

**MINUTES OF THE WARNER RANCH
COMMITTEE MEETING OF
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

June 9, 2010

A meeting of the Warner Ranch Committee of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Williams and MacKenzie.

Committee members absent: None.

Staff present: General Manager, Roy Coox; Director of Water Resources, Don Smith; and Secretary of the Board, Lisa Soto.

Other attendees: General Counsel Joel Kuperberg (by teleconference).

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the agenda as presented.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

5. CLOSED SESSION WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting to closed session at 1:30 p.m. for a conference with real property negotiators per Government Code section 54956.8, to discuss the following:

- A. License and Lease Renewal for Navy Remote Training Facility
 - a. Property: Approx. 4,300 acres at Warner Ranch, adjacent to State Highway 79 in northern San Diego County
 - b. VID Negotiator: Roy Coox, Don Smith
 - c. Negotiating Parties: United States Department of Navy
 - d. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms
- B. Warner Ranch Hunting License
 - a. Property: Portions of approx. 44,000 acres at Warner Ranch, in northern San Diego County
 - b. VID Negotiator: Roy Coox, Don Smith
 - c. Negotiating Parties: Lake Henshaw Resort, Inc.
 - d. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

C. Geothermal Energy Lease

- a. Property: Warner Ranch, in northern San Diego County
- b. VID Negotiator: Roy Coox, Don Smith
- c. Negotiating Parties: Edwin Baker
- d. Under Negotiations: Price and Terms

The meeting reconvened in open session at 3:20 p.m. Chair Williams declared that no reportable action had been taken.


6. INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR HENSHAW DAM

See staff report attached hereto.

The Committee noted and filed this informational report.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.



Howard S. Williams, Chair

ATTEST:



Lisa R. Soto, Secretary
Board of Directors

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item: 6

Warner Ranch Subcommittee

Board Meeting Date: June 9, 2010

Prepared By: Don A. Smith

Approved By: Roy A. Coox

SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR HENSHAW DAM

RECOMMENDATION: Receive update from staff regarding the status of the District's Request for Proposal for an Independent Consultant Services for Henshaw Dam.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: None.

FISCAL IMPACT: To be determined.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to direction issues by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) dated February 5, 2010 (attached), the District has issued a Request for Proposal for Independent Consultant Services for Henshaw Dam (copy attached). We have contacted six firms that have been listed as qualified by FERC, and expect to receive four proposals by June 10th. The six firms contacted are:

- AMEC Geomatrix, Inc.
- Black & Veatch
- Findlay Engineering, Inc.
- GEI Consultants
- HDR|DTA
- MWH Global, Inc.

Due to various reasons, HDR|DTA and MWH Global have thanked us but decline to submit a proposal for these services.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FERC Letter Dated February 5, 2010
- District Response Dated March 9, 2010
- FERC Reply Dated April 8, 2010
- District RFP for Independent Consultant Services for Henshaw Dam

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In reply refer to:
Project No. 176-CA
NATDAM ID CA00283

Mr. Don A. Smith
Vista Irrigation District
1391 Engineer Street
Vista, California 92081-8836

Re: Fourth Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report for Henshaw Dam

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have completed the review of the Fourth Part 12D Independent Consultant's Safety Inspection Report (CSIR) and Supporting Technical Information Document (STID) for Henshaw Dam of FERC Project No. 176-CA, which was submitted by your February 27, 2007 and December 16, 2008 letters, respectively.

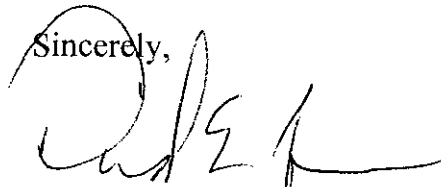
We agree with the recommendations made by the Independent Consultant as stated in Section 1.3 of the Part 12D report. Our review comments are summarized below:

1. Potential Failure Modes (PFMs) 5 and 6 have each been categorized as Category III, requiring more information or analyses in order to properly classify. A supplement to the Part 12D report should be prepared in order to address these failure modes.
2. The seismicity section of the STID should be reviewed and updated prior to the next CSIR.
3. Given the potential for significant seismic ground motion near to the dam, the simplified deformation analysis provided in the current Part 12D report should be updated using state-of-the-deformation prediction methods and latest available attenuation relationships.

4. The nominated Independent Consultant for the Fifth Part 12 D inspection must have expertise in the area of seismic analysis of earth embankments.

