

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 22, 2017 – 5:30 P.M.**  
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The agenda for the May 22, 2017, special meeting of the Oroville City Council was posted on the bulletin board at the front of City Hall, on the City of Oroville's website located at [www.cityoforoville.org](http://www.cityoforoville.org) and at the Oroville State Theatre, 1489 Myers Street, Oroville, on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

The May 22, 2017 special meeting of the Oroville City Council was called to order by Mayor Dahlmeier at 5:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members Berry, Del Rosario, Draper, Hatley, Thomson, Vice Mayor Goodson, Mayor Dahlmeier  
Absent: None

**Staff Present:**

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Donald Rust, Assistant City Administrator  
Bob Marciniak, SBF Program Specialist  
Dawn Nevers, Assistant Planner  
Karolyn Fairbanks, Treasurer

Bill LaGrone, Director of Public Safety  
Jamie Hayes, Assistant City Clerk  
Scott E. Huber, City Attorney

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dahlmeier.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**1. TOWN HALL FORUM**

The City Council conducted a Town Hall Forum to allow citizens an opportunity to provide comments regarding the February 2017 Oroville Dam Spillway incident, the City's relationship with the California Department of Water Resources and the Oroville Supplemental Benefits Fund.

**2. CLOSING COMMENTS – MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

The Council each addressed the audience with closing statements relating to the comments received in regards to the February 2017 Oroville Dam Spillway incident, the City's relationship with the California Department of Water Resources and the Oroville Supplemental Benefits Fund.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. A regular meeting of the Oroville City Council will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

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Donald Rust, Acting City Clerk

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Janet Goodson, Vice Mayor



## Order

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Mayor Dahlmeier: Councilmember Barry?

Barry: Here.

Mayor Dahlmeier: Councilmember Del [Rossario 00:00:04]?

Del Rossario: Yes.

Mayor Dahlmeier: Councilmember Draper?

Draper: Here.

Mayor Dahlmeier: Councilmember Hatley?

Hatley: Here.

Mayor Dahlmeier: Councilmember Thompson?

Thompson: Here.

Mayor Dahlmeier: Vice Mayor Goodson?

Goodson: Here.

Mayor Dahlmeier: And Mayor Dahlmeier is here. Please stand with me for the pledge.

Salute, pledge. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of American and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

At this time I'm going to turn the meeting over to Chief Legroan.

Chief LaGrone: Good evening and welcome to the Oroville City Council Town Hall forum regarding the future relationship of the City with the Department of Water Resources, the Supplemental Benefit Fund and how we move forward from here.

I'd like to just start briefly by introducing our council, because I know as I've moved through my life, my eyesight is not as good as it once was and these cards are probably kind of small from where you're at. So, from your left moving to the right. Councilman Art Hatley, Council Scott Thompson, Councilman Jack Barry, Mayor Linda Dahlmeier, Vice Mayor Janet Goodson, Councilperson Marlene DelRossario and Councilperson, Linda Draper.

Staff in attendance tonight is the Supplemental Benefit Fund Specialist, Bob Marciniak, seated next to him is the Assistant City Administrator Don Rust and next to him is the City Council City Attorney Scott Huber and my name is Bill Legroan and I'm the Director of Public Safety for the City of Oroville.

Tonight, how this forum is going to work is we're going to take comments from the community regarding the future relationship of the City with the Department of Water Resources. The Council is interested in hearing what the community's input is on this and how we move forward. There's been many forums where people have been had the opportunity to express how the spillway incident affected them. What we're looking for tonight is what is the community's consensus? What is the community's desire as we move forward with our relationship with the Department of Water Resources and how we move forward with the Supplemental Benefit Fund.

We are going to ask each participant that has filled out a card, when their name is called, come to one of the mikes either to my right or to my left, they're down in the front, I'll call your name and once I do that, you'll be able to begin your comment to the Council so they can hear what your feelings are regarding the future relationship with the Department of Water Resources.

We would ask a couple of things, or I will personally. Remember that in this forum, we're asking that we be as kind as possible. Kind words are heard whereas hostile words or angry words often are not. So, in order to get your message across, try to be as kind as you possibly can to the Council. We all have the same goal. We want to make Oroville better. We want to make Oroville the best place it can possibly be and as safe as it can possibly be. We do not operate the dam. That is operated by the State of California, the Department of Water Resources. We cannot affect how the dam is operated but we certainly must maintain a relationship with the Department of Water Resources to influence that through relationships with them. So we're asking for your comments on those types of issues.

We'll start with tonight, Wayne Hunter.

Don Rust: Also, you get five minutes to speak.

Chief LaGrone: What Mr. Rust is reminding everyone, is there is a five minute time limit on the comments. Mr. Rust, that 4 minutes and 30 seconds, we'll say 4 minutes and 30 seconds, so you know you have 30 seconds left.

Don Rust: Can you call the next person so we don't have to wait for them to walk up?

Chief LaGrone: Yes, sir. I will. The next speaker after Mr. Hunter will be Tasha Levinson.

Citizen Residen: I'm a storm water inspector that pollution prevention and I just was wondering about, I have two questions. Why there was no rebar in the construction of that

dam, there's none visible in it. And wondering about the aquatic, who's going to take care of the aquatic sea life that was all damaged from the erosion and all the wash out, all the erosion and stuff that took the life away of the little animals in the water. So that's all I have to say.

Chief Legroan: I have attended several meetings with the Department of Water Resources regarding these particular issues. The Department of Fish and Wildlife is actively involved in the recovery of the area, maintaining the wildlife that is currently there and also the replacement of the salmon. Unfortunately, we lost some a while back due to a pump failure. But they are actively working on that. Regarding the rebar, the pictures I've seen of the close up pictures, there is rebar. It is hard to see when you're way back or a further distances but there is rebar in the existing spill. I'm certainly not an expert if it's an adequate amount, but there is rebar. And anybody who doesn't know what rebar is, I heard an individual saying, it's the steel bars that are put inside of cement when they do it, to reinforce it. Would anybody like to ask, provide any ... thank you.

The next speaker after Ms. Levinson will be Gary Lease.

Citizen Resident: The Mayor had mentioned and I've heard a few other people mention that there was supposed to be ...

Speaker 1: Now I ... test it again. Tasha. How about if you step over to this microphone, if you don't mind? Also I think Chief Legroan's microphone is just a little too high. It's got a mumble to it, if you could turn it down just a little bit.

Citizen Resident: .... that there was supposed to be a billion dollars towards recreation. If someone could give me a website or something else where I can read about this billion dollars, I would surely appreciate it. As this point, as a resident, I'm looking at the information you handed out tonight, which indicates that there was six years in negotiation to get to this point, for the Supplemental Benefits, excuse me, the Settlement Agreement that was signed in 2006. We're now 11 years past that, and we still do not have this new license that was supposed to trigger a bunch of other things. And there's a part of me that says that this is a material new information as described in 1.5.10 of the Settlement Agreement, which allows you to then re-look at the whole thing and it might possibly be a good thing to do.

We have been 16 years without the license actually happening and apparently neglect, which has amounted to us having to be evacuated because we're almost going to be killed. That does not seem right. Finally, it also seems to me that under these circumstances, we should be getting some interest on these funds because they are not coming through in a timely manner. Thank you.

