

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
WILLOWS, CA 95988
February 7, 2017
09:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

HALBERT CHARTER*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
KEVIN HEBREW*	A	CORNING W.D.
JIM LOWDEN*	A	CORNING W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4M W.D.
JOHN AMARO*	D	GCID
MIKE ALVES*	A	GLIDE W.D./KANAWHA W.D.
ZACH DENNIS*	A	LAGRANDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
CHARLES SCHONAUER*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
EMIL CAVAGNOLO*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
DAN RUIZ*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

CORTINA W.D.
DAVIS W.D.
DUNNIGAN W.D.
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
KIRKWOOD W.D.
PROBERTA W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA
J. MARK ATLAS*	J. MARK ATLAS LAW
NATALIE WOLDER	USBR, WILLOWS
STEVEN MARSH	MYERS MARSH MWC
KAREN MARSH	MYERS MARSH MWC

“*” indicates closed session attendance

“D” indicates designated director “A” indicates designated alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman H. Charter called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business, with 9 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C –J.JONES/AMARO- UNANIMOUS

To approve the February 07, 2017 Special Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manager Sutton introduced to the board of directors the new 1st alternate director from Corning Water District, Kevin Hebrew.
Manager Sutton reminded the board of directors that the Form 700's are due by April 1st and ethics and harassment training is due every two years. Information on upcoming or on-line trainings was discussed and dispersed to the Board Members.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C –ALVES/AMARO - UNANIMOUS

To approve the December 07, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C – J.JONES/AMARO -UNANIMOUS

To approve the November and December 2016 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Natalie Wolder, USBR, reported on Shasta levels and current releases of 36,000 CFS for flood control purposes. She also reported on the appointment of Elizabeth Hadley as the new NCAO Deputy Manager.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following maintenance activities: Concrete repair on the TC Canal, silt removal efforts on Corning and TC Canals, dredging of settling basin and forebay, deer fence repairs, vegetation removal near siphons and other infrastructure, erosion control, drainage maintenance, burning, meter maintenance, spraying, grading, gravel work, building of beds for new dump

trucks and gate coating. Manager Sutton also discussed the timing and needs for re-watering both the Corning and TC Canals to be prepared to serve water in light of the weather and flooding challenges. After board discussion, direction was given to make efforts and coordinate with districts to attempt to have water available in both canals by the end of next week, Feb. 17th. However, it was acknowledged that weather could be an obstacle, and if so, TCCA would communicate with the districts on our efforts to safely and expeditiously re-water as soon as possible in light of the challenges and considering water needs.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following meetings: COA discussions with DWR and USBR, CVP operations meetings with USBR, meetings regarding the SWRCB Bay Delta Water Quality Update, ACWA Federal Affairs Committee Meeting, Tour of FPIP for DWR staff, water user meetings with Water Fix proponents regarding finance and Attorney Atlas and District Managers provided updates on SGMA efforts.

GENERAL BUSINESS

CVP Water Operations

- A. Manger Sutton reported on the current status of storage and discussions for 2017 CVP operations.

A discussion ensued on whether or not to continue efforts on water transfer environmental documents, it was concluded that Manager Sutton would assess the status of the effort, current and upcoming expenditures, status of allocation announcements and caucus with Managers Ruiz, Murphy and Alves to formulate recommendations on this issue.

Manager Sutton reported on the current resolution of the NMFS Shasta Coldwater Pool RPA Adjustment issue, as well as USBR's decision to forego the pursuit of purchased water for summer outflow under the Delta Smelt Resiliency Plan for 2017.

Manager Sutton reported on the soon to be initiated effort on the Re-Consultation on the NMFS and USFWS BOs and efforts to enlarge and utilize the CSAMP/CAMT process in furtherance of that effort.

Manager Sutton reported on the recently enacted WIIN Act Federal legislation and its relevance to current CVP Operations, long term funding opportunities and next step efforts being pursued in Washington D.C. related to the CVP.

Delta Issues Update (DSC, SWRCB, CA Water Fix)

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Current status of Water Fix processes, including CEQA/NEPA, SWRCB Permit, Biological Opinion, Finance discussions and legislative discussions. Manager Sutton also reported on status of efforts related to the SWRCB Bay Delta Water Quality Update and efforts to pursue negotiated resolutions on this issue. After discussion, direction was provided to continue to make efforts to engage in these discussions and to support efforts to pursue functional flow and other stressor remedies versus the unimpaired flow approached currently being pursued by the SWRCB.

- Discussion regarding Ad Hoc Committee examination of TCCA Budget Fee Structure**
- C. Manager Sutton reported on the discussions of the Ad Hoc Committee on this issue. After Board discussion, the Committee was tasked with continuing to explore a fee structure that would include an equitable “standby charge” within the construct of the current TCCA JPA Agreement structure. The Committee will meet again and explore different approaches with a goal of bringing back a recommendation to the full Board for consideration.
- Sites Project Authority**
- D. Manager Sutton reported on the addition of two new Members to the Sites JPA Board, Western Canal Water District and PCWA/City of Roseville. Manager Sutton and other Board Members also informed the Board of the status of the submittal to the CWC, Budget and Finance issues, EIS/EIR effort, Feasibility Study, Project Agreement Committee and the Outreach efforts.
- Red Bluff Fish Passage Improvement Project**
- E. Manager Sutton reported on the flap gate repairs and dredging of the forebay.

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

- Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation [California Government Code Section 54956.9(c)] One case:**
- California State Water Resources Control Board-California Water Fix Hearings**
- A. Chairman H. Charter reported at the conclusion of the closed session the following: No action was taken and there was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman H. Charter adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Halbert Charter