

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Of the  
**TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY**  
5513 Hwy 162  
WILLOWS, CA 95988  
October 4, 2017  
09:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:**

HALBERT CHARTER*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS W.D./WESTSIDE W.D.
DONITA HENDRIX*	A	DUNNIGAN 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.  
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
RICH ROBERTSON	USBR, WILLOWS
STEVEN MARSH	MMMWC
JOHN PEAIRS	XiO

“\*” indicates closed session attendance

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Charter called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Manager Jeff Sutton reported on the following: (1) Ara Azderian left SLDMWA to serve as the new GM at Panoche WD, Manager Sutton reported on the great work and collaboration with TCCA that Ara has been responsible for over the years; (2) Former USBR MP Deputy RD Pablo Arroyave left to go to work for ICF, Manager Sutton reported on his appreciation for all of Pablo's efforts to assist the TCCA and the CVP during his time at the USBR; (3) Jason Larrabee was appointed to serve as the new DOI Deputy Asst. Sect. for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Manager Sutton congratulated our former federal lobbyist and local product on this high level appointment.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**M/S/C –J.JONES/TRAYNHAM- UNANIMOUS**

To approve the October 4, 2017 Regular Meeting Agenda.

**MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS**

**A. Board Meeting Minutes**

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

To approve the September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

**M/S/C – ALVES/D.JONES -UNANIMOUS**

To approve the August 2017 Financial Reports as presented.

**C. USBR Report**

Rich Robertson discussed that all TC current Warren Acts will expire on February 28, 2018. Water districts need to submit any desired changes in amounts and their wish to renew these contracts by November.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Operations & Maintenance**

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following: (1) Water deliveries are significantly declining as the crop year comes to a close; (2) staff was making good progress

on our FEMA projects related to the February Storm Disaster this past winter; (3) continuation of recorder upgrades; and (4) Reminder of our upcoming Winter Maintenance Shutdown from Dec. 1 – Feb. 15 to allow for the painting and recoating of check gates, canal lining repairs, sediment removal, draining of Funks for flood control and vegetation control. Manager Sutton also reported on the recent passing of our lobbyist Mitch Butler's father and the Board directed to proceed with an appropriate contribution in his memory.

**Meetings/Presentations**

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: (1) Tour for and meeting with newly appointed DOI Asst. Sect. of W & S, Andrea Travnicek; (2) Tour of FPIP for NMFS staff; (3) WEF Tour and luncheon; (4) SRSCs tour Sac River ecosystem restoration, including the FPIP; (5) COA meetings with USBR and DWR; USBR Denver TSC Staff Training Day for TCCA Staff; (6) Water Users Conf. Planning Committee; and (7) upcoming TCCA Budget Committee Meetings.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- A. **Presentation by John Peairs of XiO water systems related to Water District SCADA systems**  
John Peairs of XiO provided a presentation to the TCCA Board and water district representatives on the XiO cloud based SCADA System.
- B. **Elk Creek Bank Stabilization Project**  
Manger Sutton and Attorney Clark reported on the status of permits and efforts to complete the Elk Creek Bank Stabilization Project.
- C. **CVP Operations**  
Manager Sutton reported on current carryover storage for the CVP going into the 2018 Water Year, USBR and DWR request for a relaxation of the Fall X2 action, Meetings related to the Re-initiation of Consultation for the CVP OCAP BOs with NMFS and USFWS and an update on HR 23.
- D. **2018 TCCA Ability to Pay Study**  
Manager Sutton reported on the status of the cost sharing draft proposal and the need for districts to submit their resolutions for participation to USBR if they choose to participate. The concept of a minimum contribution was also discussed. Manager Sutton was directed to propose a draft cost sharing proposal to the districts.
- E. **Delta Issues Update (DSC, SWRCB, CA Water Fix)**  
Manager Sutton reported on the following: The USBR CWF Conceptual Approach letter and efforts on the CWF Implementation Agreement between DWR and USBR; the Westlands Water District vote to not participate in the CWF; and on other potential CWF participants' upcoming votes on the CWF.

**Sites Project Authority**

- F. Manager Sutton, Director Jim Jones, Director Traynham, Director Ruiz, Director Murphy and Director Cavagnolo discussed the Sites JPA budget changes and rebalancing efforts with the Board. Manager Sutton reported on the recent Sites JPA Public Meeting in Maxwell and the extension of the CEQA/NEPA comment period to 150 days. Also, the Board discussed the request for Sites JPA membership submitted by the City of Sacramento and the Sacramento County Water Agency. The Board expressed the desire for more information on the following: An explanation as to why they wish to have a seat on the Sites JPA Board, who would fill that seat, are they committed to the success of the Project and committed to putting in the effort and resources necessary to achieve that goal. The Board directed Manager Sutton to communicate with Sites JPA GM Watson to get responses to these inquiries.

**M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/J.JONES-UNANIMOUS**

To table this item until such time as more information is provided on this request.

**Red Bluff Fish Passage Improvement Project**

- G. Manager Sutton reported on his communications with USBR regarding the latent defect associated with the FPIP Motor #6. Manager Sutton also reported on the bids received for the construction of the FPIP O & M Building. The Board directed that the bids were too high and should be rejected. The Board directed Manager Sutton to explore other alternatives and report back.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)**

**Title: General Manager**

- A. The board re-convened to regular session at 11:15AM.

**M/S/C-J.JONES/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS**

The board approved a one-time lump sum payment of \$5,000 in January 2018 to the General Manager, in lieu of a salary increase.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

- A. **State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Proceeding**  
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**

Chairman H. Charter adjourned the meeting at 11:45AM.

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Board Secretary  
Jeffrey P. Sutton

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Chairman  
Halbert Charter