

North Delta Water Agency

Public Hearing

14120 Grand Ave, Walnut Grove, CA 95690
Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Call to Order

Chair Henry Kuechler called the public hearing to order at 9:43 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2010. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present:

Directors

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

Others

Mike Hardesty, RD 2068
Kim Floyd, Kim Floyd
Communications
Seth Wurzel, Capitol PFG

Staff

Gary Kienlen, MBK Engineers
Sara Harper, MBK Engineers
Joe Schofield, Downey Brand
Margaret Sorensen
Melinda Terry

Absent

Neil Hamilton, Division 5
Ken Ruzich, Division 4

Engineer's Report and Assessment Roll

Gary Kienlen reviewed the engineer's report and noted the special benefits of the contract are tied to water quality and quantity. The commissioners agreed the water quality and quantity are linked and ultimately based the assessment ratio on various water rights held by landowners. All parcels have been assigned a water right category based on previous government studies, engineering judgment, and a review of State Water Board water rights records. Gary reviewed parcels that are considered nontaxable by the County and the Board discussed the extent to which those parcels are benefitted by the Agency's activities. He also reviewed a chart that showed a comparison of the current flat rate method versus the proposed tiered rate.

Fixing of the Assessment Rate

The Board discussed the future financial needs of the Agency, the probability of unforeseen expenses, and the desire to ensure the assessment will raise enough revenue to protect North Delta landowners for the long term. Based on the information, the Board fixed a proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-12 and directed the Agency Engineer to use that information to determine proposed per-acre assessment rates to present to the landowners within the Agency.

Motion and second to accept Draft C budget set at \$1.25 Million per year, with a cost-of-living increase for the Board to consider each year based on Consumer Price Index or 3%, whichever is greater. Motion unanimously approved.

Prop 218 Ballot Proceedings

Motion and second to approve Resolution 2010-06 preliminarily approving the engineer's report, approving the assessment roll as amended by the Board, declaring its intention to levy assessments, and providing for notice of hearing for NDWA assessment adjustment for FY 2011-12 with the changes made by the Board. Motion unanimously approved.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Sorensen, Administrative Assistant