

MEETING REPORT
DITCH COMMITTEE
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011
9:00 A.M.

Directors: Barbara Balen
Delbert Rotelli

Staff: Pete Kampa
Melissa McMullen
Tom Scesa
Kelly Klyn
Eric Hall

Public: Ron Ringen

Review of Proposed Guniting of Sections of the Raw Water Ditch System

Kelly Klyn stated that the proposed guniting on the various ditches is due to leaks reported by property owners and leaks noticed by District personnel and that guniting will be placed within the berms of earthen ditches. Mr. Klyn stated that maps were prepared by EIP Associated for a Special Status Species Survey along the ditch system in Spring of 2003, and for a Cultural Resource Report in 2002 by Shelly Davis-King. These maps were reviewed by staff with respect to the proposed guniting. Mr. Klyn stated that some historic rock work and evidence of mining were noted along sections of the Table Mountain Sections. Tuolumne fawn lilies, which are a Federal Species of Concern, were observed near the Eureka Ditch. No other sensitive cultural or biological resources were identified at the proposed guniting sections.

Director Balen stated that she was concerned about the biological changes due to the guniting, which could cause a change in fire danger. Director Balen stated that she felt this was the right time to start looking for alternatives to guniting and would like to see some of the areas needing repair patched instead of gunite, which affects a much larger area. Director Balen also stated that she would like to see some of the guniting projects postponed until the Ditch Sustainability Project is completed.

The Committee reviewed the proposed guniting of sections of the raw water ditch system and developed a priority list of projects:

1. Section IV Ditch-approximately 200'
2. Eureka Ditch- approximately 360', plus install gate
3. San Diego-approximately 200, plus CMP replacement
4. Roaches Camp Ditch-approximately 550,
5. Table Mountain Ditch- approximately 200' of overlay
6. Phoenix Ditch- approximately 370'

Director Balen reported that to her knowledge the Shaw's Flat Ditch was a habitat for a species of turtles and wanted this taken into consideration before guniting the area. Tom Scesa stated that TUD staff would contact Jim Maddox, a former biologist for the state, and ask his opinion on the area before proceeding with the project.

The Committee decided to place the following projects on hold for guniting and at this time just do the needed repairs.

1. Columbia Ditch- approximately 450'
2. Table Mountain- approximately 635' and 640'

Tom Scesa stated with the changes made to the proposed guniting of sections of the raw water ditch system, it reduces the guniting by forty-three percent. Director Balen commented that this will be an exceptional savings for TUD.

Committee Recommendation: To present to the TUD Board at a future Board meeting for review and consideration.

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Review the Tuolumne Ditch System Sustainability Project Bid Proposals

Tom Scesa stated at the last Ditch Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed the proposals and felt that Stantec presented the best proposal but there was a concern expressed about Stantecs fee being much greater than Carlton. Stantec proposal came in at four hundred and fifty thousand with Carlton's proposal coming in at four hundred and thirty-two thousand, which is an eighteen thousand dollar difference. Mr. Scesa stated that he had a conversation with Stantecs manager Jerry LaBudde and Stantec is willing to reduce their cost and negotiations will be completed by Thursday, August 4, 2011. At this time it looks as if Stantecs final cost will be less than Carlton's proposal.

Director Balen thanked Tom Scesa for all of his hard work on this project and stated that she felt Stantec had presented a superior proposal. Director Rotelli concurred with Director Balen.

Tom Scesa stated he will be suggesting to the TUD Board to approve the proposal with Stantec but retain any additional funds in the budget due to the fact if Stantec does come across any additional cultural it will require more work and Stantec at this point can only estimate the time it will take to get through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Committee Recommendation: To present to the TUD Board at a future Board meeting for review and consideration.