



CITY OF RED BLUFF

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CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, September 29, 2015
Time of Meeting: 6 p.m. Special Meeting
Place of Meeting: Council Chambers, City Hall
555 Washington Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080

Councilmembers Present:

Clay Parker, Mayor
Daniele Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem
Rob Schmid
Suren Patel

Councilmembers Absent:

Gary Jones (absent-excused)

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Staff Present:

Rick Crabtree, City Manager/City Attorney
Bruce Henz, Public Works Director
Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk
Donna Gordy, City Treasurer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance and the assembly joined in.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT:

None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2014

Bruce Henz, Public Works Director, reviewed the staff report and provided staff's recommendation that the City Council receive the presentation from Ryan Teubert, Tehama County Flood Control and Water Resources and provide direction to City Staff regarding City designation as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).

Mr. Teubert provided a power point presentation that explained the purpose of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and the makeup and reason for creating a Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency by the deadline of January 30, 2017. The Groundwater Commission would be made up of 11 members and 6 agencies would have designated seats on the commission. One each from the City of Corning, City of Red Bluff, City of Tehama, El Camino Irrigation District, Los Molinos Community Services District and Rio Alto Water District. The other 5 members would be made up of 1 representative from each County Supervisor District.

The duties of the Groundwater Commission would be to develop ordinance, rules and regulations; conducting investigations to determine the need for groundwater management, monitor compliance and enforcement, propose fee increases (if necessary) to the Board of Directors. It would also review all proposed grant applications, regarding grant funding opportunities; would have decision making authority for permits or similar entitlements issued by the GSA, well spacing (with appeal) and enforcement matters (with appeal).

Funding, resources and staffing would be the primary responsibility of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Mayor Pro Tem Jackson asked and received clarification on why both the AB 3030 and Groundwater Commission were needed, which is to provide technical advice.

Councilmember Schmid requested clarification on whether the letter submitted by the City had generated any modifications to the County's proposal, as the City of Red Bluff should have a voting voice on the board, as the City has a vested interest as a provider of water to its citizens.

Arthur Wylene, Tehama County Counsel, stated that the city's proposal was taken very seriously and that the practical challenge is to give a roll to all those involved.

Mayor Parker stated that with 3 of the Board of Supervisors representing areas of the City of Red Bluff, the city would have a voting voice and that he didn't have a problem with the Flood Control District being the GSA.

Mayor Pro Tem Jackson requested and received clarification that letters had been received from the City of Corning, City of Tehama and the El Camino Irrigation District joining the GSA.

Mayor Pro Tem Jackson stated that she was in favor of signing the letter.

City Manager Rick Crabtree stated that this would be brought back to the October 6th meeting so that all 5 Councilmembers would be present and a vote could be taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m. until the meeting of October 6, 2015.

s/ Clay Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:

s/ Cheryl Smith, Deputy City Clerk
for Jo Anna Lopez, City Clerk