

## MINUTES

### CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD SITE VISIT TO SAN JOAQUIN RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT

August 12, 2011

A publically noticed Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) tour was held on August 12, 2011. Board members, Board staff, Department of Water Resources' (DWR) staff, Bureau of Reclamation, and the public visited the San Joaquin River Restoration Project (SJRRP) proposed modifications, as well as the unrelated Fresno River Road 9 Diversion Structure.

#### Participants in the tour:

Ben Carter, Board President  
Teri Rie, Board Vice President  
Butch Hodgkins, Board Secretary  
Emma Suarez, Board Member  
John Brown, Board Member  
Michael Villines, Board Member  
John Moffatt, Board Member  
Jay Punia, Board Executive Officer  
Len Marino, Board Chief Engineer  
Curt Taras, Board Supervising Engineer  
James Herota, Board Staff Environmental Scientist  
Eric Butler, Board Senior Engineer  
Sungho Lee, Board Engineer  
Nancy Moricz, Board Engineer  
Angeles Caliso, Board Engineer  
Alison Tang, Board Engineer  
Amber Woertink, Board Support Staff

Pete Weisser, DWR  
Steve Bradley, DWR  
Joe Bartlet, DWR  
Chris Williams, DWR  
Wilbur Huang, DWR  
Kevin Faulkenberry, DWR

Alicia Forsythe, Program Manager, USBR  
Michelle Banonis, Natural Resources Specialist, USBR

Reggie Hill, SJRRP

The Purpose of the Site Visit was to view the San Joaquin River Restoration Project proposed modifications at several sites. While on our trip to the region, we also scheduled a stop at the Fresno River Road 9 Diversion Structure, which was pertinent to future Central Valley Flood Protection Board business.

**7:30 AM** – the tour group departed from the JOC building, at 3310 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento, California 95821, to drive to the Site Visit starting point, the Lower San Joaquin Levee District Office, 11704 West Henry Miller Avenue, Dos Palos, California, 93620.

**10:30 AM** – Upon arrival at the Lower San Joaquin Levee District Office, the meeting began with a briefing by United States Bureau of Reclamation, introducing the attendees to the agenda for the day. Reggie Hill of LSJLD and Alicia Forsyth of the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) touched on the history and the long term water management and restoration goals for the SJRRP. Alicia briefly discussed the lawsuit that spent more than 18 years in litigation challenging the renewal of long-term water service contracts between the United States and the Central Valley Project Friant Division contractors. This Settlement was reached in 2006.

**11:00 AM** – Site Visit participants left the District office and proceeded on to the San Joaquin River Reach 4B to view the location of the proposed features of the project.

**11:30 AM** – Arrival at the Eastside Bypass and Mariposa Bypass. A brief discussion ensued regarding the challenges at the site, and the flows that the bypass is capable of carrying at full capacity.

**12:00 PM** – Arrival at the Sand Slough Control Structure. Discussions included the history of the Control Structure, and subsidence issues.

**12:45 PM** – The group adjourned for lunch at the Levee District Maintenance Shop.

**1:30 PM** – The assemblage left the District Maintenance Shop to continue on the tour of the area.

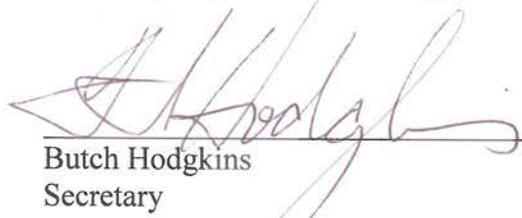
**2:30 PM** - The group viewed the Fresno River Road 9 Diversion Structure (located at the Road 9 bridge crossing over the Chowchilla Bypass Canal) to discuss potential project alternatives. Local landowners in the area discussed the subsidence of the structure and the need for improving the structure to ensure water delivery to local owners.

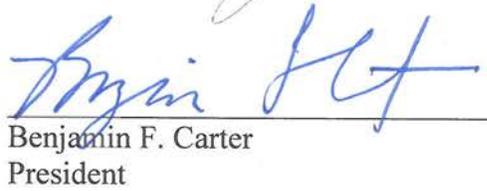
**3:15 PM** – The group arrived to view the San Joaquin River Reach 2B and the Chowchilla Bifurcation Structure.

**3:45 PM** – The Site Visit was adjourned, and the crowd departed for the drive home.

Dated: December 1, 2011

The foregoing Minutes were approved:

  
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Butch Hodgkins  
Secretary

  
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Benjamin F. Carter  
President