

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
WILLOWS, CA 95988
March 3, 2021
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: 1-646-307-1479 Conference Code: 4561888722

PRESENT:

HALBERT CHARTER*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
DOUG GRIFFIN*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
KEVIN HEBREW*	D	CORNING W.D.
MITCH HARDWICK*	A	CORNING W.D.
CHARLES GRIMMER*	D	CORTINA 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 W.D./WESTSIDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
EMIL CAVAGNOLO*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
DAN RUIZ*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

HOLTHOUSE W.D.
KIRKWOOD W.D.
PROBERTA W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA

ANDREA CLARK*
MEREDITH NIKKEL*
RICH ROBERTSON
STEPHANIE MCPHEE
LISA HOLM
ANGELA MUNSON
GREG ZLOTNICK

DOWNEY BRAND
DOWNEY BRAND (CLOSED SESSION)
USBR, WILLOWS
USBR, GREAT BASIN REGION
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SAN JUAN W.D.

“*” indicates closed session attendance

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Zach Dennis called the meeting to order at 9:01 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-J.JONES/H.CHARTER-UNANIMOUS

To approve the March 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

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

To approve the February 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer’s Report

M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/H.CHARTER-UNANIMOUS

To approve the January 2021 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Lisa Holm, Angela Slaughter and Stephanie McPhee (USBR) provided a report on the disposition of RRA related to transfer water. Rich Robertson reported on

the following: Execution and issuance of Section 215 Contracts; completion of Warren Act well testing, still awaiting final test results; update of reservoir levels and CVP operations, allocation announcement discussion; Director Alves request regarding estimate of anticipated O & M deficit.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: Director Sutton started by expressing his appreciation to the water districts for the accuracy of water orders during challenging times for diversions on the river recently and highlighted how important that effort will continue to be through the coming months of operations. Other items: Water operations update, 3F/215 water opportunities, Warren act operations update, Fish Screen maintenance, completion of pump plant motor repairs and installation, canal water quality monitoring update, road grading, spray program, power pole replacement and electrical maintenance, meter installation and calibration, check structure maintenance, vault maintenance, vegetation removal, fence repairs, painting, drain cleaning, SCADA maintenance and software upgrade, mechanical repairs, fit testing, safety meetings.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following meetings/presentations: Meeting with Acting USBR Commissioner Camille Touton, Monthly O & M Authorities RD Meeting, FFA Conference.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss Form 700s/Ethics & Harassment Trainings

- A. Manager Sutton reported that Form 700s must be filed with the Authority by April 1st and provided details of upcoming trainings for Ethics/Sexual Harassment.

Discuss 2021 WY AND 2021 Water Transfer Project

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the Feb CVP Allocation Announcement, discussed operational challenges due to dry hydrology and provided a status update on the environmental documents related to water transfers.

Discuss and Consider TCCA 2021 Draft Drought Budget

- C. Manager Sutton and Director Jones presented the proposed 2021 TCCA Drought Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee to the Board of Directors.

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

To approve the 2021 TCCA Drought Budget as presented, with a \$284,927 contribution from the Drought Reserve.

WIIN Act Contract Conversion Process Update

- D. Attorney Clark reported on the status of the WIIN Act Contract Conversions, most of which have now been executed.
- Discuss and Consider TCCA-USBR O & M Transfer Agreement Renewal**
- E. Manager Sutton reported on the status and timeline of the O & M Transfer Agreement Renewal effort which must be completed prior to the end of September 2021) and the \$5,000 USBR fee necessary to proceed.
- Sites Project Authority**
- F. Manager Sutton, Director Traynham, Director Murphy and Director Vanderwaal reported on the Finance Workshop, Project Timeline, Outreach efforts, Permitting and Water Rights and the operation and integration efforts.

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.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)

1. Water Transfers/Purchase of Water
 2. Property: Water Supply to Supplement 2021 and future CVP Allocations
 3. Under Negotiation: Price, Terms and Amounts
 4. Negotiating Parties: Manager Sutton, Directors Dennis, Mathis, Cavagnolo and Alves
- C. No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Zach Dennis adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Zachary Dennis