

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

November 9, 2009
Board of Supervisors Chambers
25 County Center Drive
Oroville, CA 95965

Start-up

Roll Call

TAC members present: Chair Richard Price, Joe Connell, Ed Craddock, Mike Pembroke and Debbie Spangler.

TAC members absent: Matt Colwell and Jim Houpis.

Sub-unit representatives present: Gary Kerhoulas, Butte Sink; Nora Todenhagen, Chico Urban Area; Gene Harris, Richvale; Mike Edwards, Thermalito; J Knight, Vina; Ted Trimble, Western Canal; Jim Brobeck, Foothill/Mountain at-large; Tom Nickell, City of Chico at-large; Dave Pittman, City of Oroville at-large; Gary Cole, Cherokee Watershed 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 Alliance at-large.

Sub-unit representatives absent: Catherine Cottle, Angel Slough; Karen Peters, Biggs-West Gridley; Mark Orme, Butte; Myron Openshaw, Cherokee; Raymond Antonowich, Durham-Dayton; Rick Ponciano, Esquon; Dave Sieperda, Llano Seco; Lee Heringer, M&T; Toni Ruggle, North Yuba; Rick Ponciano, Interim Pentz; Hayden Wasser, City of Biggs at-large; Joe DiDuca, Town of Paradise at-large; Rocky Donati, Agriculture at-large.

Motion by Jim Brobeck, second by Dave Pittman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 13-0.

Review of October 19-23 groundwater measurements

Kristen reported that measurements had been received from Cal Water Oroville. Data from Cal Water Chico had not yet been received. Kristen said that the decrease in Cherokee, Durham, Chico and Vina areas was less than expected. Richard mentioned that a considerable amount of acreage had been taken out in the past year, which contributes to the lower usage of water.

2010 BMO Preparation

Kristen said that everyone had received a copy of the Sub-inventory Unit Reporting Form with the agenda. The form is to be prepared by the sub-inventory representative and submitted when the alert stages are established and will be included for review by the TAC. She also reported that Environmental Health now has the capability of tracking which well drilling permit applications are specifically for well deepening due to lack of water. Only about 20 permits out of 213 were for well deepening throughout Butte County in 2009.

Kristen reported that she has received positive responses from many of the sub-unit representatives on utilizing the new methodology. She reminded the WAC that the representatives have the option to choose the methodology they want to go forward with.

The new reporting form was discussed and representatives were asked to bring more information. The Report of Abnormal Well Levels form was also discussed and representatives were asked to make it available to their stakeholders. Representatives were asked to schedule meetings with staff in early November to in preparation for the annual report.

Wrap up

Motion by Gary Cole, second by Dave Pittman to adjourn. Motion carried 13-0.