

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
February 07, 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.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	A	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4-M W.D.
MATT DEADMOND*	D	GLIDE W.D.
VINCE LAUFER*	A	GLIDE/KANAWHA W.D.
DARREN TITUS*	D	KIRKWOOD W.D.
ZACHARY DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE/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:

CORTINA W.D.
DAVIS W.D.
GCID
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
PROBERTA W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND
RICH ROBERTSON	USBR, WILLOWS

“*” indicates closed session attendance

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order at 09:03 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 10 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the February 07, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C - SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the January 10, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

Manager Sutton reported on the following: TCCA ended 2023 with a net income of \$255,035, despite working from an assumed drought budget in a full water year. Manager Sutton would like to assign \$98,078.85 to the TC Facility Major Maintenance Reserve to match its set target and \$156,956.15 will be assigned to the TC Vehicle/Equipment Reserve less up to \$35,000 (actual amount expended for forklift will be the amount of the deduction) to be utilized to purchase a new forklift.

M/S/C-SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the December 2023 Financial Reports as presented and to assign \$98,078.85 to the TC Facility Major Maintenance Reserve to match its set target and \$156,956.15 will be assigned to the TC Vehicle/Equipment Reserve less up to \$35,000 (actual amount expended for forklift will be the amount of the deduction) to be utilized to purchase a new forklift.

C. **USBR Report**

Rich Robertson reported on the following: 215 water declared currently available and the opportunity for 215 water to exist through Feb. 29th. As of March 1st, any surplus water opportunities for TC water districts will proceed under Section 3F of their water service/repayment contracts per the tiered structure outlined. Tier 1 at full water marketing price, plus restoration and TPUD. Tier II for irrigation water when full surplus declared will result in \$8-9 of water marketing, plus restoration and TPUD. Tier III for groundwater recharge when full surplus declared will result in a charge of only restoration and TPUD. Tier IV is still being finalized, but being discussed as no charges when there is a declaration of a flood emergency by the CA Governor.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: TC and Corning Canal operations update; operational challenges due to hydrology related to Funks operations and Corning Canal floodwaters; meter reading; FPIP maintenance; check structure maintenance; CCP motor maintenance; electrical upgrades on TC Canal; drain and bathtub cleaning; fence repair; equipment maintenance; Funks Dam gate inspection; Winter Maintenance Shutdown activities focused on sediment removal (draining of TC canal pools 13, 14, 15 and 16); and safety meetings.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Mid-Pacific Region Water Users conference, dinner and USBR meeting; and the upcoming Family Farm Alliance Conference.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss and Consider Form 700/Ethics & Harassment Training Requirements

- A. Manager Sutton reminded Directors to fill out and submit their Form 700s by April 1st; and the requirement for Directors to complete 2 hours each of ethics and harassment training every other year. There are online trainings for ethics and harassment available through GSRMA (contact Lisa for link).

Discuss and Consider WY 2024 CVP/TCCA Water Operations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Status update on CVP Reservoir levels; status update on development of the 3F water pricing policy for the CVP Northern California Area; update on the Accelerated Water Transfer Program related to both SRSC base and project water supply; new CVP Water Year starting on March 1st.

Update on WIIN Act Contract Conversion

- C. Attorney Clark provided an update regarding the procedural status of the WIIN Act litigation related to CVP Contract Conversion.

Discuss and Consider Sites Project Authority

- D. Manager Sutton reported on the following Sites JPA activities: Litigation filing challenging the Sites Reservoir EIR; Status of the Sites Reservoir JPA Water Rights Application to the SWRCB; Update on the Finance Plan; and progress on TCCA/Sites JPA Cooperative Agreement activities related to development of wheeling rates, engineering support, construction activities, and operational details.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

None

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 Fresno, awaiting assignment of Case No.) [2020 CEQA Lawsuit]

4. No report.

- B. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – 1 potential case**

1. No report.

- C. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)**

1. Water Transfers/Purchase of Water
2. Property: Water Supply to Supplement 2023 and Future CVP Allocations
3. Under Negotiation: Price, Terms and Amounts
4. Negotiating Parties: Manager Sutton, Directors Dennis, Mathis, Traynham and Smith.

1. No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:54 am.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Zachary Dennis