

SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FUND STEERING COMMITTEE



OCTOBER 1, 2014 – REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING

Note: the following minutes provide a succinct recap of actions taken at the meeting. A complete recorded transcript is available by contacting the SBF Program Specialist at (530) 538-2518.

The agenda for the October 1, 2014, Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Supplemental Benefits Fund Steering Committee was posted at the front of City Hall and electronically on the City of Oroville website, www.cityoforoville.org on Wednesday September 25, 2014, at 2:45 P.M.

The October 1, 2014 Supplemental Benefits Fund Steering Committee Special Meeting was called to order by SBF Chairperson Loren Gill at 5:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Gill.

ROLL CALL

Present: Voting Committee Members: Committee Member, FRRPD, Victoria Coots and Chairperson, Loren Gill, FRRPD; Vice Chairperson, David Pittman

Absent Voting Committee Members: Committee Members, City of Oroville; Gordon Andoe, City of Oroville, Linda Dahlmeier;

Advisory Committee Members (non-voting): Kevin Dossey, Department Water Resources; Kevin Zeitler, Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce

Absent Advisory Committee Members (non-voting): Steve Rothert – American Rivers; Dave Steindorf (Alternate) American Rivers, Tim Haines, State Water Contractors

Others Present:

Bob Marciniak, SBF Program Specialist

Jamie Hayes, Recording Clerk

RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

Don Noble, #4; Mike Seely #4; Eddie Guaracha #4; Celia Hirschman # 5

CONSENT CALENDAR –

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2014, REGULAR MEETING – minutes attached**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED: **Approve the minutes.**

2. **REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS FUND TO THE CITY OF OROVILLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES – staff report**

The Committee will consider a request for reimbursement to the City of Oroville, in the amount of \$10,422.46 for the months of July, August and September, 2014.

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED: **Authorize the SBF Fund Administrator to sign invoice Transmittal No. 2014-5 for reimbursement in the amount of \$10,422.46.**

3. **APPROVED REFINED OBJECTIVES AND GOALS THAT WERE DISCUSSED AND AGREED UPON AT THE SBF WORKSHOP HELD ON MAY 14, 2014 – staff report**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED: **Accept the Objectives and Goals.**

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chairperson Pittman, seconded by Committee Member Coots, to:

Approve the consent calendar.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes:	Committee Member Coots, Vice Chairperson Pittman, Chairperson Gill
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Committee Members Andoe, Dahlmeier

PRESENTATION (Note: the presentation was made after item # 7)

4. **Greg Melton, Melton Design Group provided an update on the opportunities and preliminary design for the potential Aquatic Center at the Oroville North Forebay**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED: Hear the presentation and discuss the progress, to date, of the Aquatic Center ad Hoc Committee.

Speaker Comments:

- Don Noble expressed support encouraging public input.
- Mike Seely expressed support.
- Eddie Guaracha provided information regarding the California State Parks General Plan which is being updated.

REGULAR BUSINESS

5. **The Committee may provide direction for current unencumbered SBF funds – staff report**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED: Receive the requested information and provide direction.

Kevin Zeitler, SBF Advisor, Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce expressed a concern regarding consent item #3, as he believed the refined Goals & Objectives should have included an Economic Goal. Bob Marciniak, SBF Program Specialist stated that the refined goals were not intended to replace the eight Goals & Objectives that are part of the Regional Fund Strategic Plan (RFSP) that was adopted on April 27, 2010, but to provide an enhanced understanding of how the SBF works. Mr. Zeitler stated that he didn't want the SBF Committee, or the Community, to lose track of the importance of the existing Goals & Objectives that mention and encourage economic development. **(Note: an excerpt from the RFSP of the goals is attached to the minutes).*

Following discussion, a motion was made by Vice Chairperson Pittman, seconded by Committee Member Coots, to:

