

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
April 1, 2026
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	D	DAVIS W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
KELLY ORNBAUN*	D	GCID
MATT DEADMOND*	D	GLIDE W.D.
VINCE LAUFER*	A	GLIDE W.D./KANAWHA W.D.
DARIN TITUS*	D	KIRKWOOD W.D.
ZACH DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE W.D./WESTSIDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
JUSTIN DAHL*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
JACK MOSER*	D	PROBERTA W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

CORNING W.D.
CORTINA W.D.
4M W.D.
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY*	TCCA
DON BABB	TCCA
AARON HALL	TCCA
ERNEST CONANT*	DOWNEY BRAND
JAKE BERENS	USBR, WILLOWS OFFICE

“*” indicates closed session attendance.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis 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 10 Districts represented; Dunnigan WD representative David Schaad arrived at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-JONES/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS

To approve April 1, 2026, Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C -SMITH/LAUFER- AYES: S. SMITH, D. SCHAAD, M. DEADMOND, V. LAUFER, D. TITUS, Z DENNIS, J. JONES AND J. MOSER; NOES: NONE; ABSTAINED: J. TRAYNHAM AND K. ORNBAUN; ABSEN: CORNING W.D., CORTINA W.D., 4-M W.D., HOLTHOUSE W.D., AND THOMES CREEK W.D.

To approve March 11, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes.

B. USBR Report

Jake Berens reported that Article 3.F & Section 215 water will likely turn off the end of this week (4/3/26) or potential for next week; Payment notices will be sent out by 4/3/26; Weekly calls with San Luis Delta Mendota, discussion of North to South transfers, groundwater substitution program; Next week meeting with TCCA on the OBBB (One Big Beautiful Bill); Black Butte meeting at GCID; WAPA had discussions with the BOR Maintenance group about power poles that need to be replaced on the TC, the poles are non-coma.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Don Babb and Aaron Hall, TCCA O&M Chief and Red Bluff Supervisor reported on the following O & M activities: Road repairs and grading Maxwell Sites Road to Repeater; Drain cleaning Cortina Vineyard right side; Drain cleaning Hwy 32 to Road 16; Gate and fence repairs Road 69 to Funks Reservoir; Funks generator maintenance (replace batteries and service); Operating pit wells north of Stoney Creek (8 banks); Shoreline debris cleaning and burning Funks Reservoir; Access road grading Funks Reservoir; Check 17 hydraulic line replacement; Vehicle

services; Willows complex spraying; Auto shop reorganization; TC operations and patrol to check 9; Corning canal up and running; Gate repairs/welding on Corning canal; Assist with salmon net pen feeding, fish are gone; Grapevine repeater generator hand over; Red Bluff complex and pumping plant spraying; Fire alarm back up battery replacement; Cleaned and installed fish screens; Greased and inspected screen cleaners 2, 3, and 4; Finish electrical upgrade at check 9 TC; Meter readings; Safety meetings. Upcoming activities: Check structure yearly maintenance; Continue running pit wells as needed; Tree removal Hillgate Road to Sand Creek; Grading V ditches Road 69 to Funks Reservoir; Haul gravel Maxwell Sites to Funks Reservoir (select spots); Continue working on erosion and tree removal on Corning, 2024 reviews; Mechanical repairs and services as needed; Inspections and maintenance of TC and Corning canals, Red Bluff office complex and pumping plants; Work on Corning canal and pumping plant recommendations from USBR; Motor 4 return; Spray Red Bluff complex and pumping plant; Assist with salmon net pen project; Install more fish screens.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Vanderwaal presented his written meetings and presentations report to the board, and it is included in the Board Packet for any questions and clarifications:
- Agreements for Healthy Rivers & Landscapes
 - Groundwater Recharge
 - Federal Reconciliation Bill
 - Long Term Operations
 - Black Butte Gate Project
 - Orland Unit Transfer Legislation
 - Subsidence Mitigation Funding

Manager Vanderwaal reported this is the final annual reminder that Form 700's needs to be completed prior to April 1st; Administrative Officer Dicharry provided a list of Directors that need to conduct Harassment and Ethics trainings and Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA) is hosting in person trainings for Ethics and Harassment on April 15th at Granzella's in Williams.

Manager Vanderwaal reminded the board that monthly assessments are due each month and there are a few water districts that are past due.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Policy Updates-Internet, E-mail, and Electronic Communications Usage and Security (2270)

- A. Manager Vanderwaal discussed policy 2270 provides guidance on the use of internet, email and electronic communication practices and requirements. The proposed changes have been updated by our insurance company (GSRMA) to comply with the most current laws and practices.

M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the additions and changes to the above policy as recommended by Staff,

Legal Counsel and Golden State Risk Management Authority.

Discuss and Consider Sites Reservoir JPA Activities

- B. Manager Vanderwaal reported that the Sites Project received notice the draft Diversion Permit was posted by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) during their regular board meeting for March. A hurried analysis showed that it was very disappointing and has many issues including but not limited to higher bypass flows at Wilkins Slough, not using the DWR water rights date, inclusion of unimpaired (55%) flows, denying rights to Stone Corral and Funks Creek water, and other issues.

No Zone 3 update currently.

Downey-Brand has provided a letter and notice that they have potential conflicts of interest with other clients on the Sites Project and request the Board to consider signing the consent for their continued representation.

M/S/C-SMITH/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS

To approve General Manager Vanderwaal to sign the Downey-Brand letter of consent.

Reconciliation Projects Update

- C. Manager Vanderwaal reported the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has announced that they are awarding \$15 million to the TCCA for the three projects we proposed last year during our DC visit. A reminder they are ~\$9.2 million for two new pumps to complete the main pumping plant, \$2 million to modernize and restore full capacity to the Corning Canal pumping plant, and the remainder to install automated trash rack screens at specific turnouts where vegetation has been problematic in the past. The BOR has indicated that they will move this funding to the TCCA in a manner like a grant and they are providing the opportunity to accrue costs in advance with the pre-occurrence letter if the Board approves Manager Vanderwaal to sign it. The maintenance and facility committee will meet following this board meeting to review and approve the staff recommendations for which turnouts are prioritized to receive automated screens.

M/S/C-SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To authorize General Manager Vanderwaal to sign the pre-occurrence letter to enable an early start to the projects and authorized General Manager Vanderwaal to accept the recommendations from the maintenance and facilities committee to finalize the priority list for the automated gates.

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation [California Government Code Section 54956.9(1)] Two Cases:
- a. PCFFA et al. v. Lutnick, et al. (E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-JLT-EPG); CNRA v. Lutnick (USDC E.D. Cal. No. 1:20-cv-00426-JLT-EPG) [2019 BiOps Lawsuits]
No Report
 - b. TCCA v. CA DWR (CA Sup. Ct., County of Sacramento, No. 24WM000183) [2024 CEQA Lawsuit]
No Report
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation [California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]: SWRCB Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update Proceedings.
No Report
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case).
No Report

OPEN SESSION

The board re-convened to open session at 9:41 a.m.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Traynham reported that there will be a Reception in Support of Assemblyman James Gallagher on Friday, April 17, 2026, from 5pm to 6:30pm, hosted by Charter and Vann Families at 6000 Hillgate Road, Arbuckle, CA 95912. Please RSVP to (916) 224-1902 or email rsvp@goldenstatestrategy.com.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Board Secretary
William Vanderwaal

Chairman
Zach Dennis