MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
August 5, 2026
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
SHELLY MURPHY	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
KEVIN HEBREW*	D	CORNING W.D.
BARBARA LINDAUER*	A	CORNING W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	D	DAVIS W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
KELLY ORNBAUN*	D	GCID
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.
MIKE URKOV*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	GENERAL MANAGER, TCCA
LISA DICHARRY*	RECORDING SECRETARY, TCCA
MONICA LYON	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, TCCA
DON BABB	O&M CHIEF, TCCA
AARON HALL	RED BLUFF SUPERVISOR, TCCA
REBECCA SMITH*	DOWNEY BRAND
JAKE BERENS	USBR, WILLOWS OFFICE
JENNY SCHEER	GM, WESTERN CANAL W.D.
MIA MENARD	INTERN, COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
MOSES ALVARADO	CORNING WATER DISTRICT
MEREDITH NIKKEL*	DOWNEY BRAND (OVER PHONE)

"*" 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 12 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C -JONES/SMITH- UNANIMOUS

To approve August 5, 2026, Regular Meeting Agenda adding Employee Leave of Absence under General Manager's Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Murphy, Colusa County Water District General Manager, introduced their intern Mia Menard to the board and Manager Vanderwaal welcomed Jenny Scheer, Western Canal Water District General Manager.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C -SCHAAD/TITUS-UNANIMOUS

To approve June 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes and June 18, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C-SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To approve June and July Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Jake Berens reported that CVO Keswick releasing 13,000 CSF reducing to 12, 750 CSF for August, concern with water temperature, heat wave; Max capacity Trinity; LOPP is in process to get signed for approval; Update to OM&R Exhibit B, this lists who receives deliveries and diversions from TCCA, proposing to add Sites Project; Negotiations sessions August 18th and 20th; List of as-builts drawings for OBBB; Vandalism at Stony Gorge Dam, Sheriff's department involved; Rate setting team to use AI to develop rates.

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: Check 7 erosion repair; Grade rt. Side road from Marguerite road to farm bridge; Haul cobble to check 26 MP 109.5 left side erosion repair, Replace deck boards on OAWD 1 and 2; Troubleshoot check 21 gate 2 and replace potentiometer; Copper treatments checks 3, 5, 7, 8,9,10, 12,16, 18, 20 and 23; Teton treatments check 1 and 16; Service dredge engine; Move dredge and dredge pipe to Hamilton City; Set up dredge and pipe; Dredging GCID forebay; Prepare dredge for project at GCID; PG&E PSPS; Clean moss pads in CCWD area; Rebuild limit switch check 14 gate 2; Troubleshoot WWD 3 Honeywell meter and reboot; Smoke test truck 34; Replace Def pump in truck 31; Vehicle oil changes and maintenance on equipment; T.C. operations and patrol to check 9; Corning Canal Teton and Copper treatments; Replace motor brake on check 5 Corning Canal; Swapped inverters from VFD 10 to VFD 5; A/C repairs Red Bluff Pumping Plant and installation of new unit; Installed, wire, and added bearing oil to motor 5; Troubleshoot commutations issues on TC and Corning canals; Ran Corning canal in manual a lot during June and July; Start repainting mile markers on Corning; Start cleaning slab on elder creek, check 3 Corning canal; Repair lighting on Diversion Dam; Daily cleaning moss grates; New employees started July 6th and 20th; and safety meetings; Upcoming activities: Continue cleaning moss grates; Continue dredging GCID; Painting MP markers; Cooper treatments areas to be determined; Monthly repeater generator test; Bathtub cleaning CCWD; Road grading right side from Loleta road to Hoag Road and easement for drain; Clean all areas of moss pads; 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; Cleaning slab on Elder Creek; Troubleshoot commutations problems; Cleaning trash rack at Pumping plant; Red Bluff and Corning Pumping plants upgrade; and daily and monthly meter readings.

Meetings/Presentations

B. Manager Vanderwaal discussed an employee request for Leave Without Pay to help with a family huller, the Board provided direction. Manager Vanderwaal then 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
- Long Term Operations
- Black Butte Gate Project
- Orland Unit Transfer Legislation
- End of June Forecast
- Long Term Transfer EIS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Consider 2026 Mid-Year Budget Update

A. Manager Vanderwaal reported the Finance & Budget Committee met in July and reviewed and provided the edits to the proposed mid-year adjustments to the budget based on reductions administration, terrestrial chemicals, computer hardware and internet, lubricants, litigation (low level of activity in the first half of the year), memberships, Sites Project (actuals lower than budgeted), travel and retirement benefit payout (reduced due to new employees probationary period). Significant increases are in chemical (aquatic), computer maintenance, equipment maintenance (Lowbed, dump truck, pressure washer repairs), fuel, insurance (property), membership (contributions), utilities, vehicles, and benefits (workers comp). The Finance Committee after review and discussion recommended the approval of the Updated Budget for 2026.

