

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
March 06, 2024
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
BARBARA LINDAUER*	A	CORNING W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS 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.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
JUSTIN DAHL*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
JACK MOSIER*	A	PROBERTA W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

CORTINA W.D.
4-M W.D.
GCID
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
LAGRANDE W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.
WESTSIDE W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND
JAKE BERENS	USBR, WILLOWS
WILLIAM VANDERWAAL	RD-108
RYAN FULTON	LWA

“*” indicates closed session attendance

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 09:01 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-SMITH/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS

To approve the March 06, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairman Jones introduced to the TCCA Board the New General Manager at Orland-Artois Water District, Justin Dahl.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C - SCHAAD/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the February 07, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C-SMITH/SCHAAD-UNANIMOUS

To approve the January 2024 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Jake Berens reported on the following: Water allocation of 75%; 3F Pricing Tiers (I-IV).

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: TC and Corning Canal operational and ready to serve; meter reading; meter annual maintenance; FPIP maintenance; grading; check structure maintenance; Corning Canal repairs; SCADA maintenance; CCP motor maintenance; electrical upgrades on TC Canal;

drain and bathtub cleaning; new pump for well at Willows Complex; and safety meetings.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Upcoming ACWA Conference; FPIP tour for NMFS staff.

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 in person trainings for ethics and harassment available through GSRMA on April 17, 2024 at Granzella's in Williams, CA. Alternatively, e-mail Lisa Dicharry and she can set folks up for on-line training through Vector Solutions.

Discuss and Consider WY 2024 CVP/TCCA Water Operations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: TC and Corning Canals operational and ready to serve. Initial Allocation for CVP North of Delta Ag Contracts = 75%, hoping will go up to 100%, next update – on or about March 20th. Currently no interest expressed for a dialogue on transfer water. 3F water currently available under Tier 2 for Irrigation and Tier 3 for Groundwater Recharge. Reminder for folks to send in water orders.

Discuss and Consider GCID/USBR/TCCA Refuge Water Agreements and Charges

- C. Manager Sutton reported on dialogue regarding amendments to current arrangement with GCID regarding administration and fee structure related to water taken through TCCA, that is related to the Refuge Water agreement between USBR and GCID. Limitation needed for amount of priority under take or pay GCID quantity.

Discuss and Consider GSRMA Property Insurance Coverage

- D. Manager Sutton reported on status of ongoing dialogue with GSRMA on approach and rates related to insurance for high value structures.

Update on WIIN Act Contract Conversion

- E. 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

- F. Manager Sutton reported on the following Sites JPA activities: Wheeling rate study for conveyance through TC Canal; EIR litigation; Status of Water Rights proceedings before the SWRCB; efforts and direction related to the CCFCWCD (the "Zone"); status and timing related to investor decisions on the Benefits and Obligations Agreements.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Director Murphy and William Vanderwaal reported on Groundwater Recharge efforts related to DWR program for flood water use; Director Lindauer and Consultant Ryan Fulton reported on efforts related to groundwater recharge and SGMA compliance efforts/funding in Tehama County; Manager Sutton reminded folks to please include the TCCA in the early vetting of concepts, proposals and proposed projects, allowing for a full dialogue on all of the necessary considerations and costs, as well as the potential permitting, protocols and limitations associated with the use of the Sacramento Canals Unit of the CVP.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Jones adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Zachary Dennis