

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
February 4, 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.
PAMELA KATLEBA-JENKINS*	A	CORTINA W.D./WESTSIDE W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
KELLY ORNBAUN*	A	GCID
MATT DEADMOND*	D	GLIDE W.D.
VINCE LAUFER*	A	GLIDE W.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.
MIKE URKOV*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

DAVIS W.D.
4-M W.D.
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
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 09:00 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To approve February 4, 2026, Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Manager Vanderwaal reported that Assembly Bill 2561 was signed into law in September 2024 and the TCCA completed its first reporting in February 2025. The original intent of this law is to ensure local agencies are being transparent in their hiring and budgeting processes and not leaving vacancies unfilled to aid budget management.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C -SMITH/LAUFER-UNANIMOUS

To approve December 3, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C -SCHAAD/JONES

To approve the Final 2025 Financial Reports as presented.

M/S/C -SCHAAD/SMITH

To approve the January 2026 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Jake reported the 2026 water rates schedule A6 should be out mid-February; Changes coming with BOR staffing; Black Butte stakeholders' group is in the

process to get a meeting scheduled; Talks about North and South transfers; 50% progress in agreement discussions with Sites; August 2025 FBI contacted USBR about drone flying at Shasta Dam, piloted and funded by foreign nationals from Mexico and China (PRC).

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: Concrete repairs checks 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 16 & 18; Red Bluff crew helping with concrete repairs; Drain cleanings Road F to Walker Creek RT, Road 57 (three locations), Cortina School Road to Sand Creek RT; Undershoot cleaning check 7, OAWD 3; Tree removal check 13 and 14; Troubleshoot and replace upstream elevation sensor check 20; Survey crew check 11 I5 to Highway 99; Silt removal check 11 I5 to Highway 99; Replace cables check 10, gate 2; Replace potentiometer and coupler check 8, gate 1; Tree removal and prism cleaning downstream, check 23 to Reddington Avenue; Silt removal check 22 downstream Cortina Creek to check 22 structure; Troubleshoot and replace hydraulic line at Funks Dam gate 1; Start running pit wells between South Avenue and Stoney Creek; Troubleshoot and replace check 23 upstream elevation sensor; Right away spraying Road 69 to end of canal; Spray Willows complex; Vehicle repairs; Vehicle oil changes and maintenance on equipment; TC operations and patrol to check 9; Winterize the Corning canal; Motor 9 is back from repair, installed, wired and add oil; Start replacing motor filters, RB pumping plant; Remove motor 4 and sent out for repairs; Electrical motors starter projects at check 10, 6, 3, 4, and 5 completed; Spraying Corning canal; Snorkel lift inspection; WAPA pole replacement at Diversion Dam; WAPA transformer testing RBPP; Replace and program radio at check 18; Salmon net pen project; Meter readings; Safety meetings. Upcoming activities: Drain cleaning upstream check 21 RT; Right of way spraying; Clean Evans Road bathtub; Check structure yearly service; Start venturi pit maintenance (meters and transmitters); Hydraulic lines replacement check 17; Replace hydraulic block at check 16, gate 1; 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; Pulling oil samples from motors; Concrete repairs on TC; Motor 4 return; Erosion on Corning canal;

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
- Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference

GENERAL BUSINESS

Policy Updates-Improvement Standards (6010)

- A. Manager Vanderwaal discussed the policy provides guidance on maintaining and applying a set of standards used to design new features in/around the canal, like siphons, turnouts, or other modifications. The proposed edits need to be included in any proposed improvements, modifications, new installations along the Tehama-Colusa Canal and/or Corning Canal, and any associate facilities as appropriate. These standards are intended to be complimentary to the USBR review and their applied standards, no penetrations into the concrete canal lining is allowed, and any crossing of the canal service roads needs to be buried below the service roads grade and must be at least eighteen inches below grade or more to withstand heavy equipment traffic.

M/S/C-JONES/SCHAAD-UNANIMOUS

To approve the changes to the above policy as recommended by Staff and Legal Counsel.

Discuss and Consider Sites Reservoir JPA Activities

- B. Manager Vanderwaal reported Sites Project formally selected Barnard Construction as the CMAR for the dams; Sites voted to proceed with the CEQA compliance inclusion of the Burrowing Owl, in anticipation of the listing of those birds by the State, there is a caveat that they will receive concurrence of the TCCA and GCID since our facilities are included in the inclusion; Legal Counsel Smith and Manager Vanderwaal have been in discussions with the Sites Staff and are working on language to ensure any and all liability created by the TCCA on behalf of Sites is directed to the Sites Project and Staff, and not the TCCA; Sites will begin working on their CMAR for Conveyance selection, Manager Vanderwaal will be involved in that process to specifically to ensure TCCA concerns are addressed and the meeting on Monday, February 2nd had good discussion about the process with Sites staff.

Director Urkov reported on Zone 3, Plan of finance from Sites for participants; Transfers from North to South; Transfers from participation have been reduced.

Ad hoc Contributions Committee Recommendations

- C. Manager Vanderwaal reported that the Contributions Committee met on Thursday, January 8th and reviewed the organizations that the TCCA contributes to or retains membership in. The committee discussed potential alternatives or changes in contribution levels. The committee's final recommendations are to stop membership in the Water Education Foundation and the four Farm Bureaus and redirect those funds toward youth-oriented Ag programs such as Junior Livestock

Auctions or County Fair Events. The intent is to participate in the local communities more directly where we provide service too.

M/S/C-SMITH/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the changes to the TCCA Contributions as recommended by *Ad Hoc* Contributions Committee.

Committee Assignment Updates

- D. Chairman Dennis reported on committee assignment updates since several directors have moved on or transitioned to “Alternate Director” status. The updated committee assignments are as follows: Executive- Z. Dennis, S. Smith, D. Schaad, K. Hebrew, and J. Jones; Finance- J. Jones, J. Traynham, W. Mathis, S. Murphy, and Z. Dennis; Human Resources- D. Schaad, M. Deadmond, D. Titus, J. Traynham, and W. Mathis; External Affairs- S. Smith, D. Titus, J. Traynham, Z. Dennis, and J. Jones; Maintenance and Equipment- K. Hebrew, C. Grimmer, M. Deadmond, D. Titus, and Z. Dennis; Managers Committee- S. Murphy, J. Dahl, V. Laufer, B. Lindauer, M. Urkov, and J. Navarrot; Safety- Z. Dennis, J. Jones, K. Hebrew, A. Hall, and T. Roach.

Form 700 & Required Training Brief

- E. Manager Vanderwaal reported this is the 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. Legal Counsel Smith *Esq.* also reported that the state will be more aggressive in pursuing late filers with fines this year.

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

- A. **Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation [California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] Three Cases:**

State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Proceeding

1. No Report

CNRA v. Lutnick (USDC E.D. Cal. No. 1:20-cv-00426-DAD-SKO) [2019 BiOps Lawsuit]

2. No Report

TCCA v. CA DWR (Superior Court of CA, County of Sacramento, No. 24WM000183) [2024 CEQA Lawsuit]

3. No Report

OPEN SESSION

The board re-convened to open session at 10:52 a.m.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Board Secretary
William Vanderwaal

Chairman
Zach Dennis