

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
March 11, 2026
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
KEVIN HEBREW*	D	CORNING W.D.
PAMELA KATLEBA-JENKINS*	A	CORTINA W.D./WESTSIDE W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4M W.D.
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.
GCID
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	TCCA
DON BABB	TCCA
AARON HALL	TCCA
MEREDITH NIKKEL*	DOWNEY BRAND
JAKE BERENS	USBR, WILLOWS OFFICE

“*” 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; Colusa County WD representative Shandon Smith arrived at 0905 and Proberta WD representative Jack Moser arrived at 0910.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To approve March 11, 2026, Special Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C -SCHAAD/HEBREW-UNANIMOUS

To approve February 4, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C -JONES/LAUFER-UNANIMOUS

To approve the February 2026 Financial Reports as presented. The Board indicated that the Tri-Counties CD should be renewed if interest rates were in the 3.0%-3.5% range.

C. USBR Report

Jake Berens reported that Article 3.F & Section 215 water will likely turn off next week, that Sacramento Valley Service Contracts were awarded 100% allocation, the Rate Exhibits had been sent out and that contractor should review them, and finally that the Federal Government is no longer accepting payment by checks.

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: Bathtub cleaning Hahn Road and Evans Road; Gate recalibrations at check 22; Drain burning Willows complex; Drain cleaning Cortina Vineyard Road; Venturi pit transmitter maintenance; Electronical room cleaning (Electronic waste); Willows complex yard maintenance and spraying;

Meter shop cleaning and organization; Snorkel lift repair; Vehicle services; Grader hydraulic repair (Cylinder rebuilt); Truck 32 front main seal, cover and injection pump repair; TC operations and patrol to check 9; Prepare Corning canal for frost water and delivery; Replace a potentiometer and calibrate gate, check 6 Corning; Install two salmon net pens; Finish erosion repairs on Corning Canal; Finish spraying TC and Corning Canals, RB complex, and Pumping Plant; Check and replace UPS batteries if needed on TC and Corning; Blowing out still-wells on TC and Corning; Meter readings; Safety meetings. Upcoming activities: Replace hydraulic lines at check 17 gate 1; Grade road to Repeater; Road grading Freshwater Road to King Road; Drain cleaning check 21 RT; Check structure yearly service on TC canal; 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; Motor 4 return; Spray Red Bluff complex and pumping plant; Assist with salmon net pen project; Start washing and installing fish screens.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

Policy Updates-Authority Vehicle Usage and Driving for Authority Business, Illness and Injury Prevention Program / Workplace Violence Prevention Plan, and Procurement of Materials Supplies and Services and Repair and Construction Works (2290, 3010, 3042)

- A. Manager Vanderwaal discussed the policy 2290 provides guidance on the use of Authority owned vehicles and our insurance company has provided some recommended updates which are primarily the inclusion of incident/accident reporting procedures and some minor legal language refinement.

Manager Vanderwaal discussed the policy 3010 provides for an Illness & Injury Prevention Program / Workplace Violence Prevention Plan, and the update is recommended by the insurance company to have this policy reviewed annually by the Safety Committee.

Manager Vanderwaal discussed the policy 3042 provides guidance for Procurement procedures for Supplies and Services. The proposed update was by the insurance company along with some refinement by Legal Counsel. The updates

recommended by the insurance company pertain to training requirements for employees to have charge over acquiring services, materials, etc. and the Legal Counsel provided changes to lay out more defined procedures for acquisition of those things.

M/S/C-SMITH/TITUS-UNANIMOUS

To approve the additions and changes to all the above policies as recommended by Staff, Legal Counsel and Golden State Risk Management Authority.

General Manager Vanderwaal provided blanket authorization for Directors and employees of member districts to ride in TCCA vehicles for business purposes in accordance with Policy 2290.1.3.

Discuss and Consider Sites Reservoir JPA Activities

- B. Manager Vanderwaal and Mike Urkov discussed a meeting that Sacramento River Valley Investors had regarding the Sites Project and the concerns that it is not affordable for Ag in the Sac Valley. Several Board members expressed concern over this and displeasure that environmental constraints consistently “move the goal posts” on water reliability.

Manager Vanderwaal reported that Sites Project is funding Jacobs Engineering to make a max capacity flow model of the TC Canal and TCCA staff have met with them to help them understand our operations and the canal status. They will provide the TCCA with the model results which will be useful for our planned max capacity test this fall/winter.

California Olive Ranch #3 Update

- C. Manager Vanderwaal reported the California Olive Ranch #3 (COR), which is located near Kirkwood Water District has applied for and been granted a Section 215 contract of up to 600 AF per year, for 25 years duration in conjunction with Kirkwood WD. Manager Vanderwaal had a discussion with Water & Land Solutions who manages Kirkwood WD and assists COR on the approach to being assessed by the TCCA. COR #3 is 2450 acres in size and Kirkwood WD is currently 1075 acres. They both currently fall into the minimum assessment category of \$1 per acre. COR #3 will be added to the 5-year rolling average, the same as other districts are. This aligns with the JPA Agreement section 3.6.4. They have not expressed interest in becoming an Associate Member, as covered in JPA Section 3.10 and are not eligible for full seat since they are a private entity as covered in JPA Section 1.9 and 3.10.

The Board directed Manager Vanderwaal to develop a policy to deal with the administrative costs in case many non-district entities begin to obtain Section 215 permits from the Bureau.

GenH Power Proposal

- D. Manager Vanderwaal reported that the TCCA connected with GenH about a year ago by Orland Unit GM Greg Krzys as a potential partnership opportunity for GenH to conduct a pilot project for their hydropower system. Executive summary is that

GenH would install a temporary siphon at the wasteway where GCID receives water deliveries, which would generate electricity. GenH would “own” the electricity generated but would pay the TCCA a monthly use fee that is to be determined. GenH will fund 100% of the cost of installation and the TCCA has the option to take ownership or GenH will remove the system upon completion of the pilot project. Our legal counsel is reviewing the draft agreement.

The Board indicated a desire to proceed but with the following requirements: increase the insurance to \$2 million and add a requirement to show proof of insurance, a more refined design that complies with TCCA standards, and more information about where the electricity will go.

Form 700 & Required Training Brief

- E. Manager Vanderwaal reported this is the final 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.

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

- A. **Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation [California Government Code Section 54956.9(1)] Two Cases:**
- a. **PCFFA et al. v. Lutnick, et al. (E.D. Cal., Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-JLT-EPG); CNRA v. Lutnick (USDC E.D. Cal. No. 1:20-cv-00426-JLT-EPG) [2019 BiOps Lawsuits]**
No Report
 - b. **TCCA v. CA DWR (CA Sup. Ct., County of Sacramento, No. 24WM000183) [2024 CEQA Lawsuit]**
No Report
- B. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation [California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]: SWRCB Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update Proceedings.**
No Report
- C. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 (one potential case).**
No Report

OPEN SESSION

The board re-convened to open session at 10:50 a.m.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Board Secretary
William Vanderwaal

Chairman
Zach Dennis