PORTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CAMP VANDALIA, 26501 AVENUE 140
PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 25, 2008, 10:00 A.M.

Call to Order at 10:00 a.m.
Roll Call:  Vice Mayor McCracken, Council Member Felipe Martinez, Mayor Hamilton
Absent:  Council Member Ward, Council Member Pedro Martinez

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Hamilton
Invocation – a moment of silence was observed.

City Staff Members Present:  City Manager John Longley, Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez, City Engineer Mike Reed, Field Services Manager Bryan Styles

Members of the Public and Irrigation District Representatives Present:  Eric Borba, Greg Woodard, Greg Shelton, Dick Schafer, Dan Vink, Ken Schmidt, Steve Drumwright, Sean Geivett, Guido Lombardi

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
None

SCHEDULED MATTERS
1.  WATER RIGHTS

Recommendation:  None.

City Manager John Longley advised that the meeting had been scheduled at the request of the water districts to discuss the sharing of water resources between the City of Porterville and the districts. Mr. Longley informed everyone that no action would be taken by the Council at the meeting.

A discussion began as to the proposed projects in the Tule Lake Basin and the division of related funding between the participants. Mr. Sean Geivett and Mr. Steve Drumwright spoke of the need for better and more efficient management and use of local water resources and requested that the districts and the City work more collaboratively.

Mr. Dick Schafer updated everyone on of the status of the Success Dam Remediation and expressed concern with the slow pace at which the project was moving forward.

Public Works Director Baldo Rodriguez provided additional information with regard to the remediation project, indicating that $472 million had been projected for the selected downstream project; that the construction period was estimated to be 3.5 years; that the new dam would include a new core and that the tower would require a concrete sleeve at a cost of approximately $6 million; that the Army Corps of Engineers indicated that the cost estimates
were conservative; and that the risk assessment would likely demonstrate that the pool level could be raised.

Mr. Dan Vink spoke of a ground water problem and expressed concern that water quality was also becoming an issue. He reiterated that all of the agencies needed to work together to resolve the issues before the Regional Water Quality Control Board stepped in. The irrigation district representatives spoke of the City’s growth, and voiced concern with its increased use of water which impacted water levels throughout the area.

City Manager Longley spoke of the need to figure out a budget for moving in a direction that is collaborative, but also in the interest of the City. The need for an analysis of the City’s geology and water levels was then identified, with Dr. Ken Schmidt offering assistance in that regard.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
None

**ADJOURNMENT**
The Council adjourned at 11:55 a.m. to the meeting of December 2, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk

Cameron Hamilton, Mayor