Speaker 1: Thank you, Tasha.

Chief Legroan: Would anyone like to respond?

Mayor Dahlmeier: One of the unfortunate things that happened in the re-licensing was the NOA Fisheries, it took eight years to get the biological opinion done which nobody anticipated that it would take eight years. But that's, once again, not any fault of us in doing the negotiation and all the parties coming to the table because we did it in good faith, all 50 settlers. But even with that said, NOA Fisheries actually went through their own change and changed their name and stuff but that's what I know, it took eight years because I was here at the beginning of the negotiations and eight years later, which it just came through, about eight months ago, six, eight months ago. But actually, my understanding is we were going to take the comments and questions up front and then at 7:30, if we had anything that we could answer, because it really is about you guys making sure that you get time this evening to have your moment in the microphone and for us to listen. So, I think-

Chief Legroan: Thank you, Madam Mayor. I've got Gary Lease followed by John Mitchell, followed by Helen Dennis.

Citizen Residen: Hi, I just wanted to address all the damage to the recreation aspect around the dam and the ongoing closures that is severely impacting the recreation around the lake. I just want, since you want a change of format towards something about, constructive about looking forward, I would just like to comment to say that to please keep the pressure on DWR and State Parks to come through with their commitments to reopening the Dambibi [Trail 00:09:57] to the Visitor's Center and finding a way get to the Potter's Ravine in North Fork Trails. There are ways in but unfortunately they have damaged a lot of the trails and they've also fenced off some trails that they didn't really need to north of the diversion pool.

So I have a lot of ideas, I have a lot of mapping, I've studied a lot of maps if anyone wants to talk to me about it after the meeting, I'd be glad to talk to them about creating some future, in the near future, access to the north side of the lake as far as the trails. Thank you.

Speaker 1: Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Mr. Lease. The microphone to my right, your left is now working as well.

Citizen Residen: Good evening, John Mitchell. First, I just want to say that I'm a little confused as to what this exactly what this is supposed to be about tonight because my understanding from the last meeting and I know that I had to leave early, but there were some suggestions about pulling out of the SBF and so I guess that raised some concerns with me because I didn't hear any talk about what would be replacing the SBF or if we were just trying to use the incident at the dam to gain some sort of leverage with DWR.

So I guess that left me a little bit confused because I wasn't sure how the two of these things are related, the incident at the dam and the SBF fund? And then I

guess going forward as far as the SBF is concerned, I guess my biggest concern also is that a lot of the trails, a lot of the recreation now around the dam have been cut off to use. I'm a mountain bike rider and we've been really restricted as to where we can go and what we can do and that there must be ways to open some of these trails back up to the community.

I understand that the SBF is to help increase recreation but now we've lost a lot of recreation as well on top of that. So I guess, one my input and then two, I would like some sort of clarification at some point as to whether or not you guys are still planning on pulling out of this SBF fund or if we're going to stick to it as it is? Thank you.

Speaker 1: Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Thank you, Mr. Mitchell. Helen Dennis followed by Jack Kylie.

Citizen Residen: My name is Helen Dennis and I'm here tonight to tell you I'm really unhappy with DWR and I think you should be, too. For our city and our County, they have not come through with anything they have promised us. Little tiny bits of bread, that's all we've gotten and I don't think we can trust them. Nor do I think we want them to be licensed again. I think we need to have them replaced because they are not following through with promises. They're not keeping us safe. They're not keeping our community safe. Look at how much they've destroyed by all the flooding.

And the other night I saw on the news, here they are replacing with great big rocks. How am I to get to the river? I can't get over those great big pieces, chunks of rock. You know there's a lot of disabled people and I'm not one that stands up on disable but there are a lot of people who are elderly, who are young, who can't walk well. How are they supposed to get to that river? How are they supposed to enjoy fishing and whatever they do there, sunbathing, wanting to swim, whatever. How are we supposed to trust DWR to protect our community to make this a beautiful place again? Our parks are destroyed for the most part, our trails are destroyed, our fishing is destroyed and they still continue to be destroyed by the merc and stuff that's in the water. It's not safe to be there. Our after bay, our fore bay, they've all been affected, everything has been affected in this community.

They owe us a lot. And they don't intend to pay it. So I don't think any of us, including you, should be trusting them. And when they hand out \$3 million, or they say they're going to, what are the strings? Does that mean you're getting paid and you're getting in their pocket? What does that mean? That's not right. This community needs to be taken care of as do all the downstream, where every place that was flooded. I stayed home by myself, had a heck of a time getting home, didn't even get the notification, just all this traffic and roads being closed.



I'm going down the road and all of a sudden here's an officer pulling in front of us and we almost have a wreck just trying to avoid the officer. This is not right. Our community should never, ever have had to put up with this. What I believe is that this is wrong. People were without their medications when they needed it. They could not get a hold of their pharmacy, even though they might be like Thrifty or Rite Aid, whatever it's called now, Walgreen's. They couldn't get their medications, even a five day supply of it. None of us knew when we were going to come home, or if like I was, I was home. Is it safe to go out? Where am I going to find gas, food?

What are we supposed to do? None of us know what to do and that's what I am concerned about. In this community, we need to take care of us and our people, our neighbors that are downstream. We don't need to be having this happen all the time. This is something that the dam was built to prevent. And yet year after year, they have caused flooding and this is something, I think, we need to address and we need not to trust DWR to be the people to do it. Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Thank you, Ms. Dennis. Jack Kylie followed by Robert Smith followed by David Pitman.

Citizen Residen: Thank you. I guess my disappointment is what's happened to Oroville. I was born here a long time ago, but I've watched it for 50 years, what's happened 50 years ago, what was Oroville like 50 years ago. It was more booming than we are today and so the dam has not been the big asset that we thought it was going to be. And I still can't believe it. We got so much to offer here in Oroville. We've got water all over the place, streams, after bays and everything and it hasn't happened. And we wonder why DWR, everybody is so upset with DWR. They earned that reputation the old fashioned way. They, things, their actions that have happened there. And I'm going to, just to give you a little bit of history, excuse me.

A little bit of history of my experience of negotiating with DWR. Some of you may recall back in the year about 2000 or so that the State filed, not only DWR and the Parks filed a lawsuit against Lake Oroville Public Utility District and also the citizens of Kelly [Ridge 00:17:20]. And the reason for that was that there was a, I guess, a sweetheart deal when they originally, between the developer and DWR, when they put in the sewer systems up in that area that they run what they call a state line.

It runs along the edge there by Bidwell Marina and along through that area and it was that the, the old story crap doesn't roll uphill but it did in Kelly Ridge. The original design called that the water was to, the sewage was to gravity feed all the way down into, but if you go down Royal Okas, you'll notice there looks like a garage there. That's a pumping station and it was supposed to gravity flow on down but the developer and the DWR developed into a sweetheart deal. They said, "Well it would be cheaper for us as the developer to pump the sewage

over one hill, two hills, back down to the lake and then to let it flow out." The State had three pumping stations there.

