



## ***SOUTH FEATHER WATER & POWER***

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Michael Glaze, General Manager

**DATE:** January 18, 2006

**RE:** General Information (regarding matters not scheduled on the agenda)  
1/24/06 Board of Directors Meeting

### **SFWPA Financing Corporation Meeting**

According to the bylaws of the South Feather Water and Power Agency Financing Corporation, the Board of Directors of the Corporation (being the same as the Board of Directors of SFWPA) is scheduled to have its annual meeting on the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of SFWPA – the fourth Tuesday of January. The agenda and item reports for this meeting are attached but bound separately. The corporation's meeting is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m., so it would be in order for you at that time, or shortly thereafter, to adjourn the Agency's meeting, convene the corporation's meeting and conduct its business, then adjourn the corporation's meeting and reconvene the Agency's meeting and attend to the unfinished business on its agenda.

### **CEQA Processing – Petitions for Extension of Water Rights Permits**

A notice to proceed has been issued to Jones & Stokes, our environmental-review consultants, for the first phase of CEQA processing needed to secure approval by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) of our petitions for extension of water rights permits.

The first phase is extremely important because it will involve working with SWRCB staff to develop a consensus regarding the potential environmental effects of the "project". This early consultation will help to ensure that the consultant's work does not include unnecessary elements to fully document the potential effects of extending the time periods for the subject water rights permits. The familiarity that Jones & Stokes has with SWRCB staff and their procedures/policies is one of the primary reasons I recommended them for the project.

The estimated cost for this first phase of work is \$18,104, to be split equally with Yuba County Water District, per agreement.

## Development Trends

The agreement recently approved between the County, Thermalito Irrigation District, Lake Oroville Public Utility District, SFWPA and LAFCo, together with the arrival of new County Development Services Director Tim Snelling, are resulting in a refreshing new approach to assisting and processing development in the Oroville area. For the first time in many years the County, LAFCo and the water and sewer districts are working cooperatively to ensure that developers understand what will be required for them to get their projects processed and approved in a timely manner, as well as cooperation for satisfying CEQA requirements in a coordinated and cost effective manner.

The first tangible evidence of this came from a meeting I attended earlier this month with Mr. Snelling and County development-processing staff, LAFCo, LOAPUD and three developers of projects proposed for the Kelly Ridge area. If these projects are built, they would add more than 700 rooftops to that area, and a major sewer trunk line would be constructed from the Stringtown Mountain project down through the Old Olive Highway and Mt. Ida Road area, providing opportunity for many other properties to also develop.

This section of our community is obviously a future-growth area and I'm hopeful that this collaborative process will result in a comprehensive approach to resolving traffic, air quality, drainage, and sewer and water issues. What we know for sure is that South Feather Water and Power Agency is well prepared to meet the challenge of servicing this significant growth potential within its service area.

## Meeting Schedule for 2006

As you know, the Board has historically specified that the fourth Tuesday of each month will be the Board's regular monthly meeting date. The meeting next November falls on the 28<sup>th</sup>, the week after Thanksgiving. The meeting date in December is the 26<sup>th</sup>, the day after Christmas. Please let me know if you would like an agenda item for your next meeting to change either or both of these dates, and your preference for the alternate date(s).

## NCWA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Northern California Water Association will be held on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. at the Bonanza Inn in Yuba City. NCWA Executive Director David Guy announced recently that "this year's annual meeting will be a celebration of agriculture and fish and wildlife in the Sacramento Valley and will feature dynamic presentations by renowned author and historian Dr. Kevin Starr and California Department of Fish and Game Director Ryan Broddrick."

If you would like to attend, please advise Jenny Jellison so that reservations can be made for you.

## OEDCo Annual Dinner

Oroville Economic Development Corporation's annual dinner will be held Thursday, February 23 (no-host cocktails and wine tasting beginning at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00) at the Southside Community Center. The theme for this year's event is the "Oroville Centennial", and will again include the "State of the City" address by Mayor Gordon Andoe.

If you would like to attend, please advise Jenny Jellison so that reservations can be made for you.

### **Ethics Training**

AB 1234 specifies that directors of special districts governing boards must complete two hours of ethics training by January 2007, and every two years thereafter. I'm beginning to receive announcements of various training opportunities that would satisfy this requirement. The closest one so far is offered by California Special Districts Association in Sacramento on Monday, April 17. There will no doubt be others offered during the year, so let me know if you are interested in attending this one.

### **Relicensing Update**

Attached is a status report through December 31, 2005 from our relicensing consultant, Devine, Tarbell & Associates.