

North Delta Water Agency Board of Directors Meeting

14120 Grand Ave, Walnut Grove, CA 95690
Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Henry Kuechler called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2011. 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

Others

Bob Webber, RD 999
Meda Benefield, Maine Prairie WD
Kim Floyd, Kim Floyd Communications

Staff

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

Absent

Ken Ruzich, Division 4

Approval of Minutes

Motion and second to approve the minutes of the December 8 meeting and December 16 public hearing. Motion unanimously approved.

BDCP

The Steering Committee has not resumed meeting yet. San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority had recently withdrawn from the Steering Committee, but has now requested to delay their withdrawal until the end of January so it can evaluate the effects analysis modeling before making a final decision on whether to withdrawal.

Report on Delta Activities

The Delta Stewardship Council has a very short timeline for preparing a Delta Plan and Melinda indicated that she cannot keep up with reviewing the documents. She requested help from the Board. Public scoping meetings are being held this month.

The Delta Conservancy is developing a draft Strategic Plan which will become effective two years after it hires an Executive Director, which is currently delayed due to State hiring freeze. The Conservancy is currently using state general funds and will not be able to secure bond funding until 2013 to fund their activities.

The Delta Protection Commission is still focusing on three major projects - determining any changes to the primary zone; creating an economic stability plan; and working on the National Heritage Area designation.

Legal Report

The agency is part of a coalition working on the SWRCB Delta Flow proceedings. Kevin O'Brien will prepare an update on those proceedings for Melinda and the Board.

Prop 218

Gary Kienlen distributed an updated timeline for the election proceedings and a draft newsletter to be mailed to all landowners. Kim Floyd asked for feedback regarding the newsletter by the end of the week. Gary reviewed the election timeline and the Board discussed the public meeting schedule. The Board decided to hold four February public meetings in Dixon, Courtland, West Sacramento and Rio Vista, assuming facilities are available, and a fifth and final public meeting in mid-March, exact date and time to be selected at next meeting. The Board discussed specific landowners that need to be contacted regarding the election.

Engineer's Report

Gary Kienlen distributed water quality charts and reported that water quality is currently within the contract's criteria. He also shared that water diverters are responsible for filing supplemental diversion reports to the SWRCB and those supplemental reports must be filed electronically.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Sorensen, Administrative Assistant