

**MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD of DIRECTORS of  
the  
SOUTH FEATHER WATER & POWER AGENCY  
Tuesday, May 25, 2004, 2:00 PM,  
District Conference Room, 2310 Oro Quincy Hwy. Oroville, California**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Jean Brown; Lou Cecchi; Jim Edwards; Dee Hunter;  
Vivian Meyer.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Glaze, General Manager/Secretary;  
George Barber, Water Division Manager;  
Kathy Petersen, Power Division Manager;  
Patricia A. Sands, Business Manager/Treasurer;  
Patricia Douglass, Deputy Secretary;  
Jeff Meith, Legal Counsel.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Maurice Martinez; Dale Storey; Ron Fink.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Brown called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/S/C (Hunter/Edwards) approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2004, as presented.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

M/S/C (Cecchi/Hunter) approving the total Water Division expenditures for the month of April, 2004 the amount of \$529,721.49 - Warrants #19420 through #19485; and, the total Power Division expenditures for the month of April, 2004 in the amount of \$376,875.05 - Warrants #60277 through #60313.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Ron Fink asked if the merger with YCWD was off? He said he notices that Dale Storey attends SFWP's meetings and wondered if the rough edges were being worked out.

Manager Glaze answered that Jean Brown also attends YCWD's meeting as a liaison for SFWP and has extended an invitation to Mr. Storey, President of YCWD board, and any other members of their board to attend SFWP board meetings.

**BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed financial reports by Pat Sands, Business Manager.

**POWER DIVISION REPORT**

The Board reviewed a written report by Kathy Petersen, Power Division Manager.

Kathy reported verbally that the Forest Service has marked 108 trees for "hazardous tree" removal at Little Grass Valley and Strawberry Campground.

**Operations**

On May 11 PG&E requested drafting at Little Grass Valley Reservoir for one week,

the total release was 60 cfs. On May 18 the release was increased to 140 cfs. The May 1 forecast by the Department of Water Resources for the Feather River drainage indicates that the South Fork Feather River runoff is about 68 percent of average.

### **Maintenance Projects**

On May 11 the Sly Creek generator relayed by field ground, indicating an internal electrical short. The problem was isolated to a pole piece on the rotor. A firm from Auburn made the repairs over the weekend and the unit was returned to service on May 20.

### Forbestown Office Remodel

Jola's work area was remodeled and an ergonomic workstation was setup along with fresh paint and new carpeting. John Davis' office also has a new workstation setup.

### **General Information**

#### Request for Proposals/Requests for Qualifications (RFQ)

There are some major projects for which qualified engineering firms are needed so RFQ's have been mailed out. The Sly Creek outlet tunnel, the Woodleaf penstock, and the Little Grass Valley Dam outlet and the Ponderosa Dam spill gates. Proposals are due June 18 and will be on the June agenda for board approval.

## **WATER DIVISION REPORT**

The Board reviewed a written report by George Barber, Water Division Manager.

### Miscellaneous Information and Distribution Operations

Crews are finalizing the cleanup at the MRTP Solar site. The required final inspections are being scheduled and the system should be up and operational by June 28<sup>th</sup>.

There were five leaks on the Pelicotti line that resulted from repair work on the mainline. The old pipe is fragile and when it is shut down and brought back into service it often generates more leaks. Replacement services necessary to abandon this line have been scheduled.

Work has continued on the completion of the Riverview project. The fire service at Heritage Road has been tied in and the connections at ID#1 are planned.

The Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee is accepting grant applications for local government agencies impacted by tribal gaming. Butte County has just under \$1 million available with twenty percent of the funds available as discretionary grants to local jurisdictions impacted by Tribes paying into the special distribution funds. An application was submitted (even though there was a short timeframe) with the hope that because of the small number of agencies eligible that the Agency will have a decent chance of success for funding.

### Irrigation Operations

All major irrigation projects have been completed and full delivery of water is ongoing.

### Water Treatment Operations

All bacteriological requirements were met for the Miners Ranch Treatment Plant, Bangor Treatment Plant, Strawberry Campground, and Community Line system.

The Consumer Confidence Reports are completed and at the printers.

