THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Yuba County Government Center
Board of Supervisors’ Chambers
915 Eighth Street, Suite 109A
Marysville, California

Unless otherwise indicated.

2:00 P.M.

I CALL TO ORDER

Call to order 2:05 p.m.

II ROLL CALL – Directors Mary Jane Griego and Richard Webb

All present

III BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS’ REPORTS

IV PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Any person may speak about any subject of concern provided it is within the jurisdiction of the Levee Improvement Authority and is not already on today’s agenda. The total amount of time allotted for receiving such public communication shall be limited to a total of 15 minutes and each individual or group will be limited to no more than 5 minutes. Speakers must fill out a “Request to Speak” card and submit it to the Clerk of the Board.

V ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve minutes for meetings of July 6 and 13, and August 10 and 24, 2004.

Approved

B. Authorize Executive Director to initiate recruitment of Project Manager and Account for Authority and authorize reimbursement for County Counsel legal services for Authority from levee improvement funds provided by Yuba County Water Agency or other local, state or federal entities.

Approved

VI ADJOURN

at 2:20 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the meeting room is wheelchair accessible and disabled parking is available. If you have a disability and need disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this meeting, please contact the Clerk of the Board’s office at (530) 749-7510 or (530) 749-7353 (fax). Requests must be made one full business day before the start of the meeting.
A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority was held on the above date, commencing at 3:39 p.m., within the Government Center, Marysville, California, with a quorum being present as follows: Directors Mary Jane Griego and Richard Webb. Also present were Yuba County Administrator Kent McClain, Deputy County Counsel Martha Wilson, and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Donna Schellmeyer. Chairman Webb presided.

BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS' REPORT

Mr. Chris Elliott, Jones and Stokes, recapped the status of the draft Environmental Impact Report for the Bear River and Western Pacific Interceptor Canal project advising a draft response would be presented at the Board meeting of July 13, 2004.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Invoice Payment: Upon motion of Director Griego, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the County Auditor-Controller to pay an invoice from Fieldman, Robey & Associates in the amount of $33,503.39.

B. Minutes: Alternate Director Don Graham recommended approval of the minutes of June 1, 2004.

Upon motions of Griego, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meetings of May 4, May 11, and June 1, 2004, and the special meeting of June 22, 2004, as written.

C. Yuba River Training Walls: Mr. Henry Delamare briefly recapped the history and flood control benefits of the Yuba River Training Walls and suggested rehabilitation be performed to ensure flood control benefits and correspondence to the Corps of Engineers requesting same.

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Following Board discussion, Chairman Webb directed staff analysis on rehabilitation funding.

D. South Yuba Basin Levee Projects: Mr. Ric Reinhardt, MKK Engineers, briefly recapped the status of the following flood control improvements:

- Bear River Orchard
- Yuba River Levee Repair
- Western Pacific Interceptor Canal and Bear River Levee modifications
- Olivehurst Desalination Basin Project
- Floodplain Awareness and Public Outreach Program
- Reoperation of Thermalito
- Bear River Levee Setback
- New Bullard Bar Outlet Modifications Project
- Colgate Tailwater Suppression

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No one came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Webb.

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Chairman

ATTEST: DONNA STOTTEMEYER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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Approved:

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THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

COUNTY OF YUBA

MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JULY 13, 2004

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority was held on the above date, commencing at 2:20 p.m., within the Government Center, Marysville, California, with a quorum being present as follows: Directors Mary Jane Griego and Richard Webb. Also present were Yuba County Administrator Kent McClain, County Counsel Daniel Montgomery, and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Donna Stottlemyer. Chairman Webb presided.

BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS REPORTS

Mr. Chris Elliot, Jones and Stokes Associates, briefly recapped responses to comments for the Bear River and Western Pacific Interceptor Canal Levee Project Draft Environmental Impact Report regarding hydraulic impacts and the set back levee project. Mr. Elliot responded to Board inquiries.

Upon motion of Director Griego, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously carried, the Board received the report and directed all responses to comments for the Bear River and Western Pacific Interceptor Canal Levee Project Draft Environmental Impact Report be released as a group to all parties providing comments.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No one came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m. by Chairman Webb.
Chairman

ATTEST: DONNA STOTLEMEYER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
COUNTY OF YUBA
MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 19, 2004

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority was held on the above date, commencing at 2:06 p.m., within the Government Center, Marysville, California, with a quorum being present as follows: Director Richard Webb, Director Mary Jane Grego was absent. Alternate Director Logue was present in Director Grego’s absence. Also present were Yuba County Administrator Kent McClain, County Counsel Daniel Montgomery, and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Donna Stotlemeyer. Chairman Webb presided.

BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS REPORTS

Chairman Webb advised Reclamation District 784 adopted an amendment to the joint Powers Agreement establishing the Three Rivers Authority regarding expanding the boundaries of the at large member.

County Counsel Daniel Montgomery advised the Board of Supervisors would consider the amendment at their meeting of August 17, 2004.

Assistant County Administrator Randy Margo advised a special meeting may be held on August 17 or 24, 2004 to consider the intent to form a community facilities district.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No one came forward.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes/July 6, 2004: Approval of minutes was continued to September 7, 2004.

B. Environmental Impact Report/Bear River and Western Pacific Interceptor Canal (WPIC) Levee Improvement Projects: Following presentation by Project Manager Chris Elliott, Jones and Stokes and upon motion of Director Logue, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted Resolution No. 04-02, which is on

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file in the Clerk of the Board’s office, and which is entitled: “RESOLUTION CERTIFYING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF BEAR RIVER AND WPIC LEVEE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND ADOPTING MITIGATION MEASURES AND A MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN.”