That was the written agreement. And then the [inaudible 00:18:19] says, you know you've got all this sewage from the Kelly Ridge flowing through the State system here, you guys should be running this system and I was on the [inaudible 00:18:27] board at that time and we said, at that time we said no. If you built the system to our standards, we would probably take the sewer line over. But they had three pumping stations with three wet wells which held 300 gallons apiece and when the electricity went out, three hundred gallons was a few minutes, they had raw sewage into the lake. It happened numerous of times. And we said, "Well DWR, you get away with this, but as a local little utility district, we'd probably go to jail for dumping raw sewage into the lake." So they said, "Well, we're going to sue you if you don't take it over." We said, "Go ahead."

They sued, they said, "We're not only going to sue you, we're going to sue the residents, too and they did file the suits." It was very disturbing to the residents up there. After five years of negotiation, not negotiations, going through the court proceedings, the judge finally through it out and says, "You have a written agreement DWR. You don't have a case." He's throwing it out. So then they wanted to go to mediation, which we agreed to do at that time. We show up at the mediation, there's five of us from the Lake Oroville Public Utility District, two of us directors, our engineer and an attorney from [inaudible 00:19:35] and our manager, we show up. DWR shows up with there 21 people. The judge at this time says, "This is not going to work. You guys step aside. Get five people." And they were suing us for 1.8 million, I think it was.

We ended up settling that. They paid us \$1 million. We went in and put in 20,000 gallon wet wells, that's the money we got in the lawsuit at the pump stations, eliminated one of them and we've been operating that for the last 12, 15 years and never dumped one bi of sewage into the lake. The reason I'm making this point is, negotiating with DWR is dang near impossible. You say you've been what you've been doing, we've seen what the results are in 50 years. You reach a settlement, you don't get any money out of it. It's coming but it hasn't showed up. My answer, I guess my solution to this is you've got the Supplemental Benefit Fund. I don't have a problem with that but where we are, we've had these hearings, people have said there is definitely an impact on Oroville, the County and our neighbors down south.

My answer is don't negotiate with DWR, our legislature's we've had Gallagher and Neilsen both at a lot of these meetings, and they said it's not ... they control DWR. I think a very simple solution is to put the pressure on your legislation and say, "Look, there is an impact here so what we're discussing now is money.

The lake has about 3.3 million arce feet of water, you put \$2.00 an acre foot on there for an impact fee and maybe a half cent on their electric generation, that

would get you \$6 to \$10 million a year. That's just a starting point. Maybe five years down the line, revisit that. But I don't think it has to be that complicated that you continue to negotiate with DWR and you go in with your hat in your hand, give us a few dollars here, a few dollars there. No, we need ... good I'll be finished in 30 seconds but I think the pressure should go to your state legislature, say there is an impact, you've had these hearings. Everybody knows it. Set the fee, \$2.00 an acre foot, \$3.00 whatever it is and an impact fee. So good luck to you and your future. Thank you.

Speaker 1: Thank you, Jack.

Citizen Resident: Hello, my name is Robert Smith and I've come to speak for the restoration of Cherokee Road. Right now Cherokee Road's taken a beating. The trucks are coming up and down from mineral resources, trucking transfers, which are putting people, the local people on that road off the side of the road. There's no shoulder on that road anyway, there's potholes all over it now. Mostly because of the State project in building Oroville Gulch Bridge and I mean the County project and the State's truck and transfer's going up and down Cherokee Road, now.

That's kind of okay with me because I'm hoping that the State's going to fix that road when it's done but Cherokee Road needs a lot. It's not just another chip coat or another coat of asphalt on it. Cherokee Road is historical, if you go and look under some of those culverts, they are nothing but stacked rock that the miners stacked to make culverts. They're falling in on the top, the County keeps patching them, they keep falling in more. Something needs to be done to do it right. Mini rocks are falling off the bank and in the gutter and they're not far from when your car, when you go up and down that road.

So for one, those trucking transfers need to not be on that road at all. They have a haul road that goes from Mineral Resources out to Table Mountain Boulevard and I understand that those trucking transfers can go under that railway track. It's dangerous, those tracks being on, those trucks being on Cherokee Road when people have to stop and I know they're doing it, I've got it on my camera. I talked to the highway patrolman, when he was coming down the road and he saw it and he thought it was pretty ludicrous that those trucks are on that stretch of road.

It's going to nip us in the bud liability wise if we keep doing it because somebody's going to get hurt on it. But I would really like to get the people of the City moved on maybe them putting something in on a project to help restore that road. I've already been talking to the County and I will be talking to the State. But the City benefits from Cherokee Road. We have our bike event, we have these Table Mountain flowers up here that people come to and just love to see. All that stuff benefits the City of Oroville. So if anybody ever comes to you and go, "Oh you think you should help with Cherokee Road, help with Cherokee Road."

Speaker 1: Thank you.

Chief Legroan: [crosstalk 00:24:41] followed by Joanne Bilsky.

Citizen Residen: Are you ready?

Speaker 1: Hi Dave.

Citizen Residen: Good evening council and staff and citizens. Thank you all for coming. I'm encouraged by the participation and the interest. I've got a long history with this and I could take a couple of hours and that but you don't really want to hear going back to 1900. But I will say that my father was involved in the Feather River Project Association in the '50s and that was the advocacy group that went for this project called the Oroville Dam.

The governor that first signed it was [Goodwin-Knight 00:25:18], that was the first bill to build the Oroville Dam and then he was immediately replaced by Pat Brown and then Ronald Reagan and then Pete Wilson and so on and so forth. We've had over half a dozen governors operating this project. And consequently, back in the '50s, Goodwin-Knight, when he shook your hand, that was a done deal. You didn't need paper. Today, we don't have that world. Today, the only way you're going to get something done is an agreement.

The Settlement Agreement that you have now in hand, your a signature to with over 50 different agencies of the State is leverage. And I would offer to you that it's the standard. Certainly it's a standard that we're going to see things done. Yes, it's time consuming. Believe me, I've been a part of the process and it's just like, trying to push an elephant over a creek. It's just hard.

But there is an end in sight. There is money to be spent on specific projects. If you look in Appendix A and B, of the Settlement Agreement, you can find it on, just type in Oroville Settlement Agreement on any Google and you can see the entire agreement and all the signatures at the end and the details are in ... so much money is associated to campgrounds, to new boat ramps, all kinds of facilities with the lake. And O&M money which keeps those facilities properly maintained. That's another thing that's part of the Settlement Agreement. So I encourage you to keep the Settlement Agreement, but tonight I offer you another idea.

As a steward of that Agreement and as one interested party being the City of Oroville, I would ask you take the leadership position and reach out to every member of that Settlement Agreement with a communication saying, "We're interested in maybe having other discussions about a Settlement Agreement supplement because I think today, we've heard enough people about issues that have come, that are new and arise issues that no one ever thought about in March, 2006.

And certainly if we reached out to the entirety of the Agreement, you have to remember, you've got 50 agencies of the world from the Sierra Club to the Horseman's Association to the Indians to cities and counties. And with a new agreement, or a supplement, whatever you're going to call it, I think you might have the folks from Marysville, Yuba City and all downstream folks want to add onto that discussion. It's not going to be easy. Any time you have such a monumental task it's not going to be easy.

But I believe the end product of that process would be something great for us all and have a project that we in California can all be proud of. So I think you for your time and appreciate this forum. Thank you.

