

# North Delta Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting

14120 Grand Ave, Walnut Grove, CA 95690  
Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

## Minutes

### Call to Order

Vice Chair Neil Hamilton called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2010. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present:

#### Directors

Neil Hamilton, Division 5  
Henry Kuechler, Division 3  
Steve Mello, Division 1  
Carel van Loben Sels, Division 2

#### Absent

Ken Ruzich, Division 4

#### Others

Meda Benefield, Maine Prairie WD  
Bob Webber, RD 999

Mike Hardesty, RD 2068  
Jacob McQuirk, DWR  
Mark Holderman, DWR

#### Staff

Gary Kienlen, MBK Engineers  
Sara Harper, MBK Engineers  
Kevin O'Brien, Downey Brand  
Margaret Sorensen  
Melinda Terry

### DWR Presentation

DWR representatives Mark Holderman and Jacob McQuirk gave a presentation on the Georgiana Slough Non-physical Barrier Project. They stated that reason for the barrier is to comply with the National Marine Fisheries Service requirement to keep fish from entering the San Joaquin River. The barrier is designed to repel fish with lights, bubbles and sound but not interfere with other activities such as flood control and boating. The barrier will be temporary for the months of March and April, but if successful, will be installed each year. The Board requested that DWR contact Dutra to discuss the issue of barge traffic, especially in flood events. The DWR representatives agreed. There will be a public workshop on December 7th to explain the project.

### BDCP

Melinda Terry reported that Yolo County had passed a resolution approving a temporary moratorium on habitat projects that provide mitigation for projects outside of Yolo County.

Yolo County and RD 999 entered into a Cooperating Agency MOU. Melinda suggested that NDWA pursue entering into a similar agreement so that the agency will be invited to the monthly EIR meetings for BDCP. The modeling information that has been given to Walter Bourez at MBK Engineers is not very comprehensive and will not be helpful in verifying the data. Kevin O'Brien will work on creating a MOU for the Board.

### Report on Delta Activities

Mike Hardesty and Melinda attended a Lower Yolo Bypass Forum meeting where a presentation was made on a Prospect Island early implementation action project. The project was conceptual only, but included possible water quality issues for NDWA.

**Prop 218**

Kevin O'Brien distributed a timeline for the Prop 218 election. The Board discussed the timeline as well as guidelines for Directors during the process. He reported that Directors may not use agency funds, supplies or letterhead to campaign for the election. The Board reviewed the timeline, made a few adjustments and set a staff meeting for November 15th to refine the assessment roll.

Gary Kienlen distributed and reviewed the engineer's report. He explained the methodology and the differences between each water right. The Board was encouraged to review the report and contact Gary with questions or comments. A public hearing will be held on December 16th to approve the assessment roll, set an assessment amount and direct staff to prepare materials for the election.

The Board discussed the need for an individual meeting with Fish & Game and also the Nature Conservancy to explain the engineer's report and methodology.

**Engineer's Report**

Gary Kienlen distributed water quality charts and reported that water quality is currently within the contract's criteria. He noted the nightly spikes have just about disappeared.

**Manager's Report**

The manager's report was included in the packet. Also, a letter from RD 999 was included in the packet for the Board's information.

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Margaret Sorensen, Administrative Assistant