A regular meeting of the Project Operation & Development Committee was held on the above date, commencing at **10:30 A.M.** This meeting was conducted by Zoom Video Conference and Audio Teleconference Only.

The Yuba County Water Agency supports the orders and directives from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor’s Office in the effort to minimize the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 enables meetings of legislative bodies to be conducted by way of a teleconference.

**ROLL CALL**

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**Staff in Attendance**

Willie Whittlesey, General Manager  
Terri Daly, Administrative Manager  
DeDe Cordell, Communications Manager  
Curt Aikens, Sr. Executive Advisor  
Bonnie Dickson, Sr. Public Information Officer  
Alex Boesch, Public Information Specialist  
Mary Gabel, Power Contracts Administrator
PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Approve the minutes for the August 4, 2020 Project Operations & Development committee special meeting.

A motion was made by Director Hastey, seconded by Director Lofton to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 4, 2020.

Vote:
YES: Fletcher, Hastey, Lofton

2. Consider recommending approval of a Bill Shaw grant for up to $10,000 to the Yuba County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of specialized rescue equipment.

Yuba County Sheriff’s Deputy Dan Harris was available for questions.

A motion was made by Director Hastey, seconded by Director Lofton to recommend approval of this matter for Board consideration on the Consent Agenda.

Vote:
YES: Fletcher, Hastey, Lofton

3. Consider recommending approval of a grant for up to $500,000 to the Three Rivers Levee Improvement Authority (TRLIA) to complete Phase 1 and begin Phase 2 of the Hallwood Training Wall flood risk reduction project in the Community of Hallwood.

Ric Reinhardt of MBK Engineers, on behalf of TRLIA, provided the committee with background on the project and plans for next steps in relation to this grant request.

Randy Fletcher requested an estimated date when the project may be completed. Ric stated the target for completion of Phase 1 is November 2021 to early 2022.

A motion was made by Director Lofton, seconded by Director Hastey to recommend approval of this matter for Board consideration on the Consent Agenda.

Vote:
YES: Fletcher, Hastey, Lofton
4. Consider recommending approval of a grant for up to $500,000 to the Olivehurst Public Utilities District (OPUD) for funding for CEQA, Property Appraisal/Acquisition and Contingency for the Potable Water and Wastewater Infrastructure for the Sports, Entertainment and Industrial Zones in South Yuba County

Terri Daly gave a brief background of the request including the Board approved grant/loan in the amount of $3.5M awarded to OPUD in May of this year for project design and engineering. Property acquisition costs and CEQA were not contemplated in the $3.5M grant/loan. Terri iterated this project supports major economic development efforts in the south area of the county.

John Tillotson, OPUD General Manager, expanded on the purpose of the grant request and provided the following additional details. The $3.5M grant/loan figure estimated the design costs + 10% contingency. The RFP results were significantly higher than anticipated and therefore the bulk of the 10% contingency was needed to move forward with the project leaving approximately $8,000 for contingency. Land acquisition may cost anywhere from a few thousand dollars to $100,000 depending on appraisals and needs of individual landowners.

Director Fletcher inquired about the CEQA process and whether OPUD would consider a loan rather than a grant. John stated OPUD does not have sufficient capital for the full CEQA analysis and that a loan may be considered as an alternative.

Director Fletcher inquired whether it is possible for OPUD to complete only the CEQA process prior to any other steps. John commented that this grant request is an effort to package all anticipated costs, not only CEQA.

Director Lofton suggested OPUD consider a CEQA-plus process.

A motion was made by Director Lofton, seconded by Director Hastey to recommend approval of this matter for Board consideration as a discussion item.

Vote:
YES: Hastey, Lofton
NO: Fletcher

5. Consider recommending approval of a grant for up to $16,100 requested by the Olivehurst Public Utilities District on behalf of the Arboga community for a feasibility study to determine a solution to residential septic systems prone to failure.

Terri Daly stressed that this request is from residents in the Arboga community and that OPUD is helping to procure grant funds for the feasibility study.

John Tillotson iterated that he and Director Lofton met with Arboga residents interested in connecting in OPUD water and wastewater systems. The feasibility study would reveal an estimated cost of the connections per household, numbered at approximately 70 for this effort.

Director Lofton stated the residents are aware of the potential costs per household. There are potential external grant sources.
Director Hastey commented that, as a resident of Arboga, he had not heard of this effort and stated that given the enthusiasm, it would seem equitable to ask the residents to provide an equal share to fund the feasibility analysis.

_A motion was made by Director Lofton, seconded by Director Hastey to recommend approval of this matter for Board consideration as a discussion item and encouraged John Tillotson to ensure one or more residents of the Arboga community to attend the Board meeting._

_Vote: YES: Fletcher, Hastey, Lofton_

**ADJOURNED AT: 11:05 A.M.**