



Nacimiento Project Commission Notice of Meeting and Agenda

Thursday, April 24, 2008 – 3:00 pm
Nacimiento Dam – Intake Construction Site
*****Private Vehicles Cannot be Accommodated*****
Carpool Vans Leave San Luis Obispo at 1:30 pm
and Templeton at 2:15 pm
*****For Your Safety -- Hardhats and Boots Required*****

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- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Flag Salute
 - II. Public Comment
This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items that are not on the agenda, subject to a three minute time limit.
 - III. Meeting Notes from February 28, 2008
(RECOMMEND APPROVAL)
 - IV. COMMISSION INFORMATION ITEMS – written reports with brief verbal overview by staff or consultant. No action is required.
 - a. Project Management Report
 - b. Project Schedule
 - c. Project Budget
 - V. PRESENTATIONS – no action required.
 - a. Overview of Intake Construction Activities and Site Tour
 - VI. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS
(No Subsequent Board of Supervisors Action Required)
 - a. (none)
 - VII. COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS
(Board of Supervisors Action is Subsequently Required)
 - a. Recommended Letter Regarding Invasive Mussel Prevention
 - VIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS DESIRED BY COMMISSION

Commissioners Harry Ovitt, Chair , SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Dave Romero, Vice Chair , City of San Luis Obispo David Brooks , Templeton CSD Grigger Jones , Atascadero MWC Frank Mecham , City of El Paso de Robles
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**Next Commission meeting scheduled for
Thursday, June 26, 2008, at 4:00 pm at
Templeton Community Services District offices**

Nacimiento Project Commission
April 24, 2008
Agenda Item III – Meeting Notes from February 28, 2008

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Flag Salute

Chairman Ovitt convened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Harry Ovitt, SLO County Flood Control & Water Conservation District
Vice Chairman Dave Romero, City of San Luis Obispo
Frank Mecham, City of el Paso de Robles
David Brooks, Templeton CSD
Grigger Jones, Atascadero MWC

II. Public Comment – None.

III. Meeting Notes from October 11, 2007, Meeting

Commissioner Jones moved approval of the October 11, 2007, meeting notes; Commissioner Mecham seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

VI. Election of Commission Officers

Chairman Ovitt suggested that this item be moved up in the agenda. Commissioner Mecham moved to retain the Commission Officer slate as-is; Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion; passed unanimously. Harry Ovitt continues as Chairman and Dave Romero continues as Vice-Chair through the first meeting in 2009.

IV. Project Management Report

John Hollenbeck reminded the Commission that updated conflict of interest forms must be on file at the County Clerk's office for all Commissioners and their alternates. Commissioners currently holding public office likely already have such forms on file and will verify with the Clerk.

Bob Lewis, Jacobs, reported that the first concrete pour for the intake shaft liner is scheduled for February 29th. Mountain Cascade expects to be mobilized by mid-April and Teichert by the end of March. Whitaker is installing pipe in Rocky Canyon Road and Southern California Pipeline is scheduled for their pipeline test section on March 3rd. Jacobs has a construction management staff of nine in place now with one more coming on board in March.

Christine Halley reported on progress with the Section 106 consultation and access onto Camp Roberts. While the execution of the memorandum of agreement relating to the Section 106 consultation is progressing well, access onto Camp is not. The required Report of Availability may be "months away" according to military contacts. A meeting with Colonel Balcao and his staff at his Sacramento office is recommended to shake this loose. Mrs Halley agreed to alert Commissioners when the meeting date is confirmed. Commissioners once again offered to bring the problem forward through our state and federal representatives. Mrs Halley is to author a problem summary statement for Commissioner's use in this regard.

Mr Hollenbeck inquired as to the location of the isolate found at the Santa Margarita Booster Station staging area and Mrs Halley agreed to research that.

Mrs Halley also reported on right-of-way acquisition status, noting that at least seven private parcels are in condemnation. The District continues to push for settlement as opposed to court proceedings.



Mr Hollenbeck described the events of early January 2008 pertaining to erosion control measures at the intake site. Monterey County Water Resources Agency chose to report concerns regarding erosion directly to the State Dept of Fish & Game following the January 7, 2008, storms. Fish & Game investigated the incident and determined that Fowler's measures were working well such that they intercepted silt prior to reaching the lake. Jacobs staff made the same observations and all were satisfied with Fowler's rain preparations. Fish & Game staff expressed concern about other equipment found to be disturbing soil without proper erosion control measures and discovered that the equipment in question was mobilized on MCWRA's behalf.

Mr Lewis estimated that Nacimiento Lake rose 14 feet in 10 days as a result of the January 2008 storms.