Speaker 1: Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Joanne Bilsky followed by Don Folts.

Citizen Residen: Hi, Joanne Bilsky and I want to thank you for the opportunity. I'm just curious about something ...

Can you hear me now?

Speaker 1: No, her microphone?

Citizen Residen: Oh, better go over here.

Speaker 1: Yeah, why don't you go over [crosstalk 00:28:27]

Chief Legroan: Apparently it's not working.

Speaker 1: The next person, Bill. The next person will be Don Folts.

Citizen Residen: Can you hear me now?

Chief Legroan: Yes, ma'am.

Citizen Residen: I've got a quick question. It has to do with the reconstruction of the spillway. I saw a story on the internet and it said that [Kiewitt 00:28:51], the contractor, can't get enough union workers to work three shifts a day and they're going to just go to one eight hour shift. Does anybody know anything about that, if it's true or not? Because if it is, they sure won't get it done by November 1st.

Chief Legroan: I was at a meeting earlier today with the Department of Water Resources and they are running at least two shifts a day with a four hour gap in between. The reason for the four hour gap in between the shifts is there is significant blasting that needs to be done at the old spillway and that will be the safe time in which that is done. So there are two hour, two ten hour shifts that are running.

Mr. Folts followed by Larry Hayden.

Citizen Residen: Good evening. To start with, I really don't appreciate it when you open up a meeting where we're supposed to be able to ask questions and then announce that, "Oh, we'll answer questions at the end. Meaning we'll shove aside any questions we don't care to deal with and answer the ones we're comfortable with."

Relax. So, the first uncomfortable question I have, is for Mayor Dahlmeier and given that it isn't the way City Council functions, who informed you that you could sign an agreement with DWR outside the purview of the City Council?

Mayor Dahlmeier: Do you want the answer now?

Citizen Residen: Please.

Mayor Dahlmeier: Well, because the Settlement Agreement says that I can do that. As the Mayor, as the elected Mayor, it's just a pass through to the City, as the fund administrator. We are like the bank. We are not the spenders of the money. We are the bank. The Supplemental Benefit Fund is the recipient of the money. It's just by title. I sign papers all day long for the City.

Citizen Residen: So you were saying the authority came from the Settlement Agreement. Could you name that document?

Mayor Dahlmeier: Mr. Huber will take over.

Huber: I can get you a copy of the Resolution. It was signed, approved by the Council in 2006.

Citizen Residen: I've seen that document, it had a sunset date of 2009.

Huber: No, it didn't. You're looking at the wrong document, if that's what you're looking at.

Citizen Residen: I'd love to see the-

Huber: I'll get you a copy of it, but just so you're aware, that authority was rescinded at the last Council meeting.

Citizen Residen: I am aware of that.

Huber: So in the future, those will need to come before the Council. But the Resolution did authorize the Mayor to sign the Settlement Agreement and any subsequent Amendments to it.

Citizen Residen: Okay. And my other question is for Councilman Jack Barry and I'm only asking you because you, of everyone up here, you were the one that was on the Council in 2006, I'm wondering what reason the Mayor at that time, gave as a reason for everyone to give him the power to sign agreements without first consulting with City Council?

Barry: Want an answer now?

Speaker 1: Go ahead. Is your microphone on?

Barry: No, before I said, "wait until the end."

Speaker 1: Yeah.[crosstalk 00:32:27]

Barry: [crosstalk 00:32:28] I think it was generally accepted that it was a general consensus of the Council ...

Speaker 1: Here.

Barry: At that time, it was a general consensus of the Council, if they approved it then the Mayor would sign it. And it was done by a vote.

Citizen Residen: Okay. I'm not sure that answered my question but thanks.

Chief Legroan: Larry Hayden followed by Bill Connelly.

Citizen Residen: Distinguished Council and staff, thank you for holding this tonight. I just want you to know that I praise God for you. That I pray for you, okay. I know your job's not easy. And I want each and every one of you to know that you're appreciated, you're loved and there are those of us here that will stand and fight with you, whatever your decision be.

I'm here tonight because I went to the special meeting about the SBF fund and I just wanted to make a couple of comments. I don't know enough about it to wax on about it, but I do trust those that are in leadership and those like Mr. Pitman, that I know that are heavily involved in it. But I do want to say that in making this decision, I heard on the special meeting about it being two separate things. About it being the SBF fund being one fund and the crisis and the spillway and the damages and the reparations and the recreation and the slow money coming and those things, another thing.

And so I was reminded, because I do a lot of negotiations with many City, County organizations, so the biggest thing to me in that is relationships. And I always find when I'm developing a good relationship and a good deal for both parties, it is to follow the golden way or the golden mean. And by that that's a, in Greek philosophy, we're talking about the middle road. Because if you're too excessive, you're at the high road. And if you have a deficit, you're down below.

If you take courage, for example, it's a virtue that we seek but if you have too much courage, you become reckless and if you have a deficit of courage, you become a coward.

So I just want to encourage you to find that middle road. I think that you should hang on to the SBF the way it stands and I think you should fight like heck to get what you need to get for Oroville. Again, I just want to thank you. I appreciate you. Mayor, you do an awesome job. Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Bill Connelly followed by Larry Mitchell and again this microphone is now working again, the one to my right.

Citizen Residen: Good evening, thank you for having me here tonight. I really appreciate what you do and I appreciate that we can't always agree and all that. But I want to start with putting to bed a few rumors about the County position. I stand here on this point as the Board of Supervisor's Chair. We have no interest in the SBF. We as a county always said that was a good deal for Oroville. If you continue to think that is, that's your position. We don't see any benefit for taking money to provide recreation that we were promised years and years ago. We were promised at least 80% more recreational venues than we've been given. I think the SBF is flawed in that it asks you to take on the burden for them. It doesn't benefit the County in any quantifiable manner to do do what the State should do.

We definitely are not trying to get the SBF as in fact, offered to us, early on when I was first elected, it was offered to us in a closed session with the State and we said, "No. If the City feels good with that."

Number 2, I've been approached by the Chamber of Commerce to ask that the license issuance be delayed, which makes sense. We don't know where the lake's going to be, how it's going to be operated, at what level it's going to be operated at, how that impacts anything promised in the SBF, or any other agreement with the State going forward. So I am going to bring that to my board. I don't know who they'll vote. But we want to, the Chamber talks, we listen. I believe the Congressman's considering it and Gallagher and Neilsen are considering asking for delay of the issuance of the next license, which makes sense to me.

The next point is that there's a rumor that you'd be sued or you'd be in trouble if you asked for a re-opener. I'm not a lawyer, doesn't take a lawyer to read the Settlement Agreement. You can ask for a re-opener. These are extraordinary circumstances. They've almost flooded our community. They've said they haven't talked to the issue of changing weather patterns, how they're going to operate the lake. It may be operated 100 feet lower than it is now. So, I think that it is an extraordinary time and you should ask for a eplerenone and that isn't ... if you choose to stay with the SBF and you don't want to leverage this re-opener, please let the other 50 signatories do that. I think would be a smart



thing. It's really easy to do. It's laid out there. You simply write a letter to FERC and to everybody else that signed that you want a eplerenone. That isn't something you'll be sued for. I don't where that came from.

