

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
WILLOWS, CA 95988
February 07, 2018
09:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

HALBERT CHARTER*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
CHARLES GRIMMER*	D	CORTINA W.D.
TOM CHARTER*	D	DAVIS W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS/WESTSIDE W.D.
DONITA HENDRIX*	A	DUNNIGAN W.D.
MIKE ALVES*	A	GLIDE/KANAWHA W.D.
ZACH DENNIS*	A	LAGRANDE 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.
4-M W.D.
GCID
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
KIRKWOOD W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA (OVER PHONE)
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND
RICH ROBERTSON	USBR, SHASTA LAKE
STEVEN MARSH	MYERS-MARSH MUTUAL W.C.

“*” indicates closed session attendance

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business, with 10 Districts represented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C –J.JONES/T.CHARTER- UNANIMOUS

To approve the February 7, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

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

To approve the January 3, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer’s Report

M/S/C – J.JONES/VANN -UNANIMOUS

To approve the December 2017 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Rich Robertson discussed the target date for water allocation is February 20th and the status of work on the new Warren Act and Section 215 contracts.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

A. Manager Sutton reported on maintenance activities completed during the winter maintenance shutdown, including: gate repairs, canal lining repairs, painting of water infrastructure and meter installations. Manager Sutton also reported that all maintenance work was being wrapped up as soon as possible and that the winter maintenance shutdown period would be ended early. Manager Sutton assured the districts that they would have the ability to take water from the TC Canal by Saturday, Feb. 9th. This early start is due to the extraordinary warm weather being experienced, combined with the lack of rainfall this winter.

Meetings/Presentations

B. Manager Sutton stated all of the January meetings to be reported on would be discussed at other portions of the Agenda under General Business.

GENERAL BUSINESS

CVP Operations

- A. Manager Sutton began by discussing healthy CVP reservoir levels for this time of year, but the serious concerns related to water supply due to the extremely poor hydrology and a forecast that does not currently project any relief. Manager Sutton will continue to communicate with CVO regarding flexibility for the TCCA operations and opportunities to manage through the dry winter. Further, Manager Sutton discussed the progress on water transfer documents for 2018, with an expectation that they would be completed by early April. Also, Manager Sutton discussed the process and meetings related to the effort on the Re-Consultation of the BOs for the Long-Term Operations of the CVP/SWP. Lastly, Manager Sutton and Attorney Clark discussed the background and reasons to consider authorizing the GM to execute the Agreement with Downey Brand entitled “Consent to Limited Representation” regarding water transfer documents.

M/S/C -T.CHARTER/ALVES-UNANIMOUS

To direct Manager Sutton to proceed with execution of the agreement with Downey Brand entitled “Consent to Limited Representation” regarding water transfer documents for the 2018 water year.

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

- B. Manager Sutton reported recent news and developments related to the CA WaterFix, in particular the recent news of shifting to a one tunnel project, as well as news related to CVP participation and permitting. Manager Sutton also reported on the SWRCB Voluntary Settlement Agreement process.

2018 TCCA Ability to Pay Study

- C. Manager Sutton reported a few districts still needed to return their contract and deposits to USBR, at which time it is expected that this effort can be initiated. Manager Sutton committed to continue to prompt both USBR and the TC districts to initiate this effort and to set a firm schedule to assure completion prior to the 2019 Water Year.

Sites Project Authority

- D. Manager Sutton and Jamie Traynham discussed with the board the request of City of Sacramento and Sacramento County to join the Sites JPA as a Member and the proposed Resolution approving such request. After a lengthy discussion, no motion or action was taken on the item. Manager Sutton further reported on the status of the WSIP submittal to the CWC, the status of the EIS/EIR and in regard to meeting with several federal and state officials and agencies related to efforts to implement, permit, fund and finance the Sites Reservoir Project.

Red Bluff Fish Passage Improvement Project

- E. Manager Sutton reported that USBR had agreed to begin work to repair Motor No. 6.

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.

Board Discussion-Govt. Code Section 54957: Appointment of Public Employee (District Counsel)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman H. Charter adjourned the meeting at 10:45a.m.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Halbert Charter