Paso Robles intends to construct the River Road sewer improvements ahead of Teichert's installation of the Nacimiento waterline in that reach.

Jacobs hosted a PG&E coordination meeting regarding service drops for contractors but learned nothing new regarding the bigger picture load-shedding approach relating to the intake pump station.

Noel King retired as Director of Public Works for the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District and Paavo Ogren assumed that role last month. Mr Ogren shared his direct contact information with Commissioners, encouraging direct dialogue as the Project progresses.

Regarding the construction schedule included in the Commission packet, Commissioner Brooks requested that the revision date be added along with a title block.

As for the budget, Mr Hollenbeck plans to amend Hamner-Jewell's contract for settlement support and possible litigation support, possibly on the order of +\$10,000. Schenberger Taylor McCormick & Jecker's appraisal services contract, too, will be amended for litigation support and to appraise the Camp Roberts easement.

Mrs Halley reviewed Paso Robles' proposed amendment to the State Water Code to allow alternative treatment technologies for Nacimiento Lake water. Commissioner Ovitt requested proposed language from the City in time for the Flood Control District's March 18th legislative platform. Similarly, Commissioner Mecham requested talking points before his legislative meeting next week.

V. Presentations – (none)

VII. Commission Action Items (Subsequent Board of Supervisors Action Required)

Commissioner Mecham moved that the Commission forward a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to execute the "Memorandum of Agreement" pertaining to the Project Section 106 consultation; Commissioner Jones seconded the motion; passed unanimously.

VIII. Future Agenda Items Desired by Commission

Chairman Ovitt suggested that the Commission meet at the intake site to get a first-hand look at construction progress. April 24, 2008, at 3:00 pm was tentatively set as the time for that event such that the Commission could hold its usual April meeting at the dam.

Other future agenda items will deal with the Project buy-in fee and policies pertaining to interest income, which may amount to \$100,000's over the life of the bond.

Chairman Ovitt adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Submitted by Christine Halley



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Agenda Item IV.a– Project Management Report
(Information Only – No Action Required)

PROJECT ISSUES

Construction Status

At the Intake Facility, Fowler is executing a top down approach to the shaft construction, noting that as of April 10, 2008, operations are about 15 feet away from likely groundwater. Mountain Cascade is underway at the Rocky Canyon Pump Station and Teichert is advancing pipeline installation on Monterey Road. Whitaker is laying pipe in Templeton Road heading north and Southern California Pipeline is active on El Camino Real just south of Santa Margarita Creek.

The Commission will get a first-hand look at Intake activities during their April 24, 2008, meeting at the job site.

Environmental Permitting/Camp Roberts

Briefly, the status of the right to construct on Camp Roberts is:

- The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is fully-executed and the District is clear to perform archaeological research and recovery at critical sites outside of Camp Roberts
- The easement appraisal is completed

In summary, the Project Section 106 consultation is complete. This consultation deals with potential impacts to archaeological and historic artifacts, the District's plan to deal with finds during construction, and Native American participation in the process.

Albion Environmental, the Project archaeologists, are to proceed with more detailed digs on Santa Ysabel Ranch, Santa Margarita Ranch, and along Rocky Canyon Road beginning on April 23, 2008. This is important to freeing up significant reaches of pipeline corridor (approximately 4.8 miles) outside of Camp Roberts.

More is needed to allow construction to proceed on Camp Roberts. The District successfully completed the appraisal of the easements sought on Camp and submitted that to the Army Corps of Engineers real estate group on March 19, 2008. The appraisal, MOA, and NEPA determination all comprise the "Report of Availability" which is the document necessary for the military to release the requested easement to the District.

As we wait for documents to make their rounds, the District formally requested permission to proceed with construction on Camp Roberts. Refer to the attached letter to the Army Corps of Engineers dated March 21, 2008. As of April 11, 2008, it appears that the District will indeed be granted the right to commence construction on Camp Roberts once the MOA is fully-executed and the NEPA determination is underway.



Status of Project Delivery Team Activities

Right of way – The District has possessory rights on all affected private properties, although six remain unsettled from the standpoint of compensation (i.e. stipulations for judgment yet to be made). These are in various states of progress through the legal system and the Project Manager is participating in management settlement conferences each week. Easement rights on Camp Roberts have been appraised and an updated appraisal is scheduled for the MCWRA property. Documents are still in progress with Cal Poly, State Dept of Water Resources (Cuesta Tunnel area), and the Army Corps of Engineers (Salinas Booster Station property).

Construction Management Activities – Jacobs’ field inspectors are engaged in all five construction contracts. Submittals and response to inquiries are in various stages of review, too.