Lastly, as a person that grew up here, lived through this and all that, you know, it's funny. DWR is here, they're working you, they've got their water contractors here working you. They're in a bad position because they've done poor maintenance. They have a man-made event. Hundred percent of snow pack, they've got the lake too full. They're the ones that inspected the spillway. The price of water's got to go up folks, and you need to quantify in my opinion, this is my personal opinion, not the board's, but as a person that loves Oroville, grew up here, kids are living here, grandkids are going to live here in the greater area. You need to quantify what your impacts are and ask for them. Don't fall into this deal that I'm going to hey, I'm going to make your recreation right. They broke every promise they ever made as far as recreation. There's no tram railroad, there's no big place to go recreate up there like they said there'd be. You need to quantify, in my opinion, this is not the board's, quantify what your impacts are and ask for money.

We deserve it. This place develops \$200 billion a year in economic value to the State. Lester [Snow 00:39:58] said that in a speech. And they're having us fight over a million dollars a year? This is me talking again, not the board. I urge you to do what's right in your heart. I think a re-opener is the least you could do for your community and ask to be paid for how this negatively impacts our community. Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Larry Mitchell followed by Ted Hanson.

Citizen Resident: Good evening, Council. I've been here for almost 20 years and I've been through, like I was born and raised in Marysville and Yuba City, so I know what it's all about having to leave your home and not know whether it's going to be there when you get to come back. I would like to see that the dam, the water level be held, we need at least 100 feet of capacity to keep everything safe, I think. I've watched and seen that river raised up to 83 feet in 48 hours. To me, that's a lot of water. There's a lot of pressure behind that dam when it becomes full like that. And another thing, I'd like to see more rebar put in the spillway because I don't, myself, I don't think there was enough put there in the first place.

And I would also like to see some type of a camera put up there so we can all watch the construction of this project. And that's pretty much all I've got today.

Chief Legroan: Mr. Mitchell. There currently is a camera that you can go to to the State Park's website, if you click on the Oroville Facility, it will take you to the camera and you'll have a view of the front of the spillway where the construction's going on and also a view from the Visitor Center. So it's live fed. So there is a camera right now, just for everyone's information.

Citizen Residen: [inaudible 00:42:19]

Chief Legroan: It is currently down? It was up this morning, so I apologize for whatever State Parks can't do. Mr. Ted Hanson followed by Shawn Webber.

Citizen Residen: Good evening. Thank you for this time to talk. I'm coming to you as a business owner downtown and as a homeowner downtown and I have concerns that I would love that the City do something to protect us business people downtown. I've heard a lot about recreation and the river and I'm not hearing anything about recovering the damage that's happened with the crisis that we had and like what Bill was talking about. We need to take care of the business people downtown or we're not going to have a city. So I'm just pleading with you to put that on your agenda to talk about it and throw it around and see what you can do to help us business people downtown thrive and people are still going down Oroville Dam Boulevard to 70 to Chico or to Roseville.

We started, I saw a really big change in the direction people were going. They were coming downtown and then this whole dam episode happened and we lost. I lost a lot of business. And there's a lot fewer people. They're afraid. They need to know that it's going to be okay to come downtown. We need to come back to come downtown to help us to thrive. Without a business and places to go downtown, our young kids are not going to do it. They're going to continue that flow away from Oroville. I just want you to think that and I thank you for letting me speak. Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Shawn Webber, followed by Denise Ryan.

Citizen Residen: [inaudible 00:44:32] I'm going to come at this from the perspective of trying to [inaudible 00:44:50] agree with everybody here [inaudible 00:45:02] what I would like to do is just say, that oftentimes [inaudible 00:45:16] yes, the woman in the wheelchair, I hear you and completely agree with you, it's very scary, tense situation [inaudible 00:45:35] but from that we can see something that's really, really awesome and if we take advantage as Mr. [inaudible 00:45:44] I agree with that and Mr. Connelly and sort of like leverage this opportunity and I'm not necessarily and opportunist, but this is a great opportunity.

And if we can leverage that opportunity to move in an awesome direction where we can safeguard our community and we could take advantage of the funding that's going to come down in an awesome way and hopefully [inaudible 00:46:15] I know most of you personally and I appreciate you sincerely and I think this is an awesome, awesome opportunity for us to really move as a community and [inaudible 00:46:56] and bolster each other up to create opportunity for ideas and creativity and let's embrace this. Embrace the tragedy or like carry on with our [inaudible 00:47:16] . Thank you very much for allowing me to talk. God bless you all.

Speaker 1: Thank you, thank you very much.

Chief Legroan: Denise Ryan followed by Tina McGee.

Citizen Residen: Hi, first of all I want to start off by thanking each and every one of you for doing everything that you do for us. Okay, I get a little nervous. I want to ask that if you get time on YouTube, on the National Dam Safety page, they interviewed Ralph [Peck 00:48:10] and he talks about seepage and piping. And what that part played in the complete dam failure of the Fontenelle Dam and the Teton Dam. And those dams are the exact layout of our dam and they had the same problems before they had their dam failure or whatever. So I wanted to suggest that, I also just pray that you guys just keep these meetings going on.

There's people like me and my friend and we walk up as far as we can go to the first gate on the other side, across from the spillway and we notice so much. I don't know if you guys are aware of, but that whole side of the mountain and everything is eroding away. Starts off at the road right above the bathhouse across from the fish hatchery. That road is actually melting every single day. It's alarming. I brought it to the last Town hall's attention and I messaged Department of Water Resources about it and at the top of down from the bathhouse as you're going up towards the diversion dam, there's the first little gate right there. That part of the road right there is almost completely just gone. I noticed that they put cones up the other day but and it goes on from there.

Between the little, well at the water, fish hatchery waterfall, you know how the sides have the concrete walls, these walls were built around rocks and it's eroding and that holds back water. I live, not too far downstream from there and these are the things that really concern me because it doesn't seem like anybody really pays attention to it. I messaged DWR about the rocks eroding and the holes in the concrete walls and she said that she would bring it to the attention of the Wildlife Fish and Game, but that's concerning and then from there are sink holes. You get to the train tunnel and there's water coming in there that wasn't there before.

Me and my friends we've walked through that train tunnel a lot and there's constant water coming from the top, the sides, just everywhere. Then past that the mountain side is coming down on the side of the road, it's just falling off. I mean it's just going into the plunge pool and that whole side, that's concerning to me and it just doesn't seem like it's being even looked at. If you guys ever want to go for a walk, I will show you everything I'm talking about.

Also, there's weird things, like for instance, there's about 40 feet from the fish hatchery waterfall there's a series of five orange buoys and it's not like they're across. They go downstream and it ends up they're about ten feet apart and it goes about 20 feet past under the green bridge and it's on the fish hatchery side. Well, my friend and I, we were walking to the spillway one day and a guy comes up on a wave runner out of the blue, totally just dressed in complete black. Circles all these buoys and then went right back down and got off the river.

And I'm assuming, which is not a good thing, but I assumed that they used the ramp on the fish hatchery where the offices are, they have a little ramp down there and so that was really weird. Things like that and transparency and walking in the light is huge.

Chief Legroan: 30 seconds.

