



**MINUTES**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AMERICAN RIVER AUTHORITY  
3:00 P.M. ADJOURNED BOARD MEETING  
Monday, December 17, 2007

MEETING LOCATION:  
El Dorado County Administrative Center  
330 Fair Lane  
Placerville, CA 95667

<b>ENTITY</b>	<b>DIRECTORS</b>	<b>ALTERNATES</b>
County of El Dorado	Jack Sweeney	Helen Baumann
County of Placer	Bruce Kranz	Robert Weygandt
County of San Joaquin	Steve Gutierrez	Ken Vogel
El Dorado Co. Water Agency	Bob Diekon	Helen Baumann
Placer County Water Agency	Lowell Jarvis	Mike Lee
Public Member	John Fraser	Ken Yorde

Bruce Kranz (Chair of the Board)  
Jack Sweeney (Vice-Chair)

David Breninger (Executive Director)  
Chris Williams (Counsel)

A. CALL TO ORDER - by Chair Bruce Kranz

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call & Introductions

**Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Bruce Kranz.**

**ARA Members Present:** Jack Sweeney, El Dorado County  
Bruce Kranz, Placer County  
Lowell Jarvis, Placer County Water Agency  
John Fraser, Public Member  
Bob Diekon, El Dorado County Water Agency  
Ken Vogel, San Joaquin County

**ARA Staff Present:** Bill Hetland, GM, El Dorado County Water Agency  
Ed Horton, ARA Consultant  
Chris Williams, ARA Legal Counsel

3. Organizational Matters; take action as necessary and appropriate. **None**

- B. PUBLIC COMMENT: Any member of the public may address the Board at this time on any subject matter *not* on the agenda and that is within the jurisdictional authority of the American River Authority. All items described on the agenda will be open for public comment before final action is taken. Speakers are requested to restrict comments to the item as it appears on the agenda and stay within a *three-minute* time limit.

Action: None

C. CONSENT CALENDER:

1. Approval of minutes: June 18, 2007, adjourned board meeting.

Action: Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

D. GENERAL ITEMS:

1. Update by Public Awareness Committee (Chairman Kranz and Director Fraser) on the ongoing ARA outreach program and take action as necessary and appropriate.

a. Progress report by Kelli Reid of McNally Temple & Associates.

Action: Nothing to Report

2. PowerPoint Presentation by David Peterson, P.E. and Michael Preszler, P.E. relating to the Auburn project to determine the cost benefit ratios of water supply, energy production and flood protection. Take action as necessary and appropriate.

Action: Michael Preszler began a Power Point presentation entitled, "Auburn Dam Work Effort Status Update" which included the Bureau's 2006 "Auburn-Folsom South Unit Special Report, Benefits & Cost Update". The update was turned over to Dave Petersen who gave a through presentation of the history of the Auburn Dam Project and an outline of the tasks to be accomplished in their upcoming Auburn Dam Report. Board members had comments to be considered by the consultants as they prepare their report such as the affect of climate change on water yields and timing and the seismic issues related to the site. Director Sweeney suggested that a watershed-wide study be performed to understand the needs of everyone within the watershed. Director Fraser commented on the need for the downstream communities to take another look at flood related economic hardships. El Dorado County Water Agency General Manager, Bill Hetland, commented someone needs to look at the big picture as it relates not just to Auburn, and not just as a single but as a multi-purpose project. Director Sweeney referred to the possibility of a pump storage project at Auburn being most difficult because of the cost of pumping water to an upstream reservoir. During the board's final comments it was concluded that no current valid feasibility analysis exists for a modern multi-purpose project at Auburn.

3. Request by Mountain Counties Water Resources Association to become an associate member of ARA.

a. Discussion

b. Take Action as necessary and appropriate.


Action: Legal counsel reported on this item and no action was taken.

4. Report on legislation. Take action as necessary and appropriate.

Action: Nothing to Report

- E. REPORTS BY ARA DIRECTORS: In accordance with Government Code § 54954.2(a), Directors may make brief announcements or brief reports on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda.  
**Action:** Director Jarvis reported his discussion with Assemblyman Gaines who suggested that Foothill water supplies might be bolstered by a few small projects that would generate an increase in future water supply versus the difficulty of one large project such as the Auburn Dam.
- F. REPORT BY ARA LEGAL COUNSEL  
**Action:** Nothing to Report
- G. REPORT BY ARA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
**Action:** Nothing to Report
- H. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: To be determined.
- I. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kranz at 4:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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