

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
WILLOWS, CA 95988
September 2, 2020
09:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE: Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 12, 2020, and guidance by the California Department of Public Health dated March 11, 2020, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference. The public may attend the meeting and offer public comments by phone, using the call-in number provided below. Members of the Board will participate by teleconference from other locations.

Teleconference No: 1-866-459-7145 Conference Code: 2977453980

PRESENT:

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| SHELLY MURPHY* | A | COLUSA COUNTY 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. |
| MIKE ALVES* | A | 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. |

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

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

GREG ZLOTNICK

SAN JUAN W.D.

“*” indicates closed session attendance

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Zach Dennis called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

To approve the September 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. **Board Meeting Minutes**

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

To approve the August 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. **Treasurer’s Report**

M/S/C-MURPHY/ALVES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the July 2020 Financial Reports as presented.

C. **USBR Report**

Rich Robertson reported on CVP reservoir storage levels; requested information from TCCA WDs that are interested in Section 215 water contracts for 2021; and sought out interest for those who need updated well water quality testing for Warren Act participation in 2021.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: Declining water deliveries; final canal water quality treatments for the year; research related to canal PH levels; completion of FEMA repair work; preparation efforts for FEMA

reporting submittals; electrical repairs; meter repairs; wellhouse and check structure maintenance; fence repairs; pumping plant maintenance efforts; drain and bathtub clearing; upcoming road/drain project; and safety meetings. Manager Sutton also reported on the ordering of one new GM vehicle and one new truck to update the fleet. Manager Sutton reported on the development of the 2021 TCCA Draft Budget. Director Alves inquired about Kanawha meter repairs, which Manager Sutton committed to research and report back on.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following meetings/presentations: CSAMP Meeting; USBR CVPIA True Up Meeting. Manager Sutton also reminded the Board of the upcoming TCCA Officer elections at the October BOD Meeting. A question regarding who is eligible to serve as an officer came up, Manager Sutton and Attorney Clark committed to reviewing the JPA document and doing any other necessary research to provide direction to the Board on this matter.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss and Consider TCCA Participation in South Cypress Island Side Channel Restoration Project

- A. Director Vanderwaal reported on the details of an upcoming restoration project and sought the interest of the TCCA to partner with the SRSCs to complete said project. It is likely that the Project will start in October and take approximately 6-8 weeks. It is anticipated that one TCCA maintenance employee would be dedicated to this effort for its duration.

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

To authorize the General Manager to participate and partner with the SRSCs on the South Cypress Island Side Channel Restoration Project.

Discussion of Details of 2020 Water Year/ 2021 Water Transfers

- B. Manager Sutton discussed the low reservoir levels at the conclusion of the 2020 WY and the need to get started early on water transfer documentation preparation for the 2021 WY. As such, the Board instructed the Manager to include 2021 Water Transfer Document Preparation as an action item for the October Meeting and Manager Sutton requested that all districts wishing to participate to have their level of participation ready to submit by early October.

WIIN Act Contract Conversion Process

- C. Attorney Clark provided a status update on the WIIN Contract Conversion process, including the public comment period, contract execution schedule/timeline, preparation of validation actions and financing coordination.

Discuss and Consider USBR's CVPIA True Up/BPG Revisions Process

- D. Manager Sutton discussed the USBR CVPIA True Up/BPG Revision Process, reporting that many of the issues of concern had been satisfactorily addressed.

- Sites Project Authority**
- E. Manager Sutton reported on the Sites JPA Strategic Planning Session, the Phase 2 re-balancing/finance effort, Sites Value Planning update, permitting, feasibility report status and outreach efforts.

- Fish Passage Improvement Project**
- F. Manager Sutton reported on estimated costs (\$180,000) and timeline to repair Motors 3, 5, 8 at the Red Bluff Pumping Plant, as authorized at the August meeting. Work likely to occur in November and December, with a goal of having repaired motors re-installed in December or January.

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

[To occur on a Confidential Conf. Call Line provided to the TCCA Board of Directors and appropriately identified staff]

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

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

PCFFA v. Ross (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-DAD-SAB) [2019 BiOps Lawsuit] 3:19-cv-07897

2. No report.

CNRA v. Ross (USDC E.D. Cal. No. 1:20-cv-00426-DAD-SKO) [2019 BiOps Lawsuit]

3. No report

TCCA v. CA DWR (Superior Court of CA, County of Fresno, awaiting assignment of Case No.) [2020 CEQA Lawsuit]

4. No report

Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation-Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): One Potential Case

- B. No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Zach Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Halbert Charter