

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
WILLOWS, CA 95988
September 6, 2017
09:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

DOUG GRIFFIN*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
TOM CHARTER*	D	DAVIS W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4-M W.D.
MIKE ALVES*	A	GLIDE/KANAWHA W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
EMIL CAVAGNOLO*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
DAN JONES*	D	PROBERTA W.D.
BLAKE VANN*	D	WESTSIDE W.D.
DAN RUIZ*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

CORNING W.D.
CORTINA W.D.
DUNNIGAN W.D.
GCID
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
KIRKWOOD W.D.
LAGRANDE W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND
DAVID ALADJEM*	DOWNEY BRAND
RICH ROBERTSON	USBR, WILLOWS
ELIZABETH HADLEY	USBR, SHASTA LAKE
STEVEN MARSH	MMMWC

“*” indicates closed session attendance

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Vann called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business, with 8 Districts represented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manager Jeff Sutton shared with the TCCA Board that Vice-Chairman Vann has been newly elected to the GCID Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C –ALVES/GRIFFIN- UNANIMOUS

To approve the September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C -CAVAGNOLO/ALVES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the August 2, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C – T.CHARTER/ALVES -UNANIMOUS

To approve the July 2017 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Elizabeth Hadley provided a presentation on Managing Water in the West. She also discussed 2017 CVP operations and reservoir levels for end of the year, illustrating healthy carryover storage for the 2018 Water Year. She also discussed the Trinity Restoration Program, the Coldwater Pool RPA adjustment at Shasta and a proposal being investigated to truck winter run Chinook Salmon above Shasta. Rich Robertson discussed that all TC current Warren Acts will expire on February 28, 2018. We need to target November to get USBR information related to our desire to renew said contracts and if folks would like to make any adjustments in quantity to these contracts, so USBR can begin the work necessary to have these documents in place for the beginning of the 2018 water year.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

A. Manager Sutton reported on the good water quality and the end of copper

treatments for the year, water deliveries significantly declining as the crop year comes to a close and the status of our FEMA claims and associated maintenance efforts related to the February Storm Disaster this past winter.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton stated that meetings/presentations would be reported on under General Business.

GENERAL BUSINESS

CVP Water Operations

- A. Manger Sutton reported on Shasta operations and storage levels and considerations as we move towards the 2018 Water Year. Manager Sutton also reported on the CSAMP review of the Salmon Life Cycle Model being developed by NMFS and the potential for a request by export community to relax the Fall X2 requirements.

Discuss and Consider Authorizing General Manager to Take All Actions Necessary to Proceed with Permitting and Implementation of the Elk Creek Bank Stabilization Project

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the status and need to implement the Elk Creek Bank Stabilization Project. This project will entail the rebuilding of the significantly eroded creek bank on the west side of North Elk Creek (just west of Arbuckle) and the installation of bank protection for the purpose of stabilizing the creek channel in an effort to prevent significant damage to the neighboring TC Canal.

M/S/C-ALVES/J.JONES-UNANIMOUS

To authorize Manager Sutton to take all necessary actions to proceed with the permitting and implementation of the Elk Creek Bank Stabilization Project.

2018 TCCA Ability to Pay Study

- C. Manager Sutton reported on the recent ATP meeting with TCCA Water Districts, USBR and some other districts interesting in partnering with TCCA and sharing the costs for this ATP study. The analysis period will be 2012-2016. The results of this study will impact water rates starting in Federal FY 2019. Districts wishing to participate must pass a Board Resolution, execute a contract with USBR, provide a deposit for their share of the costs and provide USBR with the necessary financial and cropping information necessary to do the analysis. USBR would like to initiate this effort by mid-October, thus the aforementioned tasks must be completed. Discussions at the ATP meeting illustrated support for allowing other CVP contractors outside of the TCCA to participate in this study. Also, we discussed cost sharing methodologies, with the historical 5-year water use average approach being deemed the most reliable and equitable approach.

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

- D. Manager Sutton reported on several CA WaterFix meetings with USBR, NMFS, USFWS, SWC and other CVP contractors related to the Conceptual Approach

document/letter, Integration Agreement, Implementation Agreement and efforts to clarify the CWF BOs and Section 2081 permit. The main focus of the CWF non-participants is the assurance that the project will comply with two foundational principles: (1) No Redirected Negative Impacts (Operational, Financial, Regulatory) and (2) Beneficiary Pays.

Sites Project Authority

- E. Manager Sutton reported on the previous Sites JPA meeting and discussed an upcoming special Sites JPA meeting to take up the issue of extending the timeframe for public comment of the CEQA/NEPA document to 150 days. Further, the Board discussed the request by Sacramento County Water Agency and the City of Sacramento to become a member of the Sites JPA. Because very little information was provided regarding their reasons for wanting to join and the benefits they would bring to the effort, the Board asked the General Manager to request the Sites JPA provide additional information on these items and to bring this question back at the October TCCA Board meeting.

Red Bluff Fish Passage Improvement Project

- F. Manager Sutton reported that the bid package is out for the O & M Building, with bids due on September 22nd. He also reported on the results of the recent velocity testing at the FPIP.

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation [California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] Two cases:

- State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Proceeding**
A. 1. No action was taken and there was nothing to report.

California State Water Resources Control Board-California Water Fix Hearings

2. No action was taken and there was nothing to report.

Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Two Potential Cases

- B. No action was taken and there was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Vann adjourned the meeting at 11:44 AM.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Halbert Charter