By March 10, 2010, please submit a plan and schedule to implement the Independent Consultant's recommendations and the additional comments included in this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Gerard Maloney at 415-369-3399.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Capka', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David E. Capka, P.E.
Acting Regional Engineer



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March 9, 2010

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Division of Dam Safety - San Francisco Regional Office
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**Subject: Independent Consultant's Recommendations and Additional Comments
Henshaw Dam, FERC Project No. 176-CA**

Dear Mr. Capka:

The Vista Irrigation District has received your letter of February 5, 2010 directing the District to submit a plan and schedule to implement the Independent Consultant's recommendations and the additional comments included in the letter. After discussion with Mr. Gerald Maloney, the District proposes to comply with the Commission's request in a two phase approach. The first phase will be to obtain the services of a new Independent Consultant with expertise in the area of seismic analysis of earth embankments. In the second phase, the new Independent Consultant will assess FERC's requests as outlined in your letter of February 5, 2010, and provide a plan and schedule to address the remaining items.

In accordance with this approach, the Vista Irrigation District proposes the following schedule:

April 30, 2010	Receive qualifications and proposals from Independent Consultants
May 28, 2010	Select Independent Consultant and negotiate contract terms
June 11, 2010	Nominate Independent Consultant (IC) for FERC approval
(FERC review)	Receive FERC approval of IC
Within one month of FERC approval of IC	Execute contract with IC
Within six weeks of fully executed contract with IC	Submit plan and schedule to FERC

The above schedule is influenced by several factors. District staff is preparing for and will be performing tabletop and functional exercises for the Henshaw Dam Emergency Action Plan in April of this year. In addition, a key member of the District's staff will be on leave for approximately three months in mid 2010.

Please contact me (dsmith@vid-h2o.org or 760-597-3168) or Angela Morrow (amorrow@vid-h2o.org or 760-597-3187) if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Don A. Smith
Director of Water Resources

cc: Angela Morrow, VID

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Project No. 176-CA
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1391 Engineer Street
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Re: Henshaw Dam – Status of Implementation of the Independent Consultant's
Recommendations and Additional Comments

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter of March 9, 2010 provided an update on the status of implementing the Independent Consultant(IC)'s recommendations in the Fourth Part 12D Safety Inspection Report for Henshaw Dam, part of FERC Project No. 176. Your proposed plan and phased schedule are acceptable.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Samuel Lee at (415) 369-3393.

Sincerely,



Wing H. Lee, P. E.
Acting Regional Engineer

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR HENSHAW DAM

May 12, 2010

The Vista Irrigation District (District) is requesting proposals for independent consultant services for Henshaw Dam. Henshaw Dam is located on the San Luis Rey River in San Diego County. The facilities at Henshaw Dam consist of a 123 feet high hydraulic and wagon fill earth dam supported by a secondary downstream compacted fill and reinforced rockfill dam called the Flow Retardation Structure (FRS), a spillway, outlet tower and outlet works. Henshaw Dam is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC – as part of FERC Project 176) and the California Division of Safety of Dams. The District is seeking an independent consultant with expertise in the area of seismic analysis of earth embankments to perform the following:

- 1) Assess FERC's request outlined in the attached letter dated February 5, 2010 and prepare a suggested plan and schedule to address the items.
- 2) Provide as-needed services for issues relating to Henshaw Dam.
- 3) Conduct the Fifth Part 12 D inspection and report in 2011.

Proposal packages must be received at District Offices by 5 PM, Thursday, June 10th, 2010.

Proposal packages shall include three hard copies and one digital (pdf) copy. Responsive proposals shall present: a detailed resume that describes the qualifications and experiences of the proposed independent consultant with expertise in the area of seismic analysis of earth embankments (the experience of the proposed independent consultant will be weighed more heavily than that of the firm with which they are affiliated); a listing of similar projects performed by the independent consultant and contact information for those references; a listing of services to be performed for this project along with a schedule for their completion; and a proposed rate schedule and estimated fee for the proposed services. The District shall select an independent consultant based on the best overall proposal, with consideration to experience, project understanding, references, schedule and fee.

The District expects to make a preliminary selection during the week of July 12th. The selected independent consultant will be nominated to FERC for approval. Upon receiving written approval by FERC, the selected consultant will be required to execute the District's contract and provide the required evidence of insurance. Final selection will be confirmed following the next available meeting of the District's Board of Directors.

If interested in proposing, a copy of the Fourth Part 12 D Five Year Dam Safety Inspection Report will be made available upon request for use during the proposal process. To request this report, or if you have any questions regarding this Request for Proposal, please contact either Angela Morrow, Water Resources Manager, at (760) 597-3187 or amorrow@vid-h2o.org (through May 28), or Don Smith, Director of Water Resources, at (760) 597-3168 or dsmith@vid-h2o.org.

Attachments:

1. Letter from FERC dated February 5, 2010
2. District Professional Services Agreement Form