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CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO RECLAMATION DISTRICT #900 RECLAMATION DISTRICT #537

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2013
10:30 AM
West Sacramento, CA

ATTENDANTS:

William E. Denton	Director, RD 900 Trustee
William Kristoff	Director, City Council Member
Kent Lang	Director, RD 537 Trustee
Ed Bryan	Alt. Director, RD 900 Trustee
Tom Ramos	Alt. Director, RD 537 Trustee
Ken Ruzich	JPA Manager
Jim Day	JPA Attorney
Greg Fabun	City Public Works Director
Mark Zollo	City Flood Protection Staff
Paul Dirksen	City Flood Protection Staff
Toby Wong	City Flood Protection Staff
Derek Larsen	MBK

The meeting was called to order by President Denton.

It was moved by Director Lang and seconded by Director Kristoff to approve the agenda. The motion passed 3-0.

Victoria Yokoyama requested that the Board consider any alternatives for levee improvements that would minimize impacts on their family's land and preserve the family home. She also expressed concern about use of the habitat area on the waterside of the new setback levee, including illegal camping and potential mosquito problems.

Wilson Wendt, with Miller Starr Regalia, noted that he had submitted two letters with comments on behalf of Seecon Financial and Construction Company. He requested that the Board consider an adjacent levee with a stability berm and partial penetrating cut-off wall in the portion of Segment F where the Seecon property is located. Mr. Wendt stated that the staff has been very accommodating in meeting with Seecon in the past, and suggested a meeting now to consider their proposal for an adjacent levee with stability berm and partial penetrating wall, which would reduce the impact of the project on their property.

It was then moved by Director Kristoff and seconded by Director Lang to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2012 meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

Mark Zollo reviewed the financial reports with the Directors. Income, expenses, and fund balances were discussed. He stated that the current fund balance is about 9 million dollars.

Alicia Kirchner, representing the Corps of Engineers, presented an update on collaborative efforts between the Corps and WSAFCA that include the four Early Implementation projects, the West Sacramento Project slip repairs, the Sacramento River Bank Repair project at RM 57.2, and the ongoing West Sacramento General Re-evaluation Report. The current schedule for the GRR is to have the In Progress Review meeting in February, 2013, the Tentatively Selected Plan by August 2013, the Agency Decision by December 2013, the Final Report by September 2014, and a Chief's Report in December 2014. Total cost for the GRR is projected to be 6.85 million dollars, with 3 million dollars for the remaining work to complete the study.

President Denton asked if the GRR compares the cost of the alternatives for levee improvements. Alicia stated that it does, and Mr. Denton requested that the Corps provide that information for the Southport Project and Alicia agreed to provide it when it is available. Tom Ramos asked about the impact of the proposed Sacramento Bypass widening on the water level in the Sacramento River in Southport, and how that might change the design of the Southport Project. Alicia said that it might change the height of the levee, but would not change design features needed to deal with underseepage. She said that her team is staying in contact with the WSAFCA team, and the GRR information will be provided to the WSAFCA when it is available.

Resolution 13-01-01, authorizing the General Manager to execute options to purchase borrow materials in support of the Southport EIP was considered. Paul Dirksen explained the options would be negotiated, but would not exceed \$2000 for individual options. The options are necessary at this time due to the amount of material needed, and will provide a higher degree of certainty in identifying potential borrow sources and construction cost estimates. Actual offers to purchase borrow or land would not occur until the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been completed in conformance with CEQA, and the findings are adopted by the WSAFCA Board.

After discussion by the Board, Mr. Wilson Wendt, representing Seecon Financial and Construction Company, addressed the Board and recommended that the Board not take this action due to NEPA/CEQA concerns. President Denton asked WSAFCA Attorney Jim Day to comment. Mr. Day stated that he disagreed with Mr. Wendt, and that the action involved very minor expenditures, was not a commitment to purchase, and was necessary to conduct a feasibility analysis for the project.

It was then moved by Director Kristoff that the Board adopt Resolution 13-01-01, authorizing the General Manager to execute options to purchase borrow materials in support of the Southport EIP. The motion was seconded by Director Lang and passed 3-0.

Derek Larsen presented a proposed contract amendment with Ray Martin of the Board of Senior Consultants. The Board of Senior Consultants has been retained by WSAFCA to review technical supporting documentation and plans and specifications for the West Sacramento Levee Improvement Program. Their level of effort was substantially increased due to the additional analysis in Segment B, as well as review of the overall Southport project. The contracts of the other two members, George Sills and David Williams will also need to be amended in the near future.

After discussion, it was moved by Director Kristoff to amend the contract with Ray Martin to increase the total amount by \$80,000 to provide safety assurance review of the WSAFCA Sacramento River Southport EIP, and to authorize the General Manager to take any actions reasonably necessary to complete the work in the Contract, including minor Contract Amendments that do not materially alter the purpose of the Contract or increase the total compensation due by more than 10% (\$8,000). The motion was seconded by Director Lang and passed 3-0.

Toby Wong introduced a proposed amendment to Task Order 4 of the Design Services Contract with HDR Inc., for the Sacramento River Southport EIP. A number of elements within Task Order 4 have changed or increased due to additional work in evaluating Segments B and F. In addition, elements such as drainage, pump station relocation, marina access embankments, etc. were added as necessary for final design. Total cost for the overall Design Services Contract with HDR Inc. is not being increased. After discussion by the Board, Mr. Wilson Wendt, representing Seecon Financial and Construction Company addressed the Board. Mr. Wendt supported the proposed amendment, and asked that it be increased further to allow for evaluation of the adjacent levee with stability berm and partially penetrating cut-off wall that Seecon would prefer be constructed along their property in Segment F.

President Denton moved that the Board approve Amendment 2 in support of Task Order 4 of the Design Services Contract with HDR Inc. for the Sacramento River EIP in the amount of \$1,621,570 and to authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment on behalf of WSAFCA. The motion was seconded by Director Lang and passed 3-0.

Greg Fabun updated the Board on WSAFCA activities. The Rivers EIP is complete with filing of the Notice of Completion. The third administrative draft of the EIS/EIR for the Southport EIP will be release on January 25, 2013. A real estate meeting for all landowners in the Southport EIP area will be held on January 30 or 31. A final decision on date and location will be made soon. The Flood Protection website is being updated and should be up and running within a week or two. The closing date for applications for Flood Protection Manager has been extended to January 25.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to February 14, 2013.

Kenneth A. Ruzich
Manager, WSAFCA