MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
December 3, 2025
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.
PAMELA KATLEBA-JENKINS*	A	CORTINA W.D./WESTSIDE W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4-M W.D.
KELLY ORNBAUN*	A	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.
MIKE URKOV*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

DAVIS W.D.
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY*	TCCA
DON BABB	TCCA
AARON HALL	TCCA
SUSAN ALBERT	TCCA
REBECCA SMITH*	DOWNEY BRAND
JAKE BERENS	USBR, WILLOWS OFFICE
MOSES ALVARADO	CORNING WD

"*" indicates closed session attendance.
"D" indicates designated director "A" indicates designated alternate.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order at 08:59 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 13 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-JONES/LAUFER–UNANIMOUS

To approve December 3, 2025, Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C -SCHAAD/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve November 5, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes with the following correction on page 9, section General Business E, changing "Manger" to "Manager".

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C -SCHAAD/JONES

To approve the November 2025 Financial Reports as presented and to approve transferring $37,000.00 from Drought Reserve to pay for the Long Term Transfer Program expense item.

C. USBR Report

Jake reported that Shasta is at 2.7-MAF storage; Sites negotiations meetings are scheduled for December 8, 17 & 18 in Sacramento at Cottage Way; Willows office lost an employee, real estate; No park ranger at Stony Gorge Reservoir.

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: Drain cleaning Road 28 North to undershoot drain; Haul dirt from drain to pad at Road 28; Burn drain Hwy 20 to Walnut Drive; Burn drain Cortina Creek to Evans Road; Burning at Willows complex; Drain cleaning OAWD #3 South to undershoot drain; Mow weeds check 14; Sour grass Creek drain cleaning check 7; Tree removal downstream Capay Road; Low bed repair hatching assembly; Haul gravel for road repair Campo Road; Concrete repair at check 5 wingwall; Concrete repair downstream check 2; Concrete repair middle check 2; Drain cleaning Road F North side; Replace upstream level sensor check 8; Vehicle oil changes and maintenance on equipment; TC operations and patrol to check 9; Winterize the Corning canal; Cleaned trash racks at pumping plant; Start replacing motor filters, RB pumping plant; Start electrical project at check 10, motor starter and relay upgrade; Replace battery in the switch yard generator; Winterize RB shops; Currently pumping 0; Meter readings; Safety meetings. Upcoming activities: Continue concrete repairs; Draining and inspect check 11; Build and install stop log OAWD 1; Right of way spraying; Drain cleaning Road F; 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; Motor #9 return and send motor #4 out for repairs; Work on Corning canal and pumping plant recommendations from USBR; Pulling out fish screens; Pulling oil samples from motors; Check 10 electrical upgrades; WAPA switch yard transformer maintenance; WAPA pole replacement at diversion dam.

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
- Weathertools

Manager Vanderwaal discussed

GENERAL BUSINESS

Policy Updates-Board Meetings, Agenda, Meeting Conduct, Actions & Decisions, Review of Decisions, Minutes and Rules of Order (5010,5020,5030,5040,5050,5060, and 5070)

A. Manager Vanderwaal discussed the policies primarily address the role of Directors and the conduct of Board meetings. The policies were last reviewed in 2005, and Legal Counsel has reviewed and updated these policies to comply with contemporary Brown Act and legal requirements.

M/S/C-SCHAAD/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the Additions and Changes to all the above Policies as recommended by Staff and Legal Counsel.

Discuss and Consider the General Managers' 2026 Annual Salary

B. Human Resources Committee Chairman Schaad summarized the details of the General Managers' salary discussed and recommended by the Human Resources Committee to the Board of Directors.

M/S/C-JONES/HEBREW-UNANIMOUS

To increase the General Manager's annual compensation by $4,000.00 (up to $230,000) starting on January 1, 2026 calendar year as the recommendation of the Human Resources Committee.

Strategic Plan Update & Review

C. Manager Vanderwaal discussed that since the adoption of the Strategic Plan in June, a Capital Improvement Program was added. This is an opportunity for the Board to review and update any items or priorities withing the Strategic Plan and the Capital Improvement Program.

Discuss and Consider Sites Reservoir JPA Activities

D. Manager Vanderwaal reported Sites Project CMAR selection has ranked the three proposers with Barnard, a Montana based company, as the top candidate, followed by Kiewit (based in Nebraska) and Flatiron-Dragados (New York based) in order. This caused a significant number of union "protesters" to be at the JPA Board meeting, many who spoke during the Public Comment period. Two main issues became apparent, one was the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) which would define the projects use of union labor has not been completed, and the other appeared to be fomented by one or both "losing" companies, which was that Barnard is not a "local" company. None of the companies under consideration are local and while some may have branch offices, none of the branch offices are truly local, either. For transparency purposes, the agenda item discussing the CMAR proposal was deleted from the Closed Session and will be held later in open session.

Jeff Sutton, Sites Project Staff JP Robinette, and Manager Vanderwaal met to begin the discussion and negotiation of a Facility Use Agreement between Sites Project and GCID and the TCCA (separate agreements). The next meetings will be separate Sites-GCID and Sites-TCCA.

Director Urkov reported on Zone 3.

Discuss Water Users Conference

E. Manager Vanderwaal discussed with the board the 2026 Water Users Conference is scheduled for Reno, Nevada between January 28-30. Our regular dinner at Louie's Basque Corner is scheduled for 5pm Wednesday the 28th. If the board wishes to have a meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation the time slotted for that will be on Thursday, the 29th from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

F. **Consider *ad hoc* Committee for Contributions**

Manager Vanderwaal discussed the TCCA has several budgetary lines that provide contributions to a variety of entities that do work in the agricultural and water industries. This *ad hoc* committee would review the levels of contributions to those and determine if they should be changed and if there are other entities more suited to receive support. The following directors volunteered to be on the *ad hoc* committee, William Vanderwaal, Zach Dennis, Shandon Smith, Darin Titus, and Wade Mathis.

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. Lutnick (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-DAD-SAB) [2019 BiOps Lawsuit]

2. No Report

CNRA v. Lutnick (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

OPEN SESSION

The board re-convened to open session at 10:15 a.m.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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Board Secretary	Chairman
William Vanderwaal	Zach Dennis