M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the Updated Budget for 2026 per the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Discuss and Consider Sites Reservoir JPA Activities

B. Manager Vanderwaal reported the Sites Project is attempting to substantially wrap up the Benefits & Obligations (B&O) Agreements and the Facility Use Agreement (the agreement between the TCCA and Sites Project for use of the canal, aka FUA). Manager Vanderwaal and legal counsel have been meeting and reviewing the various changes to the FUA. When the final draft is submitted Manager Vanderwaal will bring it before the board to obtain direction and potential approval. Sacramento Valley Investors have been meeting to determine if there are any ways to keep themselves involved in the Project as actual recipients of water. It is difficult because the Bureau would make the most effective partner, but Bureau is not ready to commit and negotiate anything regarding Sites beyond its basic involvement in Sites.

Director Traynham and Director Urkov reported Zone 3 update, Governance meeting (voting North 25% and South 75%); water rates imminent two weeks away, September 10th meeting respond to water rights draft.

Reconciliation Projects Update

C. Manager Vanderwaal reported the tasks with Jacobs Engineering, MOU with the Bureau and Financial Assistance Agreement have been completed, we are waiting on access to funds in the SAMS system the Bureau uses.
Jacobs & TCCA staff conducted a kickoff meeting on July 18th including a site visit, they are working on the design package with intention to have it ready later this autumn. The NEPA expert at the Bureau has a funding number to charge her

work to now and should be working on the NEPA document. Installation of the pumps is scheduled for the winter of 2027/2028.
Corning canal pumping plant is in the same place as described above.
The invitation for bids (IFB) is drafted as a selected IFB meaning that we can send it to specific contractors and select the contractor that we determine most suitable to do the work. According to our policy 3042.2.2.1, the board of directors can authorize the use of this method versus general IFB where the low bid only is selected.
This IFB will incorporate design of the 5 priority turnouts screens, permitting and installation of the screens with an optional 3-5 locations in accordance with the priority list approved by the Maintenance & Facilities Committee. The permitting on this will also be a categorical exclusion and will take 4-6 months but will be parallel with the other permits.

M/S/C-SCHAAD/LAUFER-UNANIMOUS

To approve the use of the selected IFB contracting process for Red Bluff Pumping Plant, Corning Canal Pumping Plant and Canalside Screens.

D. Review & Consider FY 2025 Audit

Manager Vanderwaal reported the 2025 audit has been completed, Robert Johnson an accounting corporation, has audited our financial statements of the Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority for the year ended December 31, 2025, and there were no findings.

M/S/C-SCHAAD/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS

To approve the 2025 Tehama Colusa Canal Authority Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report.

E. Consider Adopting Policy 8050-Rental Houses

Manager Vanderwaal reported up to this point, there has been no written policy to address the two rental houses on the Red Bluff Facility. This draft policy seeks to clarify the Board's method for determining lease rates, setting a Reserve target for the rental house reserve, and how to direct the funding collected from the rents collected.
A subsequent contract template that will be provided by the Legal counsel will address in more detail issues like terms of rent, care of the property and other more detailed items.
The current rental contracts have been in place since 2012 (Duty an employee) and 2022 (Nicholls, son of an employee). The Duty rent is $300/mo. with $150/mo. utilities (utility payments go into the general account vs Rental account) and Nicholls' rent is $650/mo. with $150/mo. utilities. The Maintenance & Facilities committee non-quorum recommends an increase to $900/mo. total for Duty and $1600/mo. total for Nicholls.
Manager Vanderwaal recommend increasing the amount for utilities to $350/mo. (meaning it will increase funds going to the general account) and an increase in

rental rates, along with updating the contacts to the updated contract from Legal counsel.

M/S/C-SMITH/TRAYNHAM -UNANIMOUS

To approve the draft policy 8050 - Rental Houses with specifying which Consumer Price Index (CPI) will be used in the policy.

F. Consider Maintenance & Facilities Committee recommendations on vehicle/equipment modernization

Manager Vanderwaal reported the Maintenance & Facilities committee met without a quorum in July, the two members in attendance received the annual vehicle & equipment modernization program reports. The two directors recommended continuing implementing the modernization programs and purchasing one pickup and a Lowbed tractor. These purchases would likely draw the TC Vehicle Equipment reserve below the targeted level of $200,000. Old equipment will be auctioned off, some of the funds from the GCID rental of the dredge will be going into reserve account, and $44K could be moved from the TC Facility Major Maintenance reserve which is over target to minimize the amount below target for reserve (pending board approval).

M/S/C-SMITH/TRAYNHAM -UNANIMOUS

To authorize Manager Vanderwaal the approval to purchase a new pickup truck and lowbed tractor.

G. Consider HR Committee revisions to GM Performance Evaluation Schedule & Documents

Manager Vanderwaal reported the HR committee met in June and has developed a modified performance evaluation for the GM and a revised schedule for the performance evaluation. Proposed changes are:

- The review form has been modified to include more contemporary categories that are aligned with the Strategic Plan. Including Operations.
- The Performance Evaluation will be moved to the anniversary of the GM's hiring (June for Manager Vanderwaal) except that this year, 2026, it will be done over September & October.
- In future years, the salary discussion will be held in October so that it can be accurately reflected and included in next year's budget development.

M/S/C-SMITH/TRAYNHAM -UNANIMOUS

To approve the recommendations of the GM Performance Evaluations.

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 10:42 a.m.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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Board Secretary
William Vanderwaal

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Chairman
Zach Dennis