

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
WILLOWS, CA 95988
November 6, 2019
09:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

HALBERT CHARTER*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
KEVIN HEBREW*	D	CORNING W.D.
MITCH HARDWICK*	A	CORNING W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
BILL VANDERWAAL*	A	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4-M W.D.
JOHN AMARO*	D	GCID
MIKE ALVES*	D	GLIDE/KANAWHA W.D.
ZACH DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE/WESTSIDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
EMIL CAVAGNOLO*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
TYLER LALAGUNA*	D	PROBERTA W.D.
DAN RUIZ*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

CORTINA W.D.
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
KIRKWOOD W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND
RICH ROBERTSON	USBR, WILLOWS

“*” indicates closed session attendance

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Halbert 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 12 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-SCHAAD/HEBREW-- UNANIMOUS

To approve the November 6, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

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

To approve the October 02, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

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

To approve the September 2019 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Rich Robertson reported on the following: Request for TCCA Water Districts to provide USBR with requests/amounts for renewals on Section 215 and Warren Act Contracts by November 15th.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: Status of CVP storage levels, Status of water deliveries; Delay of the Dec. 1st – Feb. 15th Winter Maintenance Shutdown period until rainy season sets in; Progress report on FEMA repair work; Completion of the Rio Vista Restoration Project; Discuss concerns related to reliability of USBR Grapevine Repeater Backup Generation System. Thereafter, a robust water quality discussion ensued, related to challenges with silty water in the spring and small algae particles in the water during the summer months - that has been the subject of consternation for growers' on-farm water filtration systems. Manager Sutton is working with Blankenship and Associates, the Denver TSC and will reach out to Professor

Styles at the Cal Poly IRTC to try to identify potential options to minimize or mitigate these concerns. Manager Sutton will set up meetings with the districts to further discuss and work to identify potential solutions.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: WEF tour and luncheon; Comments and progress on refining the USBR D & S related to changes/major maintenance work on transferred works; GSRMA Conference; Meeting with ACWA Regional Representative Michael Cervantes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Consider Donation Request from Sacramento River Discovery Center

- A. Manager Sutton discussed the history of the Sacramento River Discovery Center (SRDC) and their efforts related to education and outreach and presented to the Board their request for donation.

M/S/C –SCHAAD/J.JONES –UNANIMOUS

To authorize Manager Sutton to send a \$500 donation to the SRDC.

Discuss TCCA Process/Communications Regarding PG&E Power Outage

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the challenges, concerns, and lessons learned during the October PG & E power outages. Manager Sutton expressed his appreciation to the water districts for their coordination and communication throughout these frustrating and challenging circumstances and commended the efforts and commitment of the TCCA staff for working to minimize the time frame and severity of the impacts associated with these power outages. Significant discussion by the Board ensued, expressing frustration with the situation, the need for PG & E to work to isolate facilities, harden the system, prioritize minimizing the impacts and length of time for outages related to important infrastructure (such as the TCCA Canal Pumping Plant) and the need for greatly improved communications during such occurrences. The Board supported sending a letter to PG & E -- putting them on notice of the severity of the foreseeable impacts associated with these power outages throughout the four county TCCA service area. The Board requested that a PG & E representative attend the next TCCA Board Meeting to address the concerns expressed, provide a status update and respond to the information requested previously: (1) details of the triggering conditions for such outage events and (2) an estimation of how often such outages are likely to occur based on historical data.

Further, Manager Sutton raised an associated concern related to power infrastructure, discussing the importance of establishing respective responsibility for maintenance/repair work on power infrastructure relied upon by TCCA and the Water Districts. As such, Manager Sutton proposed initiating efforts to assemble USBR, WAPA, PG & E, TCCA and the TCCA Water Districts to engage in a process to address this concern.

Discuss and Consider TCCA Water District Cost Sharing Policy

- C. Manager Sutton provided a report of the Managers Committee Meeting, wherein the following recommendation to the Board of Directors was developed: Each Water District served by the TCCA shall be required to pay a minimum fee equal to one dollar per acre within that District's boundary, as defined by the acreage within each District's boundary pursuant to USBR records. 95% of the total fees charged by the TCCA would still be based on the five-year average water use of the TCCA Water Districts, as prescribed in the JPA Agreement. After a discussion by the Board of Directors, it was indicated that there was significant support for the proposal. Manager Sutton was instructed to prepare a Resolution in support of the proposal for consideration at the December Board Meeting. Further, Manager Sutton was directed to make special effort to alert the four water districts that would most likely be affected by this proposal that passage of the Resolution was to be discussed at the upcoming December Board meeting.

Discuss and Consider Finance Committee 2020 TCCA Budget Recommendation

- D. Manager Sutton discussed the proposed 2020 Draft Budget in detail with the Board of Directors. He then presented the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the 2020 Draft TCCA Budget as proposed by the Committee.

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

To approve the Draft 2020 TCCA Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee, Option B, with amendments.

Discuss Re-Initiation of Consultation on the BOs for the LTO of the CVP/SWP

- E. Manager Sutton reported on the recent release of the new USFWS and NMFS BOs for the Long-Term Operations of the CVP/SWP.

Discuss and Consider 2020 Water Year/Water Transfers

- F. Manager Sutton reported that Water Districts wishing to participate in water transfers must be prepared to contract for their share of the costs associated with this effort and be able to provide their desired level of participation by December 4th. Otherwise, there would not be sufficient time to complete the necessary documents to participate in water transfers in the spring, should they be needed. The board tabled this item until the December 4, 2019 regular board meeting, with the understanding that the Water Districts would come ready to make commitments at the December 4th meeting should they vote to proceed.

WIIN Act Contract Conversion Process

- G. Manager Sutton and Attorney Andrea Clark reported on the completion of the Divisional negotiations, progress on finalizing the Contractor specific negotiations and the development of an outline and schedule for completion of this process.

CVPIA True Up and CVP Cost Allocation Study Updates

- H. Manager Sutton reported on meetings/discussions with the USBR MP Region, the

Denver TSC and USBR D.C. management related to the TCCA comments and concerns related to these processes. It is anticipated that USBR will be releasing final proposals on these items prior to the end of the year.

TCCA/USBR OM &R Transfer Agreement Renewal

- I. Manager Sutton reported on upcoming meetings related to coordinated efforts by FWA, SLDMWA, and TCCA to renew their 25-year OM & R Transfer Agreements with USBR.

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

- J. Manager Sutton reported briefly reported on the scoping efforts by DWR and the Delta Conveyance Authority to assess a one tunnel Delta conveyance project.

Sites Project Authority

- K. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Sites JPA continues to work to define Sites operations with CADFW; Meetings with USBR related to integrated operations and completion of the feasibility study are ongoing; Sites JPA staff has developed a 180 day extension of the current focused effort to finalize the value engineering process and affordability analysis prior to the initiation of Phase 2.

Red Bluff Fish Passage Improvement Project

- L. Manager Sutton reported that Motor #6 has been repaired and we are awaiting delivery to re-install.

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

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

- State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Proceeding**
A. 1. No report.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager

- A. 1. The board re-convened to regular session at 12:08 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

M/S/C-LALAGUNA/SCHAAD-UNANIMOUS

To provide a 3% salary increase to the General Manager, effective January 1, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Halbert Charter adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Halbert Charter