

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Of the  
**TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY**  
5513 Hwy 162  
WILLOWS, CA 95988  
December 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**

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**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.
CHARLES GRIMMER	D	CORTINA W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4-M W.D.
JOHN AMARO*	D	GCID
MIKE ALVES*	A	GLIDE/KANAWHA 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:**

DAVIS W.D.  
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  
GARRETT DURST  
DENNIS ALBIANI  
JOSH DOWELL

USBR, WILLOWS  
NATURAL RESOURCE RESULTS  
CALIFORNIA ADVOCATES, INC  
WATER & LAND SOLUTIONS

“\*” indicates closed session attendance

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Jim Jones called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business, with 11 Districts represented.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**M/S/C-SCHAAD/ALVES-UNANIMOUS**

To approve the December 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Manager Sutton reported on the Colusa/Glenn GSA Public Meetings upcoming on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> regarding the development of the Colusa Basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

**MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS**

**A. Board Meeting Minutes**

**M/S/C -ALVES/AMARO-UNANIMOUS**

To approve the November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

**B. Treasurer’s Report**

**M/S/C-SCHAAD/ALVES-UNANIMOUS**

To approve the October 2020 Financial Reports as presented.

**C. USBR Report**

Rich Robertson reported on the following: Status of CVP reservoir storage levels; need for a budget or CR to be passed or else a government shutdown will occur on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> for all but essential employees; status of Section 215 contracts; status

of work on the renewal of the EA for the 5-year document for Project water transfers; and details related to process for Warren Act well water quality testing.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Operations & Maintenance**

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: Water deliveries; refurbishing of Red Bluff Pumping Plant motors; SCADA software upgrades; vehicle maintenance/repairs; road grading; vegetation removal; check structure maintenance; wellhouse maintenance; meter repairs/installation; FPIP maintenance; terrestrial spray applications; Cypress River Restoration Project; drain cleaning; and safety meetings.

### **Meetings/Presentations**

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following meetings/presentations: WEF virtual tour; Canal Operators Meeting with USBR; ACWA Conference (and meeting with BOR); Board direction to hold regularly scheduled TCCA Meeting on Wed, January 6, 2021.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Report on Federal Issues**

- A. Garrett Durst with Natural Resource Results reported on federal legislative and administration issues that were the focus in 2020, provided an overview and perspective regarding the outcome and implications of the recent election and forecasted priorities and topics upcoming in 2021.

### **Report on State Issues**

- B. Dennis Albiani with California Advocates reported on state legislative and administration issues that were the focus in 2020, provided an overview and perspective regarding the outcome and implications of the recent election and forecasted priorities and topics upcoming in 2021.

### **Discuss Winter Maintenance Shutdown**

- C. Manager Sutton reported on the delayed Winter Maintenance Shutdown due to sustained dry conditions. Manager Sutton will hold off on shutting down operation of the TC and Corning Canals until such time as the weather improves, at which time TCCA will initiate the Winter Maintenance Shutdown to provide an opportunity to focus on canal maintenance/repair projects.

### **Discuss 2021 Water Transfer Program**

- D. Manager Sutton reported on the status of the analysis/development of the NEPA/CEQA documents being prepared to facilitate to the 2021 TCCA Water Transfer Program, including a letter of agreement with USBR to fund their efforts and reviews of these environmental documents.

- WIIN Act Contract Conversion Process**
- E. Attorney Clark reported on the status of the validation actions and the schedule and timing for finalization of the contract conversion process.

- Sites Project Authority**
- F. Manager Sutton reported on the status of the Feasibility Study, WIIN Act Storage Funding, Phase 2 investor funding; Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Joint JPA/Reservoir Committee Meeting; Permitting/water rights efforts, assurances related to geotechnical work within the TC right of way and the upcoming TC wheeling agreement negotiations.

## **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): Three Potential Cases**

- B. No report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chairman Jim Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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Board Secretary  
Jeffrey P. Sutton

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Chairman  
Zach Dennis