

MINUTES OF THE
BUTTE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND
WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 28, 2010
Human Resources Training Room
2279 Del Oro Avenue, Suite G
Oroville, CA 95965

Start-up

Roll Call

TAC members present: Matt Colwell, Ed Craddock, Mike Pembroke and Debbie Spangler.

TAC members absent: Chair Richard Price, Joe Connell and Jim Houpis.

Motion by Debbie Spangler, second by Matt Colwell to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Review and comment on the 2010 BMO report

The TAC members agreed that there was nothing out of the ordinary in the well reports. Kristen said that use of the new methodology has made things more consistent. Two sub-units in the southern portion of the county are still using the former methodology, with valid reason. Ed felt that a short summary, either as part of the cover report or as an overlay to the BMO report, might make the report easier to read. A summary form to be used by the sub-unit representatives was discussed. The form "Sub Inventory Unit Report on BMO Alert Stages" that was previously approved by the TAC for reporting on existing conditions within the SIU will assist the TAC when reviewing the Spring and Fall hydrologic conditions. These forms are to be signed and returned to the Department prior to the meeting of the TAC each Spring and Fall. These will be included in the annual BMO reports.

Motion by Matt Colwell, second by Mike Pembroke to adjourn the TAC portion of the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Start-Up of WAC meeting

Sub-unit representatives present: Catherine Cottle, Angel Slough; Karen Peters, Biggs-West Gridley, Raymond Antonowich, Durham-Dayton; Rick Ponciano, Esquon; Lee Heringer, M&T; Toni Ruggle, North Yuba; Rick Ponciano, Interim Pentz; Gene Harris,

Richvale; Mike Edwards, Thermalito; J Knight, Vina; Ted Trimble, Western Canal; Dave Pittman, City of Oroville at-large; Joe DiDuca, Town of Paradise at-large; Gary Cole, Cherokee Watershed Alliance at-large; Barbara Hennigan, Big Chico Creek Watershed Alliance at-large; Nani Teves, Little Chico Creek Watershed Alliance at-large; Chuck Kutz, Butte Creek Watershed Conservancy at-large.

Sub-unit representatives absent: Mark Orme, Butte; Gary Kerhoulas, Butte Sink; Myron Openshaw, Cherokee; Nora Todenhagen, Chico Urban Area; Dave Sieperda, Llano Seco; Jim Brobeck, Foothill/Mountain at-large; Hayden Wasser, City of Biggs at-large; Tom Nickell, City of Chico at-large; Rocky Donati, Agriculture at-large.

Motion by Gary Cole, second by Catherine Cottle to elect Rick Ponciano as Chair. Motion carried 17-0.

Chuck Kutz volunteered to serve as Vice Chair.

Motion by Toni Ruggle, second by Catherine Cottle to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 17-0.

Motion by Raymond Antonowich, second by Chuck Kutz to adopt the 2010 BMO Report. Motion carried 17-0.

Departmental Updates

Paul announced that the Water Commission would be meeting on February 3, 2010. The Commission will be hearing an overview of the BMO document. The department is in the process of identifying monitoring sites and doing the environmental review for the Prop 50 project. Brown and Caldwell has been hired to assist in carrying that out.

The Annual Groundwater Status Report has been sent to the Butte Basin Water Users Association for review by their TAC, and will be presented to the Department of Water and Resource Conservation by February 20th as required by Chapter 33. The Water Commission will review the report at their March 3, 2010 meeting. It will be posted on the department website.

Wrap Up

Motion by Chuck Kutz, second by Catherine Cottle to adjourn. Motion carried 17-0.