Citizen Resident: For those of us that live downstream, it's very concerning. I mean the levy's our side, it's scary. It is seriously scary. Did you want to say something? Okay. And what's really weird also is we went to the dam, well we went up by the dam today and there's like a complete like mini town where that parking lot was. I saw that wet spot that they say is a sink hole. It's pretty wet and then there was a crater right up from the right of it and it's full of very green grass and it's just weird stuff like that, that kind of doesn't help with the ... you know. Anyways, thank you so very much, though.

Speaker 1: Thank you. Good job.

Chief Legroan: Tina McGee followed by Richard Smith.

Citizen Resident: Good evening Council and staff and Mayor. I just want to start by saying how much I appreciate you all as well and just have a couple of very quick questions. But I have been attending some of the recent meetings, Town Halls, and the City Council meetings and was in the meeting on the SBF and the question that I had, seems like the debate is whether to keep the SBF or to not and my question is, without understanding a lot about the SBF is, do we really need, is it really an either/or thing? We talked about it being two different things, of the SBF contract versus going after DWR for the major dam failure, or spillway failure, I need to say. But, why can't we do both?

And then just having, if we have time for open talk for you guys to answer, maybe you can clarify what the benefits would be of not renewing the SBF because I don't understand, I'd like to. And that being said, I'm hoping when you guys are negotiating, just asking a favor from you guys, is when you're negotiating with DWR on all of the, not just the recreation but like, like has been shared tonight, but the concern for the businesses and the infrastructure aside from the recreation that's been affected by this.

That you would hold them to task for those losses as well and to really try to negotiate some better PG&E rates for us because the electricity around here is ridiculously high. And I've lived in a lot of areas of California and I've never seen it be so high as right here, which doesn't make sense when we've got all of this that's created from the dam, right here in our back door. So, if you can include some of that and help even some residents, that would be amazing.

And then, I guess you know from the speaker that spoke last, I just have one more thing to add is that in all the conversations and things that I've heard,

there's been a lot of ... the example that she just gave of she brought a concern forward, and the response is, "Oh, we'll call Fish and Game." There's a lot of finger pointing going on and it's resulting in nobody really looking at a lot of things that they should be looking at because everybody seems to be pointing and saying, "Well it's theirs and it's theirs and they're responsible and they're responsible." And I think we need some help in figuring out who really is the one that needs to be looking at all this stuff.

Speaker 1: Thank you, Tina. That was good idea.

Chief Legroan: Richard Smith followed by Robert Miller.

Citizen Residen: Good evening Council. Thanks for doing this tonight, we really appreciate it. But I have a question first. Could I see a show of hands, who has grandchildren or children in this community? I commend you the most because kids should be having dinner right now and as parents, we should be with them, but this is a big deal for our community. My personal opinion is that we should take this agreement that we've been fighting for and struggling with for years and years and years and we're on the cusp of something great.

River [Bend 00:57:25] Park is just a beginning of some of the things that this stuff can do for our community and if we spend all this time fighting and bickering and deciding who can sign, not sign, take money, can't take money. I really, really hope this Council can just get a long. I know you guys have distinct backgrounds, distinct goals. But as a Council and as our leaders of this city, of this community, you guys need to set some of those boundaries that you have between you apart and try to get along. Because you're doing it for my family, for my kids, who's going to be part of this community for a very long time. And as a note, my great-great-great uncle built the first bridge over Feather River here in 1800's. I have strong ties to this community.

So please, I think you should go ahead with the plan. I think then you should drag DWR through the dirt for the failures they did there and go after that as a separate issue. But to hold this back, this thing that's been taking 12 years, to hold it back now, I think would be silly and it could do so much for this community, for our kids, for our families, for everything. Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Robert Miller followed by Bill Bynam.

Citizen Residen: Thank you. I'm Robert Miller. I'm from Gridley. We had our evacuation there, too when we had to be evacuated down there, too. So anything that goes on with Oroville Dam or Oroville Gridley, we get the spillway and then several orchards at the Feather River were damaged by the Feather River by overflows of the dam and my question is what I wrote on there is, when the Oroville dam was completed, I always believed that, I was taught, for years [inaudible 00:59:32] because I'm a long time resident here. I've lived in Gridley all my life.

I always believed that they were going to put resorts and hotels up at Lake Oroville when the dam was finished and then they say that the City of Oroville didn't want the resorts or the town, or didn't want the recreation in Oroville. Oroville didn't want to be a recreation town, or they didn't want all the resorts up at the lake. This was many years ago.

But for now, would the City of Oroville would support, I mean, would they want to put resorts up there, at the lake? Or is it DWR's decision? I just want to find out. Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Bill Bayam followed by Richard Harriman.

Citizen Residen: Good evening, thank you for this opportunity. Got to hear a lot of speakers. I agree with most of them, Helen Dennis, I always agree with her. I thought Jack Kiley had some good ideas about a surtax, so the County gets compensated and the City of Oroville gets compensated and most of all, I think Bill Connelly is spot on. I spent hours and hours reading the whole history and looking at the documents and to my mind, Oroville has been treated terribly. Getting almost nothing. And the gentleman who talked about businesses, they're hurt the most. It's the economy or Oroville that needs to be addressed.

So I think we need our elected officials to show strong backbone and stand up and fight everywhere you can fight. You should go to the State like Jack Kiley's talking about and ask for that tax. That just seems reasonable to me. I think like Bill Connelly suggested, you should renegotiate SBF. Why not? They have treated us so terribly over the last five decades, it's time for us to redress those grievances.

Pull all that history up and say, "Let's start rectifying some of the damage that has been done." Dave Pitman, I agree with him. I think get those 50 stakeholders back together again and let's take a fresh look at it. It's ten years down the road, but this is something that needs to be taken on seriously on every level but ultimately the City of Oroville needs to benefit economically whether it's lower water rates or whether it's electricity that's lower or free or whether it's just helping our business. All right. I appreciate it. Thanks.

Speaker 1: Thank you, Bill.

Chief Legroan: Mr. Richard Harriman.

Citizen Residen: Good evening. Mayor, Honorable Members of the Council, Staff, Public, this is your community and I'm appreciating having the opportunity to speak tonight and I want to thank the Council for holding this meeting. I think it's a good start to a long process. I'd like to tear off what Bill Connelly said and what the gentleman who's the negotiator said, and I'd like to put it this way. We're in a pit, we're digging down, the first thing you do when you fall in a pit, is you stop

digging. And right now, we can't change the past in terms of the negotiations which have taken place, we can only act in the present and the future.

And my thought would be that you need to be bold and aggressive and you need to analyze this in a very cold minded, clear thinking way. And that is, if you were in a debt collection situation and your debtor had walked you, and slow walked you the way that DWR has done, why would you continue to negotiating with that negotiating partner? You know that it isn't going to work because you have no leverage. Until you have leverage, you should never sit down and negotiate with your adversary otherwise you're going to have the same thing happen to you, that did before.

So let's focus on a positive way of approaching and whoever negotiates for you, I think you might think very seriously about hiring a professional negotiator that gets you away from the emotions and you control that negotiator. You do it in your labor dealings, all cities do that, number one.

