



## MINUTES

### PLACER COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, March 12, 2012

The Board of Directors for the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District met in session beginning at 4:02 P.M., Monday, March 12, 2012, in the Rocklin City Council Chambers, 3970 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, California. Ken Grehm, Executive Director, Brian Keating, District Manager, Andrew Darrow, Development Coordinator and Brett Holt, District Counsel, represented the District.

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#### 1. **ROLL CALL:**

By roll call, Directors present: Duran, Rocucci, Morillas, Ruslin, Joiner, and Yorde  
Directors Not Present: Hanley, Weygandt

#### 2. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

MOTION: Morillas/Rocucci  
APPROVED: Unanimous

#### 3. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 9, 2012 MINUTES**

MOTION: Yorde/Morillas  
APPROVED: Unanimous

#### 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments from the public were made, however, Director Duran relayed that at a recent SACOG event, Sacramento City Councilmember Angelique Ashby advocated relief of flood issues prohibiting building in the Natomas area. SACOG showed some interest in trying to assist with this issue and said there may be additional issues of flood control to discuss. Michael McKeever would be the contact person for SACOG should anyone from the District wish to coordinate further with them.

#### 5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

##### a) **Annual update and distribution of Director's Handbook**

Andy Darrow stated that all Directors have been distributed updates to their Director Handbooks and if necessary, staff would be happy to replace the outdated sheets within their handbooks following today's meeting. Andy discussed that the Director Handbook is a useful document which includes information about general District functions and procedures, includes Board member contact information, and contains copies of the enabling legislation, relevant interagency agreements, past Board resolutions, previous Board meeting actions and minutes, summaries of watershed plans and the current District workplan.

##### b) **FEMA approves additional LiDAR topographic survey studies for large portions of Placer County**

Brian Keating reported that District staff is pleased to announce that FEMA and the USGS have selected Placer County within which to expend additional remaining funds (approximately \$80,000 of funding) for LiDAR type topography services. LiDAR is a state of the art mapping technology using current laser and aerial techniques. USGS plans to conduct an additional 301 square miles of surveys within Placer County and provide the data back to the District and its member agencies. The District has assisted in helping to identify recommended areas of surveying including the remaining portions of western Placer County not previously studied, as well as a majority of the Tahoe Basin. The USGS will take the lead on contracting out the work and Placer County will be the recipient of the data. Brian reported the data is extremely accurate and it will be useful to obtain for future planned floodplain mapping in these areas. The work will begin soon and be completed by next spring.

Director Yorde inquired what accuracies can be obtained with LiDAR and whether the information is gathered aurally by flying? Brian replied that the accuracies are extremely good and can be specified to within tenths of feet and that yes, the data is collected via specially equipped planes flown over the study areas during times when leaves are down from trees.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a) Professional Services Agreement for Antelope Creek Flood Control Project – Brian Keating stated that staff recommends the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement with the firm, HDR Engineering Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$689,594 with additional authorization for up to \$20,000 in contract amendments, for the project planning, design, and construction oversight of the Antelope Creek Flood Control Project. Brian explained that HDR was the top ranked firm following our recent Request For Proposal (RFP) procurement process and that contract negotiations have now been successfully completed with HDR. Brian further explained that the scope of work for this agreement includes a long list of services including all planning, design, permitting, plans, construction bid assistance and preparation of an operations and maintenance manual. He stated that a copy of the formal PSA and detailed scope of work have been provided in advance to each Director.

The original engineer's cost estimate was \$600,000 but through negotiations, we have arrived at a slightly higher amount of \$689,594 because of the need to include permitting for both Phase 1 and 2. Brian explained that a portion of our DWR IRWM Prop 84 grant funding will be available to help fund these services for Phase 1 only and that currently no such funding exists for Phase 2. Brian explained that staff intends to pursue additional grant funds from the State in the future to assist with Phase 2. Director Duran asked if the Board would be aware if and when amendments were proposed and prepared. Ken Grehm explained that each amendment, if needed, would be brought back to the Board and that the total amount of all amendments would not exceed \$20,000. Director Roccucci asked what is the upstream extent of the project? Brian explained that the upper extent is approximately the Highway 65 crossing where storage benefits cease.

MOTION: Morillas/Roccucci

APPROVED: Unanimous

- b) Draft Fiscal Year 2012/2013 District Budget – Ken Grehm explained that the draft budget for FY 2012/2013 is being presented today and we are soliciting feedback and direction from the Board to prepare the final budget. Next year, our efforts will focus largely on the Antelope Creek Flood Control Project as well as finalizing the Dry Creek mitigation fees we've discussed recently, through adoption of the updated Dry Creek Watershed Flood Control Plan. We will also continue FEMA floodplain mapping through the CTP project, and seek grant funding opportunities. Our operational expenses are largely the same as the previous year, although large capital type increases in expenses are now associated with the labor costs and substantial consulting services associated

with the Antelope Creek and FEMA CTP projects. For the revenue side of the budget staff notes an increased use of Dry Creek Trust Fund monies as well as a much smaller use of State grant aid to help fund the Antelope Creek project planning and design services. Ken explained that a larger share of state grant aid will be utilized to fund the construction activities for the Antelope Creek project.

Ken explained that once again the largest issue for consideration is how much each of our member agencies will contribute this year, and whether a rebate will again be applied through continued use of reserves. He reviewed the three rebate options presented in the draft budget including a comparison to the "no rebate" option. Ken stated that the TAC has discussed the issue and agrees with going ahead with the \$47,000 rebate option and staff believes we can support that as well based on the current and future projected balance of District reserves. Reserves are projected to be at a healthy \$257,000 at FY 11/12 year end. This year we will not need to utilize as much of our reserves as we had thought which will again help to offset continued use of reserves next year. Ken explained that a rebate has been applied for the last 4 years but that continued use of our reserves in this manner is not sustainable.

Director Duran asked Ken to explain the purpose of the rebate and when it began. Ken explained that it was decision at the start of the economic downturn four years ago to utilize reserves in this manner to assist our member agencies. No other comments or direction were received and Ken stated that enough direction had been provided for staff to prepare the final budget.

7. **NEXT MEETING** The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is April 9, 2012, at 4:00 pm at the Rocklin City Council Chambers.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda Britton  
Executive Secretary