Upgrading of the Bangor Treatment Plant computer will allow remote monitoring of the plant and also the ability to download historical information.

Treated Water Production: Miners Ranch – 160.30 MG; Community Line – 2.861 MG; Bangor – 0.370 MG.

Leaks Repaired: Fifteen leaks repaired (9 were service lines). Twelve backflows and seven meters were installed in April.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Board reviewed a written report by Michael Glaze, General Manager.

### Office Expansion

Architect John Anderson continues to work on the expansion plans. PG&E and SBC have been contacted to initiate the service-relocation application process, and it's anticipated that construction will begin on July 6.

### Facilities Tour

Seventy invitations have been sent out for the June 30th Facilities Tour and forty-six invitees have confirmed their attendance.

### State Budget Compromise

Governor Schwarzenegger has announced that he will support constitutional protection of local government funding as part of the budget deal reached with special districts, cities, counties, and redevelopment agencies. Special districts will contribute a total of \$350 million in each of the next two years as part of this deal, with \$200 million coming from enterprise districts. SFWPA's multi-county exemption has been eliminated and will be required to contribute 40% of the property tax revenue in 2004-05 and in 2005-06. The property-tax shift will cost SFWPA a total of \$270,539 over the two years the shift will be in effect.

### November General Election

The filing period for candidates for special district boards is July 12 through August 6, according to the County Election Division of the Clerk-Recorder's Office.

### ID 1 Site Development

Manager Glaze has been working on a development plan for the 9.44 ac. property the Agency owns adjacent to Riverview Drive. The treated-water reservoir that presently occupies the eastern half of the site was abandoned some time ago. It's possible that 15 to 20 one-third to one-half acre view lots could be created. However, the development costs could be high depending on sewer, water, streets, storm-water drainage, electricity, telephone, and TV.

### Personnel Changes

Vivian Leduc has announced her retirement for mid-August. Planning for her replacement resulted in an effort to increase efficiency given the increasing workload in the front-office, due to community growth, and it necessitated some organizational changes. Art Martinez and Pat Sands have been sharing supervisory responsibilities for the front-office personnel, which occasionally created some duplication of efforts. As of Monday, May 24, Pat Sands and Debby Cunningham, Bookkeeper, will move out to the front office, and Art Martinez and Jesse Gilmore, Information Services, Specialist will move into the office previously occupied by Pat and Debby. As specified in her job description, Pat will reassume office-management responsibilities, leaving Art free to devote his attention to network management and assist with the office-expansion planning and development. Vivian's replacement will be on board by the end of June.

Vivian Meyer reported that she had attended a NCWA meeting and listened to Bob Synder, a representative from the State Water Resources Control Board, speak about watershed monitoring.

Manager Glaze commented that it is important for SFWP to be a part of NCWA and commended Director Meyer for being so involved.

Director Cecchi spoke again of the two things proposed by the State Department of Water Resources for small acreage crop producers - create assessments and increase taxes.

Director Edwards shared that he had accompanied Manager Glaze on an ACWA Member Trinity River Tour and was very impressed, learn a lot and really enjoyed the day.

**SURPLUS WATER AGREEMENT – APN 027-160-013 AND 028-320-007**

M/S/C (Cecchi/Meyer) approving the 2004 Surplus Water Agreement with Moline Goff for property identified as APN 027-160-013 and 028-320-007.

**SURPLUS WATER AGREEMENT – APN 027-230-014**

M/S/C (Cecchi/Meyer) approving the 2004 Surplus Water Agreement with Bob Hammett for property identified as APN 027-230-014

**CLOSED SESSION**

Convened at 3:23 p.m.

Conference with Legal Counsel – existing litigation  
(Govt. Code § 54956.9a – water right proceedings before SWRCB).

Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
(Govt. Code § 54956.8).

Property: APN 130-290-023  
Negotiator: Michael Glaze, General Manager  
Negotiating Party: John W. Anderson  
Under Negotiating: Easement for ingress/egress and landscaping – price, terms & conditions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Brown announced that no action was taken during the closed session.

The Regular meeting of April 27, 2004 was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Michael C. Glaze, Secretary

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Jean Brown, President