



MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, May 14, 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, May 14, 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.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

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

2. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

MOTION: Morillas/Roccucci
APPROVED: Unanimous

3. **APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2012 MINUTES**

MOTION: Duran/Roccucci
APPROVED: Unanimous

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

5. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

a) **State Department of Water Resources Draft Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR)**

Brian Keating reported that the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released for public review and comment, the draft Central Valley Flood Protection Plan (CVFPP) and Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) as required by previous state legislation. DWR has until July 2012 to adopt these plans as final. Brian reviewed with the Board a list of the primary objectives and elements within the CVFPP, including the objective of providing a 200-year level of flood protection to urban and urbanizing areas of the central valley which includes most of western Placer County. This new level of flood protection has the potential for the most direct impact to Placer County. Brian reported that the District's Technical Advisory Committee has repeatedly reviewed and discussed the content of the draft plan over the last several months.

The District and several of its member agencies have submitted formal comment letters back to DWR. Brian reviewed with the Board the primary list of concerns the District has identified with the draft plan. DWR has acknowledged receipt of the District's comments and indicated they will not be extending the review and comment period. A formal response from DWR is not expected until mid-June of 2012.

Director Roccucci expressed concern that the 200 year level of flood protection standards being proposed would be difficult to apply without existing 200 year floodplain mapping made available. Brian replied that it appears DWR is attempting to complete this mapping as quickly as possible and may obligate funds to local agencies get the 200 year floodplain mapped. It is also possible that new developments may be required to produce their own mapping of the 200 year floodplain for review and consideration.

Ken Grehm added that DWR's new plan is a policy document developed over several years since the Katrina disaster and that we need to be proactively talking about this document now. Ken stated that how some of these policies will be applied within Placer County is not completely clear, and that our comments back to DWR attempt to identify those types of issues. Ken believes this is not a "one size fits all" type of plan and solution. Brian pointed out that once the Central Valley Board does adopt the plan, likely in July 2012, the local agencies will then have 24 months to modify their General Plans to become consistent with the adopted plan.

b) Status of Scilacci Farms Flood and Conservation Easement Project

Brian Keating stated that the District has, twice in the past, submitted grant applications for the Silacci Farms Regional Retention Project under the State DWR's Grant Program in 2008 and also in 2009, under the Federal National Resources Conservation Service Grant Program. Ultimately, both of these grant applications did not get funded although we scored well enough that we were encouraged to re-apply. Brian explained that there are several DWR grant programs which will be soliciting project proposals over the next year or so. These include DWR's Flood Corridor Protection Program as well as the DWR's FloodSAFE Environmental Stewardship and Statewide Resources Office (FESSRO) program.

Staff has also worked closely with the property owner, Kirk Scilacci to again obtain a willing seller letter. In the past the District has coordinated with our grant partners including Placer County Planning Department and Ducks Unlimited, and we anticipate doing so once again. Placer Legacy has also prioritized local matching funds out of the open space reserves that could be utilized for a purchase of a flood and conservation easement on the property.

Brian explained the overall project concept to the Board. Flood easements are proposed on over 330 acres of the Scilacci property which are currently in rice production. Easements would continue to hold flood water and we would alter the operation of the check dams in a way allowing the waters to be stored for a longer time (retention). The remaining 120 acres of the property (456 total acres) are proposed for conservation and habitat restoration purposes. Brian stated that staff will continue to work with our partners and the TAC regarding these grant funding opportunities.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- a) Antelope Creek Flood Control Project Grant – Brian Keating stated that staff is once again returning to the Board with this item to authorize a partnering agreement with the Regional Water Authority regarding overall grant program management of the Proposition 84 Antelope Creek Flood Control project grant. At the most recent Board meeting, the Board had approved the execution of this agreement but it was subject to the addition of acceptable dispute resolution terms. Staff have attempted to negotiate those terms with RWA but has learned the original terms were not negotiable and any changes were viewed as unnecessary by RWA staff. RWA prefers all agencies agree to the identical agreement language and that each grantee agency pay a prorated management fee in a total lump sum upon entering the partnership agreement. Brian explained that this management fee is considered very reasonable given the benefits of having RWA manage the program with DWR on behalf of all eighteen involved grantees.

Therefore staff recommend the Board authorize payment to RWA from budgeted local matching project funds derived from the Dry Creek Watershed Trust Fund and that the Executive Director be authorized to execute a partnering agreement between the District and the RWA for overall grant program administration of the Prop 84 Antelope Creek Flood Control Project grant.

MOTION: Duran/Roccucci

APPROVED: Unanimous

- b) Approval of Fiscal Year 2012/2013 District Budget – Ken Grehm presented the final District budget for FY 2012-2013 for approval with proposed total expenses of \$1,250,000 and revenues of the same amount, \$1,250,000. Increased expenses and revenue relative to the past few years relate primarily to project costs associated with the new Antelope Creek flood control project and accompanying grant aid from the State. Ken explained that at our most recent Board meeting the budget discussion focused around the proposed use of District reserve funds for another rebate applied to our member agency contributions. A historical chart of reserve balance was reviewed reflecting the decreasing balance trend over time as the District has utilized its reserves over multiple years to help off-set annual member contributions. Ken explained that our current balance of reserves is at \$256,000 and that by this time next year it would be at approximately \$200,000 if the preferred \$47,000 rebate budget option is approved. It was explained that at \$200,000, the reserves balance next year would still remain over the Board recommended minimum balance of \$143,000, an amount that represents 25% of our annual operating expenses. Ken suggested that the use of reserves in this manner is not sustainable and that over the next several years the Board will need to consider likely increases to member agency contributions.

Ken reviewed a table of proposed member agency contributions for next year which are based on population data provided by the State, and which take into account the proposed rebates. Ken asked for questions and none were raised. A motion was made to approve the budget as recommended.

MOTION: Duran/Weygandt

APPROVED: Unanimous

- c) Approve MOU with City of Roseville for City Open Space crews maintenance services at Miners Raving Off-Channel Detention Basin Facility – Brian Keating reported that the District's long term landscaping maintenance contract for the Miner's Ravine Off-Channel detention basin facility expired August 2011 and continuation of these services is needed. The Board previously authorized the execution of a landscape maintenance contract with the lowest responsive bidder through a competitive bid process. However, no responsive and responsible bids were obtained. Staff have recently met with City of Roseville staff to evaluate the possibility of City Opens Space crews providing the services through a MOU type agreement. Providing the services in this manner appears to be a low cost option at approximately \$2,800 per year and the City's crews are very qualified, as they are already providing similar services in open spaces adjacent to the District's facility.

Director Yorde asked who the City's Open Space crews would report to during the work. Carl Walker, City of Roseville, responded that the Roseville Parks and Recreation Dept together with their Department of Public Works worked together to prepare this MOU and that crews would report to the Parks and Recreation manager. Carl pointed out that the City already has a presence in the area and are fast to react when a call comes in and are able to pass along a cost savings to the District for these services as a result.

Brian stated that staff recommends the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a MOU with the City of Roseville for City Open Space crews to provide landscape maintenance services at the Miners Ravine Off-Channel Detention Basin Facility at a cost of \$2,779.

MOTION: Hanley/Yorde
APPROVED: Unanimous

7. **NEXT MEETING** The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is June 11, 2012, at 4:00 pm at the Rocklin City Council Chambers.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Britton
Executive Secretary