C. **Invoice Payments**: Upon motion of Director Logue, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the County Auditor-Controller to pay invoices in the total amount of $801,440.85 from EPS for $18,727.74, MBK for $5,355.33, and HDR for $777,357.78.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. by Chairman Webb.

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Chairman

**ATTEST**

DONNA STOTTLEMEYER
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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Approved:

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THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
COUNTY OF YUBA
MINUTES – BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AUGUST 24, 2004 – SPECIAL MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority was held on the above date, commencing at 2:10 p.m., within the Government Center, Marysville, California, with a quorum being present as follows: Directors Mary Jane Grigio and Richard Webb. Also present were Yuba County Assistant Administrator Randy Margo, Yuba County Counsel Daniel Montgomery, and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Donna Stottlemeyer. Chairman Webb presided.

ACTIONS ITEMS

A. Community Facilities District, 2004-1 (South County Area): Following presentation by Assistant County Administrator Randy Margo and Director inquiries, upon motion of Director Grigio, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously carried, the Authority adopted Resolution No. 04-03 which is entitled: "RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF SPECIAL TAXES THEREIN – SOUTH COUNTY AREA;" and adopted Resolution No. 04-04 which is entitled: "RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO INCUR BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE PROPOSED THREE RIVERS LEVEE IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2004-1 (SOUTH COUNTY AREA)."

B. MBK Engineer/Agreement Amendment: Following presentation by Assistant County Administrator Randy Margo and Director inquiries, upon motion of Director Grigio, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously carried, the Authority approved an amendment to the agreement with MBK Engineers extending the scope and cost ceiling for project management support services through September 7, 2004 and authorized the Chairman to execute same.

C. Yuba River Levee Repair Project: Following presentation by Assistant County Administrator Randy Margo and Project Manager Chris Elliott, Jones and Stokes, and Director inquiries, upon motion of Director Grigio, seconded by Director Webb, and unanimously carried, the Authority certified the environmental document and adopted Resolution No. 04-05 which is entitled: "RESOLUTION APPROVING MITIGATED

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NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ADOPTING MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN," as it relates to the Yuba River Levee Repair Project.

D. **Nordic Industries Agreement:** Following presentation by Assistant County Administrator Randy Margo and Director inquiries, upon motion of Director Griego, seconded by Director Webh, and unanimously carried, the Authority approved an agreement with Nordic Industries to construct Phase 1 Levee Improvements, authorized the Chairman to execute the agreement subject to County Counsel review, and authorized Nordic Industries to commence design of slurry wall mix material in an amount not to exceed $50,000.

**RECESS**

The Authority recessed at 2:35 p.m. and reconvened at 2:41 p.m. with all Board and staff members present as indicated above.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

E. **Phase 1 Yuba River Levee Improvements Plan and Technical Specifications:** Following presentation by Public Works Director Kevin Maiben and Director inquiries, upon motion of Director Griego, seconded by Director Webh, and unanimously carried, the Authority approved the Phase 1 Yuba River Levee Improvements Plan and Technical Specifications as prepared by HDR Engineering Incorporated.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m. by Chairman Webh.

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Chairman

**ATTEST:** DONNA STOTTLEMeyer
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND EX-OFFICIO SECRETARY OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITY

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TO: Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority Board
FROM: Charles K. McClain, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Authorization to Recruit Staff for Authority

Recommended Action

1. Authorize Executive Director to initiate recruitment of a Project Manager and Accountant for the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA).
2. Authorize County Counsel staff to be reimbursed for legal services associated with TRLIA by charging against available levee improvement funds provided by the Yuba County Water Agency or other local, state or federal entities.

Reason for Recommended Action

The use of outside consultants for engineering, financial, and legal services has become increasingly expensive as the TRLIA embarks on a multiyear construction program currently estimated to cost $60 million. Hiring staff will alleviate these costs and provide more consistency and flexibility in addressing short and long-term efforts to improve levees in Yuba County.

Background

When the TRLIA was formed, it was envisioned to be an interim agency until a more permanent and comprehensive political body was formed representing all County Levee Districts, the Yuba County Water Agency, and the County of Yuba. Special state legislation to implement this comprehensive political body, called the Yuba Area Flood Control Agency (YAFCA) was proposed this year by the Yuba County Water Agency under Senate Bill 1620 and was anticipated to begin operating on January 1, 2005. However, the special legislation failed to pass through the state legislature. As a result, it appears the TRLIA will need to perform many of the responsibilities contemplated under YAFCA for a much longer period of time.

Presently, the TRLIA is proposing to construct over $60 million of levee improvements over the next several years. This construction work involves considerable effort coordinating with federal state and local agencies, as well as independent environmental groups and affected residents and property owners on a myriad of engineering, fiscal and
legal and administrative matters. In order to effectively accomplish this work, additional staff is needed in these areas. Until now, TRJIA has been borrowing County staff from various departments and utilizing the consultants originally hired by Reclamation District 784. Given the recent 10 percent reduction in most County Departments, this additional workload cannot be assumed without a further reduction of services within those departments or a risk of delay in the construction schedule for levee improvements. Continued use of consultants is an option, but an expensive one. Nearly all of the engineering, legal and fiscal services being contracted for exceed $100 per hour, and range as high as $700 per hour. While some of the work will still need to be contracted out, I believe it is more cost-effective to hire staff given the longer nature of these responsibilities and to provide more consistency and flexibility in assigning work.

**Fiscal Impact**

Funding for staff will come from a combination of VCWA, state and federal funds. No County General Funds will be required to finance the additional staff.