

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
January 10, 2024
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D
KEVIN HEBREW*	D	CORNING W.D.
BARBARA LINDAUER*	A	CORNING W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
MATT DEADMOND*	D	GLIDE W.D.
VINCE LAUFER*	A	GLIDE/KANAWHA W.D.
JENNY SCHEER*	A	KIRKWOOD W.D.
ZACHARY DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE/WESTSIDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
EMIL CAVAGNOLO*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	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 10:00 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 9 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the January 10, 2024 Special Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C - SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the December 05, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C-SCHAAD/HEBREW-UNANIMOUS

To approve the November 2023 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Rich Robertson reported on the following: Status of the development of the Northern California Area 3F tiered pricing policy; the announcement of the new Great Valley Basin Regional Director Karl Stock.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: TC and Corning Canal operations/winterizing; meter reading; draining of Funks reservoir; paint and sealing of Funks Dam; FPIP maintenance; erosion repairs; vegetation management; check structure maintenance; equipment repairs and maintenance; road grading; complex and canal road spraying; Winter Maintenance Shutdown activities focused on sediment removal (draining of TC canal pools 13, 14, 15 and 16); and safety meetings. Goal to be operational on both Corning and TC Canals by February 15, weather permitting.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Mid-Pacific Region Water Users conference in Reno, January 24-26, 2024, TCCA to host Director dinner on Wednesday evening (Jan. 25th) at Louis' Basque Restaurant; TCCA-USBR meeting at Reno Water Users Conf -2:30 on Jan 25th; Upcoming Family Farm Alliance Conference in late February; Meeting with RD; Meeting with new KWD/GWD manager; TCCA Christmas Party; OAWD Annexation tour and inspection; Tehama County GSA Meeting; Presentation re Sites at Glenn-Colusa Cattlemen's Dinner.

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 is to complete 2 hours each of ethics and harassment training every other year. Manager Sutton also highlighted Ethics training being conducted without charge by Downey Brand at the Reno Water Users Conference, as well as 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; Winter Maintenance Shutdown activities; Goal to be operational by February 15, weather permitting; status update on development of the 3F water pricing policy for the CVP Northern California Area.

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: Certification of the CEQA EIR for Sites Reservoir; Litigation filing challenging EIR; Status of the Sites Water Rights Application to the SWRCB; Update on the Finance Plan; and TCCA/Sites JPA Cooperative Agreement activities related to development of wheeling rates, engineering support, construction activities, and operational details; continued efforts and development to formalize the Colusa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Chairman Dennis reported on new rules, extensive materials required for Applicator Licenses. Manager Sutton reported that we will return to our Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting on February 7th.

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 11:20 am.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Zachary Dennis