

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
December 11, 2024
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.
JORDON NAVARROT*	A	DUNNIGAN W.D.
MATT DEADMOND*	D	GLIDE W.D.
VINCE LAUFER*	A	GLIDE W.D./KANAWHA W.D.
WADE DANLEY*	D	KANAWHA 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.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

CORTINA W.D.
DAVIS W.D.
4-M W.D.
GCID
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
KIRKWOOD W.D.
PROBERTA W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY*	TCCA
DON BABB	TCCA
AARON HALL	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND (OVER PHONE)
MEREDITH NIKKEL*	DOWNEY BRAND (OVER PHONE)
PAMELA KATLEBA-JENKINS	WESTSIDE WATER DISTRICT
DAVID GUY	NCWA
DENNIS ALBIANI	CALIFORNIA ADVOCATES
ADAM QUINONEZ	CALIFORNIA ADVOCATES
GARRETT DURST	NATURAL RESOURCE RESULTS (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 09:02 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 8 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the December 11, 2024 Special Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

GUEST SPEAKERS

A. David Guy, Northern California Water Association (NCWA), presented to the board cultivate a shared vision in the Sacramento Valley for a vibrant way of life, NCWA Priorities:

- Vitalizing Healthy Rivers, Landscapes & Communities in the Sacramento Valley;
- Biological Opinions Long-Term Operations of the CVP and SWP;
- A Pathway for Sustainable Groundwater Management;
- Improving Regional Water Quality- the Irrigated Lands Program and CV-Salts
- Effectively Implement the Water Rights Priority System
- Accelerating Restoration
- Complete New Backbone Infrastructure in a Timely Manner
- Conservation as a Way of Life
- FERC Relicensing
- Streamline Water Transfers
- Sites Reservoir

B. Dennis Albiani and Adam Quinonez, California Advocates, presented to the board the policy landscape is starting to take shape and the water issues that may dominate discussions in 2025, five critical issues:

- Infrastructure Financing with the Passage of Proposition 4
- Water Rights Reform

- Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta
 - Water Quality and Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Regulation
 - Low-Income Rate Assistance
- C. Garrett Durst, Natural Resource Results, presented to the board regarding Congressional Update, President-Elect Trump's Administration, EPA Administrator, and Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. **Board Meeting Minutes**

M/S/C - JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the November 06, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. **Treasurer's Report**

M/S/C-NAVARROT/LAUFER-UNANIMOUS

To approve the October and November 2024 Financial Reports as presented.

C. **USBR Report**

The Bureau did not have anyone present but Manager Vanderwaal reported on Article 3.F water was available.

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 grading from South Avenue to Liberal Avenue (Corning Canal), Kirkwood Road to Stony Creek; Vegetation removal Chittenden Ave to Rawson Road (Corning Canal); Road repair South Avenue to Rawson Road; Burning prism Cortina Road to Hahn Road; Vehicle and equipment maintenance and repairs; Drain check 2 for inspection, repairs and silt removal; Drain Funks Reservoir; Stolen ATV removal by CHP Hahn Road; Purchased preventive maintenance software for Pumping Plant; Clean all VFD filters at Pumping Plant; Finished removing fish screens from river; Winterized shops, equipment and the Corning Canal before the big storm; Assist with Salmon pet pen project; All diversions are suspended for Winter Maintenance Shutdown; Meter readings; Grate cleanings; Safety meetings. Upcoming activities: Finish spray truck (needs calibration and speed control); Silt removal Check 2 TC Canal; Concrete repairs Check 2; Haul gravel for road repairs Road 65, 69 and Maxwell Sites Road; Sac River Project with RD108 and GCID; Remove hydraulic cylinder from Check 15 for repair; Ongoing work on erosion and tree removal on Coring (2024 review); Ongoing inspections and maintenance of TC and Corning Canals,

Red Bluff and Willows complexes and Pumping Plant; Repair gate 13 on Corning; Continue vegetation removal on Corning Canal; Replace bearing oil in motors at Pumping Plant.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Vanderwaal presented his written report that is included in the Board Packet for any questions and clarifications.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. **Discuss and Consider Participation in 2025 Water Transfer Document**

Manager Vanderwaal discussed with the board that the TCCA districts would not need a Groundwater Substitution/Fallowing Transfer for 2025, given the level of Shasta going into the water season.

M/S/C -SMITH/JONES-AYES: S. SMITH, K. HEBREW, J. NAVARROT, M. DEADMOND, Z. DENNIS AND J. JONES; NOES: V. LAUFER; ABSTAINED: NONE; ABSENT: CORTINA W.D., DAVIS W.D., 4-M W.D., GCID, HOLTHOUSE W.D., KIRKWOOD W.D., PROBERTA W.D. AND THOMES CREEK W.D.

To cease on not moving forward with the transfer document for 2025.

Update on Long Term Transfer Program

- B. Manager Vanderwaal summarized the letter requesting the TCCA be included in the analysis for the long-term transfer document and is waiting for the USBR's formal response to that request which has not been received as of yet.

Discuss and Consider Sites Reservoir JPA Activities

- C. Manager Vanderwaal reported on Sites Project activities including the Water Rights and Land Acquisition progress, Water Rights Public Hearing process, issuance of the ITP's. The final cash call is being sent out in December, set at \$40/AF invested.

Golden State Risk Management Association (GSRMA)-Board nomination

- D. Manager Vanderwaal presented to the board that GSRMA has a seat open for their Board of Directors reserved for Fire or Special Districts representation. Vice Chairman Jones stated he would be a director on the GSRMA board.

M/S/C-LAUFER/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

Vice Chairman Jim Jones will be a director on the GSRMA Board representing TCCA.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

- A. **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

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 Sacramento, No. 24WM000183) [2024 CEQA Lawsuit]

4. No Report

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)) – Govt Claims Act claim received July 29, 2024 from Marco Antonio Andrade Ramos et al

1. No Report

C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957) – Title: General Manager

1. No Report

OPEN SESSION

The board re-convened to regular session at 11:15 a.m.

Discuss and Consider General Manager Compensation

M/S/C-JONES/NAVARROT-UNANIMOUS

To increase the General Manager's annual compensation starting on January 1, 2025 to \$226,000.00 and 2 additional vacation days for the maximum of 20 days a year.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 11:30am.

Board Secretary
William Vanderwaal

Chairman
Zach Dennis