Jacobs subconsultant, ESA, is mobilized on the Project both with regard to the necessary environmental training and field delineations, but also with regard to active construction monitoring. Archaeological and paleontological monitors are on board as well.

Outside Agency Issues

River Road Sewer – Paso Robles is to install a gravity sewer line, reclaimed waterline, and replacement potable waterline in River Road parallel to the proposed Nacimiento waterline. The City will open bids on April 24, 2008, such that City utility work may be substantially complete before Teichert’s crews are mobilized in that reach.

PG&E – PG&E staff are working with Jacobs and the contractors to coordinate construction power needs, but have yet to formally address the load-shedding approach to providing power at the Intake Pump Station.

MCWRA – A revised appraisal is proposed for the MCWRA property in preparation for settlement dialogue. An elected official’s meeting has been proposed for May 2008 with confirmation of arrangements to follow.

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Agenda Item IV.b– Project Schedule
(Information Only – No Action Required)

The accompanying construction schedule summarizes the time frame for active construction associated with each construction contract. One important schedule issue at this point remains gaining access onto Camp Roberts and the associated go-ahead to clear the identified archaeological sites all along the Project corridor.



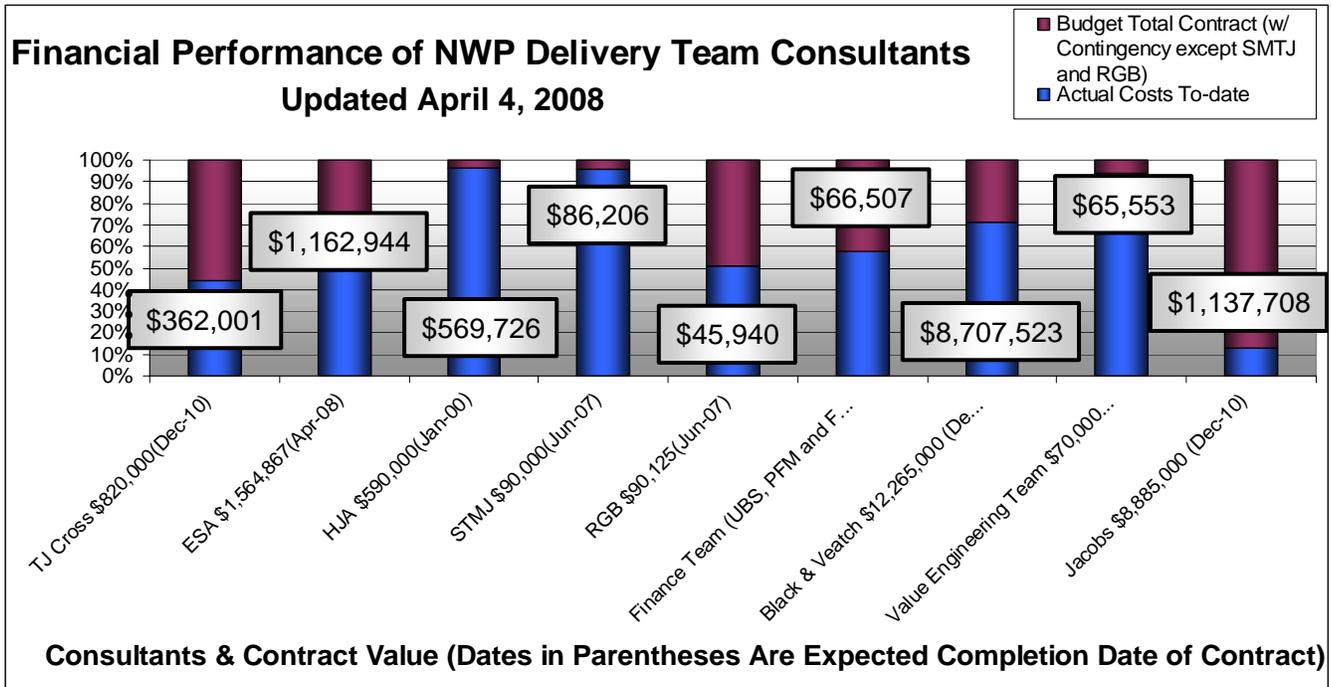
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Agenda Item IV.c– Project Budget
 (Information Only – No Action Required)

Attached is the most recent Project Budget Report.

The Financial Performance and cash flow status are illustrated in the following graphics.



