EIR/EIS to the public to provide information on its status. However, DWR does not have the funding to respond to any comments that they may receive once the draft is out to the public, but has indicated that they will keep track of any comments they do receive, and if funding is received in the future, they would then complete the process.

The Board discussed the issue and agreed that it would be better for DWR to wait to release the document until the Sites JPA outreach program is underway, as landowners in

the area would be informed prior to this document being made public. The issue of waiting to release the document until funding is assured to deal promptly with responses to comments was also discussed.

Lewis Bair, RD 108 General Manager, distributed an article from the Delta Stewardship Council regarding smaller storage projects that he and Thad Bettner, GCID General Manager, felt would be of interest to the Board. One of the recommendations in the article is to complete the state studies of the Sites Reservoir.

**Member Comments**

None

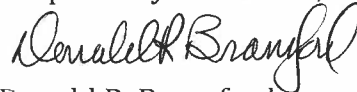
**Closed Session**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 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