



**MINUTES**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AMERICAN RIVER AUTHORITY  
3:00 P.M. ADJOURNED BOARD MEETING  
Monday, March 19, 2007

MEETING LOCATION:  
Placer County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
Placer County Administrative Center  
175 Fulweiler Avenue  
Auburn, CA 95603

<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	VACANT

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. Roll Call & Introductions

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

**ARA Members Present:** Bruce Kranz, Placer County  
Lowell Jarvis, Placer County Water Agency  
John Fraser, Public Member  
Bob Diekon, El Dorado County Water Agency

**ARA Staff Present:** Ed Horton, ARA Consultant  
Chris Williams, ARA Legal Counsel  
Kelli Reid, McNally Temple & Associates

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Organizational Matters:
  - a. Affirm a new director appointed to ARA representing the El Dorado County Water Agency.  
**Action: Bob Diekon was welcomed as a new member of the ARA.**
  - b. Appointment of an Alternate Public Member to replace Director Ruhkala who represented Placer County.  
**Action: It was moved by Director Fraser and seconded by Director Jarvis that Ken Yorde be appointed as the alternate public member to the ARA Board, replacing Mr. Ruhkala. Approved by unanimous vote.**

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:  
No member of the public commented.

C. CONSENT CALENDER:

1. Approval of minutes: February 12, 2007, adjourned board meeting.  
**Action: It was moved by Director Fraser and seconded by Director Jarvis to approve the February 12, 2007 minutes as presented. Approved by unanimous vote.**

D. GENERAL ITEMS:


1. Discussion of staff response to the four Management Letter Comment findings related to the audit report covering years ending June 30, 1999 through 2005. Take action as necessary and appropriate.  
**Action: ARA Staff and Legal Counsel reported that they are progressing on preparing recommendations to the Board of Directors related to the management letter comment findings which were received from Joe Harn, El Dorado County Auditor.**
2. 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: Director Fraser reported that the website continues to be updated on a regular basis as pertinent information becomes available. Brian Jensen, representing Congressman Doolittle's office, commented that he felt that it was important that the ARA continue its outreach program and be ready to respond to future events, but recognized that the limited ARA financial resources require a careful balancing between expenditures and funds available to the ARA. Director Fraser commented that it was very important that the ARA Board receive technical support aimed at better understanding the recent U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) study. After additional discussion, the Board encouraged the continuation of the outreach program.**
3. Consider acquiring engineering services to evaluate the current bureau report and compare it to other reports relating to the Auburn project to determine the cost benefit ratios of water supply, energy production and flood protection.

- a. Report by ARA legal counsel on contracting for professional services.  
**Action: Chris Williams, ARA legal counsel, reported that the Board can contract for professional services as needed.**
- b. Presentation by engineering firms interested in providing ARA services relating to the Auburn project.  
**Action: Michael J. Preszler, P.E., President of California Water Consulting, Inc., and David Peterson, P.E., Principal of Peterson, Brustad, Pivetti, Inc., presented their respective proposals related to providing services in analyzing the Bureau's Auburn Dam project. Board discussion followed which prompted discussions related to what type of analysis should be performed that would establish the most appropriate type of project at the Auburn Dam site, and would provide some basic information to allow interested parties a better understanding of the project and aid in removing the cloud of misunderstandings that currently exist by doing a cost side analysis along with updating the benefits side at the site. Emphasis was placed on preparation of a costs and benefits ratio based on a more current design. Director Fraser mentioned that one of the missing components of the Auburn project was an appropriate bridge across the canyon connecting El Dorado and Placer Counties.**
- c. Board discussion and direction.  
**Action: The ARA Board asked that the two consulting firms prepare a proposal that would better analyze the Bureau's studies and reports pertaining to the Auburn Dam site. If agreeable to the two principals, they are to provide a proposal to the ARA at its next meeting.**

- 4. Current budget update. Take action as necessary and appropriate.  
**Action: No report received.**
- 5. Report on legislation. Take action as necessary and appropriate.  
**Action: No report received.**

- E. REPORTS BY ARA DIRECTORS: Reported under item D.1. and D.2.
- F. REPORT BY ARA LEGAL COUNSEL: Reported under item D.1. and D.3.a.
- G. REPORT BY ARA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: No report received.
- H. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: To be determined.
- I. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kranz at 4:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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