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**Agenda Item V.a – Overview of Intake Construction Activities
and Site Tour**
(Presentation)

TO: Nacimiento Project Commission
FROM: Christine Halley, Nacimiento Project Engineer
DATE: April 24, 2008

Jacobs and James W. Fowler, Co. will host a site tour at the intake facility. Attached are some site photos to give you an idea of the nature of the work we will be observing.

Parking is limited at this construction site and in no case can private vehicles be accommodated. Van pool arrangements for Commissioners and other attendees are:

1:30 pm departure from the County Courthouse

2:15 pm departure from ~~Templeton CSD offices~~ [Jacobs' offices located at 3650 La Cruz Way Suite D Templeton, CA 93465](#)

(As an alternate – the van could do a pick-up at Templeton CSD offices if needed. Please coordinate this when reserving your van pool reservations.)

Be sure to reserve your seat by contacting:

Tom Trott, Nacimiento Project Engineer, (805) 781-1186
ttrott@co.slo.ca.us

Hard hats and boots (hard-soled shoes, at a minimum) are required for your safety. The Commission will initially convene at the job trailer, then Jacobs will accompany those interested and properly attired onto the active job site.

The construction team will make a brief presentation explanation the work underway, then respond to Commissioner's questions.

This is a great opportunity to see active construction underway on this public works project and to see how the site has transformed since the October 2007 groundbreaking.

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April 16, 2008
Revised Templeton
rendezvous location



Nacimiento Water Project
Intake Construction Site as of
February 2008



Intake Shaft Form
Rigging



Intake Shaft Liner
Placement – 2nd Lift



Nacimiento Project Commission
April 24, 2008
**Agenda Item VII.a – Recommended Letter Regarding
Invasive Mussel Prevention**
(Board of Supervisors Action is Subsequently Required)

TO: Nacimiento Project Commission

FROM: Christine Halley, Nacimiento Project Engineer

DATE: April 24, 2008

Recommendation

Request that the Board of Supervisors send a letter to the State Dept of Fish & Game and to Monterey County Water Resources Agency emphasizing the importance of early preventative measures with regard to invasive mussels.

Discussion

Water purveyors throughout the country have growing concern regarding the spread of an invasive species of mussels that are making their way into fresh water lakes and reservoirs. Attached is a report on this topic prepared by San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department.

At this point, no evidence of invasive mussels has surfaced at Lake Nacimiento. Keeping invasive mussels out of Nacimiento Lake is a serious issue facing the Project and the public in general. Once infested, mussels in the lake and conveyance system will pose a serious and costly maintenance issue. The San Luis Obispo County Dept of General Services is taking action at lakes managed by that entity, including active boat inspections at Lopez and Santa Margarita Lakes. Of particular concern are the competitors in Summer bass tournaments who move watercraft around various California lakes, unknowingly spreading the infestation.

For the Nacimiento Water Project facilities, Fowler is to provide a back-up set of fish screens for the intake structure such that mussel-clogged screens could be pulled and replaced periodically for cleaning. Further, pigging capabilities (a manner of swabbing the pipe interior) from the intake to Camp Roberts Tank are provided for and the expectation is that mussels are likely to slough off into Camp Roberts Tank, requiring periodic cleaning.

Monterey County Water Resources Agency is aware of this issue and is coordinating with the State Dept of Fish & Game to begin a public alert process. Apparently, no plans are yet in place to perform boat inspections or decontamination stations. Timely prevention is important.

Your Technical Support Group and Project Manager advise that a letter be sent calling for the State Dept of Fish & Game to exercise its full authority in protecting Lake Nacimiento from this potential threat, and for the operator of the lake, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, to implement preventative measures. The letter should come from the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors and be copied to the Nacimiento watershed management work group known as “Nacitone”. Nacitone



is poised to recommend watershed management measures aimed at preserving the long-term viability of the lake and watershed for its numerous public benefits.

Other Agency Involvement

Protecting Lake Nacimiento from invasive species would impact the lake manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Monterey County Dept of Parks & Recreation, State Dept of Fish & Game, and the Nacitone watershed management group. Hertiage Ranch Community Services District and other lakeside utilities also hold an interest in protecting the lake from infestation.

Financial Considerations

There is no financial impact associated with authoring the recommended letter. No firm proposal for funding a portion of preventative measures has yet been put forth but may come to your Commission at a future meeting. Nacimiento Water Project operations costs would notably increase in the event that invasive mussels entered the delivery system. Such costs would be associated with regular facility cleaning, possibly chemical treatment, debris disposal, and increased pumping costs.

Results

Emphasizing early preventative measures now may protect Lake Nacimiento from invasive mussel infestation and maintain the lake's water supply, recreational, habitat, and aesthetic qualities.

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attach mussel report