Direct staff to prepare a NOFA in the amount of \$111,762.05 for the Large Project Category and to release it, on or before, November 17, 2014, staff is also directed to retain the remaining \$111,762.05 as a contingency for future action.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Committee Member Coots, Vice Chairperson Pittman, Chairperson Gill
Noes: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Committee Members Andoe, Coots, Dahlmeier

6. **The Chairperson may consider establishing an ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of researching how multiple agencies with jurisdiction, in and along the Feather river, trails and parks might work together to establish a permanent solution to providing a safety patrol– staff report**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED: **Receive the information, establish an ad Hoc Committee or provide direction to staff.**

Speaker Comments:

- Aaron Wright, State Parks Superintendent provided a brief overview of current agency jurisdictions.

Following discussion, Chairperson Gill appointed Vice Chairperson Pittman, Committee Member Coots, Advisory Committee Members Zeitler and Dossey to the ad Hoc Committee. It was directed that the committee meet initially to discuss the parameters of the committee and then to invite a representative from California State Parks, Butte County Sherriff, Highway Patrol and the City of Oroville Police Department to join the committee.

7. **The Committee will receive an update on the ad Hoc Mapping Committee progress and the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Oroville Feather River Master Plan – staff report**

Bob Marciniak, SBF Program Specialist, provided a summary of the ad Hoc Committee meetings and that an RFP for a consultant had been released on September 24, 2014 with a response date of October 23, 2014.

Speaker Comments:

- Celia Hirschman asked a question.

STEERING COMMITTEE ADVISOR MEMBERS AND STAFF COMMENTS

8. **SBF Program Specialist Report** (Bob Marciniak)
A written report was provided.
9. **DWR Advisor Report** (Kevin Dossey)
Update on the gravel supplication program in the Feather River near the Fish Hatchery, improvements at the Burma Road car top launch area, & Lake Oroville current and projected water levels. (Two PowerPoint presentations were provided)

10. **SWC Advisor Report** (Tim Haines)
Mr. Haines did not attend the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Bill Connelly (request for records)

HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This is the time the SBF Chairperson will invite anyone in the audience wishing to address the SBF on a matter not listed on the agenda to step to the podium, state your name for the record and make your presentation. **Presentations are limited to three minutes. Under Government Code section 54954.2, the SBF Steering Committee is prohibited from taking action except for a brief response by the SBF Steering Committee or staff to a statement or question relating to a non-agenda item.**

- Stu Shaner representing the Oroville Veterans Memorial for all of Butte County provided a brief update on the progress of the Memorial and requested that the SBF Steering Committee consider future funding to help complete the Memorial project which started over ten years ago.
- Jack D. Brereton requested that the SBF Steering Committee consider future funding to help complete the Memorial project.

SBF CHAIRPERSON CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

The SBF Chairperson will request agenda items from the Steering Committee, SBF Advisors, and SBF staff for the January 21, 2015 Regular Quarterly Meeting of the SBF Steering Committee. The Chairperson requested that elections for a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson be on the January 21, 2015 agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M. A Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Supplemental Benefits Fund Steering Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 starting at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the City of Oroville.

David Pittman, SBF Vice Chairperson

The following pages are an excerpt from the Regional Fund Strategic Plan approved, April 27, 2010, regarding the:

“Strategic Goals, Objectives, and Principles”

1. STRATEGIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PRINCIPLES

Mission of the Supplemental Benefits Fund

The intent of the SBF is to extend the economic benefits created by use of Oroville's water impoundment facilities to the Oroville region. Historically, operation of these facilities created several impacts on the Oroville Region, primarily associated with recreation and economic development. Creation of the Oroville Dam changed the physical landscape of Oroville, and the Feather River in the Oroville Region, and altered people's ability to recreate, creating certain new recreation amenities while hindering or eliminating others. Construction of the Dam and its associated facilities between 1961 and 1967 also provided a new source of employment and a temporary economic stimulus for the local communities during the project construction period. Long term it has provided several benefits to the region including the creation of Lake Oroville, the Thermalito Forebay and the Thermalito Afterbay recreation areas, the Oroville State Wildlife Area; extensive flood control improvements for the region and the Sacramento Delta also occurred with the building of the Oroville Dam. As a result, the negotiations for relicensing the Oroville Dam addressed the concerns associated with these dynamics, and creation of the SBF serves to recognize that existence and that the operation of the Dam continues to have a positive impact on local communities. To assure creation and implementation of the Strategic Plan remain in sync with the intent of the SBF, the Steering Committee identified a mission statement for the SBF. This mission statement forms the basis on which the Strategic Plan is built:

Investing in recreational and related projects with a nexus to the Feather River to improve the quality of life and stimulate economic development in the Oroville region.

Goals and Objectives

In conjunction with the mission statement, a set of goals and objectives for the SBF were identified at the outset of the Strategic Plan process:¹

Goal 1: Provide investment to stimulate recreation and tourism, economic development, and job creation along the Feather River in the Oroville Region.

- Objective 1.1: Delineate geographic limits of Oroville Region.

¹ Memorandum to the Steering Committee, December 17, 2008.

- Objective 1.2: Obtain Steering Committee consensus on the relative importance of investment priorities.

Goal 2: Ensure proposed projects complement the DWR Recreation Management Plan (RMP).

- Objective 2.1: Review DWR RMP to identify investment opportunities.
- Objective 2.2: Phase proposed projects in concert with DWR project phasing.

Goal 3: Prioritize funding for projects that maximize SBF funding capacity.

- Objective 3.1: Include criteria in project evaluation and ranking system to accomplish these:
 - Reward a project’s leverage (bring additional public or private funding forward).
 - Reward a project’s ability to return funding.
 - Assess a project’s ability to self-fund annual operation and maintenance costs.

Goal 4: Prioritize funding for projects that generate other benefits and revenue(s) to the local community.

- Objective 4.1: Develop measurable performance standards related to private and public revenue generation (e.g., sales tax).
- Objective 4.2: Develop eligibility criteria that ensure a minimal level of “local” benefit.

Goal 5: Consider use of SBF funding toward sustainable development opportunities.

- Objective 5.1: Define “sustainable” opportunities, including power generation and clean water potential produced by candidate SBF projects.

Goal 6: Determine appropriate allocations of the SBF to fund administrative, capital, environmental permitting, and other costs.

- Objective 6.1: Work with Steering Committee to prioritize categories of costs consistent with the plan’s intent.

- Objective 6.2: Based on the Steering Committee priorities, quantify anticipated costs by major cost category.
- Objective 6.3: Prepare a cash flow of anticipated costs by major category.

Goal 7: Ensure that economic and recreational benefits are distributed appropriately in the region.

- Objective 7.1: Develop measurable performance standards that evaluate economic and recreation benefits.
- Objective 7.2: Identify geographical benefit distribution.

Goal 8: Strengthen and provide resources to the Steering Committee and SWC partnership.

- Objective 8.1: Identify specific Steering Committee/SWC staff for grant researching/writing.
- Objective 8.2: Identify specific grant leads for initial pursuit.

Guiding Principles

The Steering Committee is ultimately responsible for the selection of projects and level of funding assigned to each selected project. These guiding principles serve as a framework for this selection process:

- Opportunities should be viewed in the context of “nexus with the Feather River.”
- Opportunities should be evaluated as to the ability to mitigate for the impact of ongoing operations of the Oroville Facilities.
- Opportunities need to consider the ability to confer benefit broadly to areas in and adjacent to the Feather River throughout the Oroville Region.²
- Opportunities should provide continuity and conformity with previous efforts on the Oroville Facilities re-licensing effort and be viewed against a long-term vision for the SBF to adhere to its mission statement as it relates to recreation, quality of life, economic development, and a nexus to the Feather River.

² As identified in the Opportunities Analysis (page 10).