Number two, what I would say is if they've got \$3 million on the table now, you now that they owe you a lot more than that. I think you ought to say, "No, we don't want to negotiate with you until you give us an advance. And we'd like a large advance because right now, we need to restore our community's reputation in the State for being a place where you can go and do business and live safely, have fun, spend some money, have a good time, go home or come here and buy a house and live here." And I don't know where you want to put that number. And advance of \$25 million to start negotiations? And then they can, you can pay them back. It would be a no interest advance, and when you get to the settlement at the end of the day, at least you'd have \$20 million when you really need it. Because believe me, you're going to get a whole lot more than \$25 million at the end of the day. And I urge you to be bold and think strong and be Oroville strong. Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Thank you, Mr. Harriman. That concludes all the blue cards that I have presented to me at this time. If there is anyone that would like to speak, please step to an available microphone, state your name and speak your peace.

Citizen Residen: Okay, I just made it. Thank you for having this a little bit after the work hours because I just got off work. I'm here for a few reasons. My concern is the closed door agreement that happened that the public was closed off from in DWR years ago. My concern is the division between the City and the County. I believe there should not be that division. We have the County Sheriff, we have the County Library, we have the County Jail, all of the resources that the County offers the City of Oroville and I do not believe that it should be separate.

I feel that any offering of money by DWR at this point is not a comfortable feeling to me. Sometimes people want to talk with their money. I read in the newspaper that the City of Oroville felt if they pulled out of the agreement, that DWR could sue them and there was a fear they would be sued by DWR.

Seriously? We almost all died from DWR and now we're worried they're going to sue us?

The same thought was used when people were fighting to save the trees from PG&E over by the cemetery by Walmart. The City was afraid if they pulled out of that, PG&E would sue them. So our City, in my opinion, is not a good representation of a strong community. I believe there should be a citizen oversight committee looking at the City Council. I believe there should be a cooperation effort between the County and the City and at this point, DWR, they're going to sue us? Let's get the 200,000 people that had to evacuate and turn that around and have a petition.

When I was driving here after work, my 16 year old daughter told me that, "Do you know DWR's going to sue us?" What? We almost died. We had to evacuate. So I think this City needs to stop being afraid and stand up. I think they should unite with the County and pull out of the Agreement and I think that we need to have major oversight.

I just read an email that said, and I don't know if everyone knows this yet, they're going to do continual blasting at the spillway, DWR, and they have set in some sirens that are going to go of to alert the workers, the hikers, the bicyclists, the people in the area to warn them about this blasting. What about the people who don't have internet or telephones or TV? They're going to hear sirens, they're going to be afraid, okay?

And I feel that personally when I knew the dam was going to crest, I actually sent an email to all of you, the City Council and the Mayor and I said, "I need to hear from you because it's getting to this dangerous level that ten years ago, my 87 year old mother evacuated." So what's going on? Nothing. Nothing. The Mayor was out of town. So whatever representatives or DWR, they needed the County, they needed the Sheriff, the County to speak up, okay? So, as far as I'm concerned, I live in the County. Across the street from me is the City. If I called 9-1-1, do they have to debate who comes? City or County, City or County. It's like get together and unite because we need each other and we need to stand up against DWR to fix this problem and to compensate the people that have suffered from this. Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Ma'am, I'm sorry, I missed your name. I'm sorry, I didn't catch your name.

Citizen Residen: Kathy Brazil.

Chief Legroan: Thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to speak?

Citizen Residen: [inaudible 01:09:47]

Chief Legroan: I'm sorry.



Citizen Resident: Hi folks, Patrick McGee here and I want to thank you for all your service to our community. And I, too pray for each and every one of you. I'm a new resident and my wife and I came here to help in ministry a couple of years ago. I don't know much about the situation, I do know about negotiations and I would love to urge you for the strongest possible, not just lump sum negotiations, but revenue share long term, revenue share to get this, to rise this City out of poverty.

The other thing is DWR, I don't know a lot about them. I just know that they were charged with taking care of one specific thing and for whatever reason that failed. I don't know if we have alternatives to them in the negotiation process, if there is a viable alternative, but I have to say as a resident, I still have vote of no confidence. They've done a lot to try and inform us but I still don't feel safe when I go downtown.

I look at the different rising levels of the water levels and I don't know if that 30 foot wall. I don't really trust all of the information so I would urge you to perhaps get an independent engineers to be able to monitor the situation so that we know that we know that we know this, everything is according to Hoyle.

So I would just urge you to have independent eyes looking at the situation and the strongest possible long term revenue share in negotiations because I've got to tell you, we have lived in several cities and done projects in different states and I've never seen energy prices so high as this one little town. It's kind of amazing to me, actually. So I just urge you to long term revenue share when, be bold in that, please. And independent eyes looking at that dam so we just know that that thing isn't going to fail. Because quite frankly, I just don't trust all the information that I'm getting and I know that's not, I know everyone's working their hardest. But I just want to feel safe when I'm walking downtown. Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Patricia Bravo.

Citizen Resident: Hello out there. Thank you for letting me have a voice in all of this. Thank you very much. I only have two statements. Number one is Kiewit International should be overseeing the project. I have a suggestion for Kiewit, if you could please pass it on. I was on the web researching the spillways around the world. And in a country I saw a brilliant idea that Kiewit was probably involved with. They used shredded car tires, rubberized car tires and they coated the spillway with that. Not only was it a brilliant idea because it also protected the concrete beneath and it also gives you a good sign of where there's divots in the rubberized coating that underneath there's a problem.

And number two, to keep them on schedule, I suggest that they also can be paid in increments based on their progress. I'm from the high tech industry and the venture capitalists used to do that to us. If you meet a certain milestone, you'll get \$2.00. If you meet another milestone, you'll get X dollars. If you meet

another milestone, X dollars and that always assured that the project would be done on time. Thank you very much. Thank you.

Chief Legroan: Is there anyone else that would like to speak? If there is no one that would like to speak, we'll move into the last 30 minutes of the Council meeting and give the Council their opportunity to respond if they would like.

Councilman Thompson?

Speaker 1: So we appreciate everybody coming and I know Scott Thompson had asked to speak first so I'm going to go ahead and let Scott say his comments before he has to leave this evening.

Yes, right.

Thompson: Being a parent, picking up your kid from school at 4:00 and then come right here so I've got to take my boys home so they can do their reading and their homework before they go to bed. I want to thank everybody for coming tonight. Just so you know, in case we look mean up here, the bright lights in our eyes ...

Speaker 1: Hold on, I'm going to switch.

Thompson: Can you hear me? How about now. All right. Hopefully we don't look too mean up here. The bright lights in our eyes, we can barely see you up here, so we're kind of scowling at you. But I really appreciate everybody for coming. I know that myself and many of us up here wrote down your comments and your questions and there are our concerns, your concerns are our concerns.

And one of the things I want to bring up are some of the things that were said tonight is in regards to gathering the 50 signatures and parties in regards to the SBF. I think that's a great idea and definitely be looking into that for sure.

As well, I believe it was Pitman or somebody specifically so I can go back to my notes, but in regarding in addressing our legislatures and just so that those who don't know, the City Council did approve and we're sending a letter to Washington actually tomorrow. It's going to be delivered here because we do need do have more eyes and more power putting pressure on DWR, State Water contractors and FERC to see a better deal signed for Oroville.

