

## CVP's Red Bluff Facilities: *Starting a New Chapter*

On June 6, 2012, at a regular meeting of the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority (TCCA) Board of Directors, two significant events occurred. First, was the official transfer of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) from Reclamation to the TCCA for the Red Bluff Diversion Dam, Red Bluff Field Office, Willows Field Office, and all the features of the new Red Bluff Pumping Plant and Fish Screen; and secondly, and just as notable, was the Board's recognition of the retirement of long-time Red Bluff Field Office Manager Paul Freeman.

Following the Board meeting, a signing ceremony was held for the Letter of Agreement (LOA), a document that amends Exhibit A of the 1996 O&M contract by adding the referenced facilities to TCCA's responsibility. Present at the ceremony, in addition to the Board of Directors, were representatives from the offices of Congressman Wally Herger, State Senator Doug LaMalfa and State Assemblyman Jim Nielson.



With the transfer of O&M, Paul decided it was time for him to move on to retirement

life after 40 years of government service. Remarkably, Paul spent all 40 years working for Reclamation since his hiring on June 16, 1972. Over the years, Paul had been involved with and oversaw many operational changes and innovations at the Red Bluff and left Reclamation with a stellar career managing a complex field office.

The Board unanimously passed a resolution honoring Paul for his 40 years of service to Reclamation and TCCA.

The Board presented him with a framed original of the LOA and a framed aerial photo of the Red Bluff project.

Once signed by Board Chairman Ken LaGrande and NCAO Area Manager Brian Person, the LOA became official, responsibility transferred, a "set of keys" to the facilities was handed over, and Paul Freeman breathed a sigh of relief for a job well done. Happy trails Paul...you will be missed.

