



MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, November 14, 2011

The Board of Directors for the Placer County Flood Control and Water Conservation District met in session beginning at 4:02 P.M., Monday, November 14, 2011 in the Rocklin City Council Chambers, 3970 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, California. Ken Grehm, Executive Director, Brian Keating, District Manager, Andrew Darrow, Development Coordinator and Rob Sandman, District Counsel, represented the District.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

By roll call, Directors present: Duran, Roccucci, Yorde, Morillas, Hanley, Ruslin, and Joiner

Directors Not Present: Weygandt

2. **AGENDA APPROVAL:**

MOTION: Morillas/Yorde

APPROVED: Unanimous

3. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 MINUTES:**

MOTION: Duran/Roccucci

APPROVED: Unanimous

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

a. Pre Flood Season Update

Andy Darrow reported that District staff was in the process of updating the annual changes to the Flood Response Handbook and this update would be distributed soon. Recently, Staff have attended two pre-season flood meetings in preparation for the upcoming flood season. Andy stated that the National Weather Service (NOAA) long range climate forecasts report that La Nina conditions, similar to last year, are expected over the next several months, with a moderately strong La Nina predicted over the winter months. The District has completed the fall 2011 stream channel maintenance program and focused on the lower areas of the Dry Creek Watershed.

6. a. Update to Dry Creek Watershed Flood Control Plan

Ken Grehm recognized and thanked RBF Consultants and Civil Solutions who helped prepare the updated Plan. Ken summarized the overall objectives of the Plan including updating the hydrologic studies; identifying means to minimize future flood damage; mitigate future

development impacts; as well as how to go about funding this Plan. Ken reviewed the historical flooding in the Dry Creek Watershed, the original 1992 Plan, and accomplishments since 1992.

Accomplishments within the Watershed since 1992 have included: completed at least half of the onsite detention basin; created and expanded the Alert Flood Warning System of stream and rain gages; completed a majority of planned bridge and culvert projects; construction of the Miners Ravine Off Channel Retention Project several years ago; and an annual stream channel clearing project.

Ken stated that recommendations from the new Plan include a few remaining bridge replacements; five regional flood control projects; elevation of buildings in the floodplain; continuation of our proactive development policies in the floodplain; and, to complete upgrades of the Alert Flood Warning system.

Ken reported that three options for funding of the Plan have been developed. Option 1 is what we need to accomplish all the goals; Options 2 and 3 are enhancements to the same. The District is focused on Option 1 which would include upgrades to the Alert Flood System, completing the regional Antelope Creek Project and implementing low impact development as part of our development standards. Option 1 will cost approximately \$3.6 million over the long term. There is an Option 1a which has the same improvements as Option 1 except includes a state grant funding award which was recently confirmed. Under Option 1a, Staff projects new development fees will be reduced significantly, as much as 40 – 80% lower than current fee rates. These rates will be finalized through completion of the Nexus study. Ken also reviewed the current and future anticipated maintenance costs associated with the District's regional flood control facilities and described the options the updated Plan presents for funding these costs. The future Nexus study will address the issue of how to distribute these maintenance costs fairly based on benefits received and locations of the projects.

Staff is recommending the Board accept the Plan as final and allow Staff to proceed with the next step including issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional consulting services for the nexus study and compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Ken stated the Board is not being asked to adopt any specific funding option at this time. Supervisor Duran asked how long it would take to prepare the Nexus study and what are its costs, to which Ken replied he felt it would take a few months to complete and cost approximately \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Director Duran moved that the Board accept the 2011 Update to the Dry Creek Watershed Flood Control Plan as final with authorization to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional consultant services for assistance with the Plan nexus study and compliance with CEQA.

Motion: Duran/Hanley

APPROVED: Unanimous

b. Invitation for Bid (IFB) for Miners Ravine Off-Channel Detention Basin Facility:

Brian reported that the landscaping maintenance contract for the Miners Ravine Off-Channel detention basin facility for the frontage area and parking lot expired August 31, 2011. At the September Board meeting, staff was asked by the Board to look into other options regarding costs and scope of the previously prepared invitation for bid (IFB) dated August 2011. Staff and our consultant reviewed the condition of landscaping at the site and now support reduced frequency of site visits to adequately maintain the frontage areas. Brian presented three options to the Board, each differing slightly in the frequency of site visits. Staff prefers Option 2 which requires quarterly visits April thru October, plus one additional visit in January (4 total visits per year at a cost of an estimated \$2,000/year).

Director Hanley moved the Board issue a new invitation to bid (IFB) and go forward with Option 2 (4 total visit per year at the cost of \$2,000).

MOTION: Hanley/Yorde

APPROVED: Unanimous

c. Revisions to District FY 2011/2012 Budget:

Ken Grehm requested the Board approve revisions to the FY 2011/2012 budget including associated expenses and revenue with two new large projects including the FEMA Cooperating Technical Partnership (CTP) and the Antelope Creek Flood Control Project. The new budget would increase from \$648,000 to \$996,000 in both revenues and expenses over the remaining fiscal year. FEMA has awarded the District grant aid of \$300,000 and the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) has awarded the District approx. \$750,000 in new state aid to assist with the Antelope Creek project. Only the portions of these grants to be expended in the remaining fiscal year are shown as modifications to the current budget.

New revenue modifications include: FEMA CTP Grant (\$175,000); District Reserves Use (\$53,900); DWR IRWM Prop 84 (\$30,000); and Dry Creek (CIP Trust Fund (\$195,500). New expense modifications include: Dry Creek CIP Implementation (\$205,500) and FEMA CTP (\$160,000).

No new revenue in the form of increased per capita contributions from any member agency is required with these revisions. A decreased use of excess reserves from \$68,900 to \$53,900 is reflected in the revised FY 2011/12 budget, due to the increasing federal and state aid.

Director Hanley moved to revise the District FY 2011/2012 Budget to incorporate project awards for the FEMA CTP and the Antelope Creek Flood Control Project.

MOTION: Hanley/Ruslin

APPROVED: Unanimous

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is January 9, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. at the Rocklin City Council Chambers.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Britton
Executive Secretary