

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
May 01, 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.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4-M W.D.
MATT DEADMOND*	D	GLIDE W.D.
VINCE LAUFER*	A	GLIDE/KANAWHA W.D.
DARIN TITUS*	D	KIRKWOOD W.D.
JENNY SCHEER*	A	KIRKWOOD W.D.
ZACK DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE/WESTSIDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
JUSTIN DAHL*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
JACK MOSIER*	A	PROBERTA W.D.
MIKE URKOV	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON	GCID
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND
RICH ROBERTSON	USBR, WILLOWS
JAKE BERENS	USBR, WILLOWS
WILLIAM VANDERWAAL	RD-108, DUNNIGAN MANAGER
DON BABB	TCCA

AARON HALL
BEN KING
DAVID MORGAN
BRADEN PISANI
SAM PERKINS

TCCA
COLUSA COUNTY
CONGRESSMAN LAMALFA'S OFFICE
ASSEMBLYMAN GALLAGHER'S OFFICE
SENATOR DAHLE'S OFFICE

“*” indicates closed session attendance-Shandon Smith, Wade Mathis, Jenny Scheer and Justin Dahl were not present for the final item(D) in closed session.

“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 12 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-SMITH/HEBREW-UNANIMOUS

To approve the May 01, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda, with one correction, moving item 8A forward to follow Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ben King, from Colusa County, expressed his concern with North-to-South Water Transfers, as well as the disparate treatment of East vs. West Sacramento Valley allocations during the recent drought. These comments were in regard to the preparation of a Long-Term Water Transfer Environmental Document.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C - SCHAAD/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the April 03, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C-SCHAAD/HEBREW-UNANIMOUS

To approve the March 2024 Financial Reports as presented.

C. **USBR Report**

Rich Robertson reported on the following: Rich reported that this would be his last meeting prior to his pending retirement in a matter of weeks; he expressed his appreciation for the great relationship he has experienced throughout his career working with the TCCA and Water Districts, and wished all well in the future. Chairman Dennis reciprocated expressing his appreciation for Mr. Robertson's dedication, commitment and efforts throughout his career working with the TCCA and the Water Districts. Jake Berens then took over and proceeded with the USBR report, providing that the WDR (Water Delivery Revenue) reports have been sent to the districts and requested that the districts review and report any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Aaron Hall, Red Bluff Supervisor, and Don Babb, TCCA O&M Chief, reported on the following O & M activities: Urban Area Inspection on May 8th; Corning Check 6 motor replaced; Corning Canal operations for ground water recharge initiated on April 29th; maintenance, inspections and installation of additional fish screens at Red Bluff; TC Check 3 motor replacement; Gate repair at GVWD; TC Check 9 gate replacement; TC Check 2 motor replacement; meter readings; annual meter maintenance; electrical upgrades on TC Check 18; April 25th retirement party for Dave Connelly (52 years working on the canal); safety meetings.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Upcoming ACWA Conference (May 7-9); FPIP tour for National Academy of Sciences in relation to review of CVP/SWP LTO BO.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss and Consider Resolution Honoring TCCA Employee

- A. Chairman Dennis presented a Board Resolution Commending TCCA Employee Jeff Sutton for his Years of Service to the TCCA for consideration.

M/S/C-JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve Resolution 2024-02 Commending Jeffrey P. Sutton for his Years of Service to the TCCA.

Director Smith introduced David Morgan with Congressman LaMalfa's Office, Braden Pisani with Assemblyman Gallagher's Office and Sam Perkins with Senator Dahle's Office, each of whom presented Resolutions Commending Jeff Sutton for his Years of Service to the TCCA and Sacramento Valley Water and Communities.

Discuss and Consider Long-Term (10 year) North to North Water Transfer Environmental Document Preparation

- B. Jeff Sutton reported on USBR status of initiating work on a Long-Term Water Transfer Environmental Document. Sutton recommended proceeding with a stand-alone effort for North-to-North Water Transfers to be released independently.

M/S/C-SCHAAD/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS

To approve participation in, and preparation of, an independent North-to-North Long-Term Water Transfer Environmental Document.

Discuss and Consider Sites Project Authority

- C. Director Traynham, Jeff Sutton, Director Murphy and William Vanderwaal reported on the following Sites JPA activities: TCCA representation on the Sites JPA; Wheeling rate study for conveyance via the TC Canal; Status and timeline related to the CEQA/EIR litigation; Status and timeline of the Water Right 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.

M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

Motion to approve the appointment of Jim Jones as the TCCA Director and Zach Dennis as the TCCA Alternate Director to the Sites JPA Board of Directors.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Chairman Dennis and Director Smith presented Jeff Sutton with a ceremonial shovel and pooper scooper signed by directors, staff and colleagues.

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) – 2 potential cases

1. No Report

C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957): 3 Positions; TCCA O&M Chief; TCCA Executive Assistant/Office Manager/Board Assistant Secretary/Treasurer; TCCA Red Bluff Supervisor

1. Reported out in Open Session

D. Public Employee Appointment (Govt Code 54957): Position: General Manager

1. No Report

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Dennis reported out of closed session at 3:00 p.m.

C. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957): 3 Positions

M/S/C-SCHAAD/HEBREW-UNANIMOUS

To increase O&M Chief, Executive Assistant/Office Manager/Board Assistant Secretary/Treasurer and Red Bluff Supervisor annual compensation by 10% starting on May 1, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Assistant Board Secretary
Lisa Dicharry

Vice Chairman
Jim Jones