I want the let you know that all of us here, we definitely want the best for our City. I know that this is very much an emotionally charged topic and as many of you who have ever been in courts, know it's very much an objective information, facts and data and contracts. And so we must kind of address this thing as very, as objective as possible to see the best outcome for our City as possible. And that's all I have to say. Thank you so much for coming tonight. And we hope for a better future for Oroville. Thank you.

Speaker 1: Go ahead.

Citizen Residen: Is this mic working?

Speaker 1: No, it's not working. Here you go.

Citizen Residen: I was at the DWR briefing this morning and they said that they're working on a viewing site for people to go up and to watch the work if you don't want to watch on TV. They're concerned about safety and I am, too. I really appreciate all of you coming tonight. Another thing that they said is that they're going to be lowering the level of the lake. It was 828 feet this morning and they're going to be lowering it between 100 and 125 feet in the next few months, through September.

There is no plan for backup gates That was something I asked about, why don't we have backup gates and they said FERC had mentioned it but they haven't made it part of the plan yet. That's something I really think that we need and it sounded to me like DWR doesn't intend to do it unless FERC demands it. I can't say that for a fact but what was definitely the feeling I got when I asked the question.

I guess that's everything that I wanted to say. Thank you again for coming. I appreciate all your comments.

Mayor Dahlmeier: I'm going to be fairly concise her. I'm one of those people that likes to get as much information and all the facts that I can before I make a decision and I'm with a majority of the people here that there shouldn't be a re-licensing of the dam until we get some things resolved. And I do agree that we need better oversight over the dam, possibly different governance of the dam as well. I have said for a long time that the City should receive lower power rates, lower water rates like the city of Redding does for their dam up there.

And like one of the speakers said about long term revenue sharing. I think we are definitely entitled to that as well. But I want to thank everyone for coming and for your input. It's really invaluable to us going forward as we try to make the best decisions that we can. We want to be good advocates for all [inaudible 01:20:44]

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Vice Mayor Janet Goodson Thank you for coming out. I wanted to speak to, I believe it was Richard Smith in regards to the agreement you mentioned that there was current concern, uh, regarding the signing and the rescinding of that resolution. So, I ... I wanted to give you all accurate information as to why that came up and why there was a vote of five to one with one abstention. At the special city council meeting on May 9th, it was suggested that the 2006 resolution be revoked and be replaced with verbiage that stipulated that any negotiations from here on out and any action involving money with DWR that it be brought to the attention of the city council, who is the SBF fund administrator. Our city's affairs are handled by a council comprised of seven members. It takes a quorum, the majority of the votes, to pass policy, resolutions, employment decisions, city budget and agreements. It takes seven of us. Fast forward.

Vice Mayor Janet Goodson After this meeting, the seven of us will have the responsibility of making a decision about how the SBF will be handled. I ask you all this question, if you had to determine the fate of 50 million dollars for the city, would you rather have one set of eyes and one set of ears signing off on that negotiated agreement or seven eyes and seven ears, pairs, signing off on that negotiated agreement? The intent behind changing that verbiage in the initial resolution was not employed to undermine. It was not a ploy to compromise anyone's integrity, but to simply have more eyes and ears and more boots on the ground on any future negotiations with DWR.

Vice Mayor Janet Goodson Changing that one clause in the standard agreement resolution signed in March 2006 will give the responsibility of future decisions about DWR to all of us city council members. I believe that in our dealings with DWR, any transactions, any discussions, any exchange of monies, and in all negotiations that it is imperative for all of the city council to come together bringing insight and wisdom to the table in order for us to make an informed, intelligent, and well embedded decision, which will result in a vote that is going to effect every single one of us in this room and those who are not able to attend. This is a very serious matter. Not only are we accountable, one to another, but we are accountable to you, the citizens who voted us in. (Applause)

Council-member Jack Berry I appreciate all of you coming here, (throat clear). I wanted to, uh, starting last council meeting to back out of any deal [crosstalk 00:04:50] or any deal with DWR. The February incident there just kinda underscored our need to move forward and do something about it, more so than what's done in years past. Six years ago, I was down in the river there fishing. I can't fish in that river right now. They cut off the fishing there. I hunted where the Oroville Dam was for deer since I was 14. I can't even do that now. I knew years ago that we were going to get short changed, but there was too many people vying for different positions so the negotiating for things that wasn't theirs. It belonged to everybody, but they negotiated for themselves. I saw this many times and spoke up many times, but I was in the minority.

Council-member Jack Berry The one gentleman asked about, uh, the 2006 agreement. I just saw that the other day, you can have a copy of that as public record. My name is on it. I had gone during the time and a few years after that, I was accused of voting no more than anybody else in the council history. Well, I called, uh, a lot of things in the way I saw them. You

know? It wasn't right. But I signed that agreement knowing I was in the minority and that it looked better, you know, if everybody got along. Well, we don't get along. Uh, there's too many opinions and not enough people pulling in one direction.

Council-member Jack Berry Uh, the SBF, if you look at the papers, the only one benefiting mostly is Red River Parks and Rec, and I've said that for years. What we've got as a city is very minimal, almost nothing, which means we have nothing to give anybody to do work of residence. We need to take a first stand now and move forward quickly. We should be done with the town hall meetings, because we know exactly where you're sediments are, what your thoughts are, because you haven't been giving anything, as well as us. So, we need to move forward forcefully and go after DWR, get rid of the SBL fund, because we don't need it, and go after the things that were rightfully ours that have been taken away for the last 50 years. I've watched it time and time again and not been vocal enough, but that's going to cease. We need to move forward now and not wait any longer. I'll end this on a high note. I appreciate ... appreciate all of us being up here. Thank you. (Applause)

Mayor Linda Dahlmeier Hello? Okay, we're going to close meeting. There was one comment that, um, one of the gentleman, a Shawn, business owner's, actually at the last council meeting, it came up, um, that our city council, Scott Hubert, is working with putting together information about how we're moving forward as a city with ... in the direction of helping, um, the businesses and the community and residents. So, shortly we'll have that information, um, available and maybe if he's going to be around for a little bit, he might be able to tell you a little bit more after, um, we adjourn this meeting. Thank you, everybody, for coming this evening, and, um ... go ahead.

Bill LaGrone I just want to take a moment and thank the staging ...

Speaker 4: I can't hear you. You're good.

Bill LaGrone Am I good now?

Speaker 4: No.

Speaker 3: We can't hear you.

Bill LaGrone I'm trying to get turned on.

All: There you go. (Laughter)

Bill LaGrone Thank you. I just a like to take a moment to thank Stage. Stage is a volunteer organization that operate things here for us. They take care of this ... the people you see working here tonight are all volunteers. So, I just wanted to take a moment to thank them for not only allowing us to be here, but supporting us through these town hall meetings. So, if anyone is interested, additionally, you can become a member of Stage. I believe there is somebody out and the, uh, lobby that will do that for you, and I'm shamelessly soliciting at a council meeting (laughter) but anybody interested, they're a great organization. I've worked with them recently quite a bit and they do a

lot for our historic theater here. So, anyone interested, please take that into account, and I'd like to just thank the Stage members that are here (applause).

Mayor Linda Dahlmeier Thank you everybody for coming this evening. This meeting is adjourned.

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