

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Of the  
**TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY**  
5513 Hwy 162  
Willows, CA 95988  
May 6, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:**

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| 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.  |
| JAMIE TRAYNHAM*         | D | DAVIS W.D.                  |
| DAVID SCHAAD*           | D | DUNNIGAN W.D.               |
| WADE MATHIS*            | D | 4-M W.D.                    |
| JOHN AMARO*             | A | GCID                        |
| 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.          |

**DISTRICTS ABSENT:**

HOLTHOUSE W.D.  
KIRKWOOD W.D.  
PROBERTA W.D.  
THOMES CREEK W.D.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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| WILLIAM VANDERWAAL* | TCCA                 |
| LISA DICHARRY*      | TCCA                 |
| DON BABB            | TCCA                 |
| AARON HALL          | TCCA                 |
| ERNEST CONANT*      | 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 9:00 a.m.

### **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 11 Districts represented; Colusa County WD representative Shelly Murphy arrived at 9:15 a.m. bringing total representation to 12 Districts.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **M/S/C-JONES/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS**

To approve May 6, 2026, Regular Meeting Agenda.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS**

#### **A. Board Meeting Minutes**

#### **M/S/C -SCHAAD/LAUFER-UNANIMOUS**

To approve April 1, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

#### **B. Treasurer's Report**

#### **M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/SCHAAD-UNANIMOUS**

To approve March and April 2026 Financial Reports as presented.

#### **C. USBR Report**

Jake Berens reported that Article 3.F & Section 215 water turned off on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026; Increase out of Keswick, 7500 CSF; Sites negotiations, partnership agreement getting close to done, excess capacity will in the process soon; Another round of Early Retirement payouts, down staffing out of Regional office; Weekly calls with San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority, discussion of North to South transfers (10 down to 2 transferring), groundwater substitution program.

### **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: Check 22 right side drain cleaning; Road grading check 16 left side; Check 13 erosion repair; Check 21 drain cleaning and bathtub

cleaning; Troubleshoot check 14 gate 2 and repair potentiometer and adjust motor brake; Replace boards on check 14 wingwall; Service Cat 140M grader; Check structure maintenance and servicing; Truck 33 rear axle housing repair; Corning C-6 meter transmitter replace and plumping upgrades; Prism cleaning and burning checks 14 and 15; Checking grates and reading meters; Vehicle services and equipment services; TC operations and patrol to check 9; Corning canal chemical treatments; Remove salmon net pen; Red Bluff crew cleaning out ditches along TC; Rb complex and pumping plant spraying completed; Fence repairs along TC Tyler Road; Sprayed trees and tulles along Corning Canal; Check structure maintenance, Corning Canal; Replaced pot and mounting bracket repair; calibrate gate, check 4 Corning Canal; Safety meetings. Upcoming activities: Erosion repair in check 7; End of canal erosion repair; Bathtub cleaning check 26; Replace moss decks OAWD 1; Replace buoy line check 16; Tree removal check 23; 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; Daily and monthly meter readings; Install more 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
  - Valley Water
  - End of March Forecast
  - Long Term Transfer EIS

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **Initiative 6 Update**

- A. Manager Vanderwaal reported Initiative 6 is an action by the Bureau of Reclamation to review and update their CVP operations. It follows Action 5, which used best available science to improve operations by removing the Fall X2 requirements (which requires release of water to keep salinity down below a certain level in the Delta), updated the Old & Middle River operations to allow for flexible increases in south of delta diversions when there are storms, and generally increased diversions to south of delta.

**Discuss and Consider Sites Reservoir JPA Activities**

- B. Manager Vanderwaal reported that the Sites Project has developed a plan to counter the most egregious issues with the draft Diversion Permit via letter to the State Board in the commentary period. Agencies are encouraged to also contribute letters and comments to the State Board pertinent to changes that need to be made to the draft for the project to be successful. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Sites Project will be hosting a workshop to go over five key issues for the Benefits s& Obligations packets for investors. While the TCCA is not a direct investor and will not be a signatory for the B&O's, there are several key topics that will be discussed during this workshop that will demand our attention to detail on, including conveyance, governance and the partner agreement we will be asked to sign with Sites Project.

No Zone 3 update currently, until water rights get resolved.

**Reconciliation Projects Update**

- C. Manager Vanderwaal reported the Maintenance and Facility Committee met and set the prioritization for the automated screens. On Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, the TCCA received the pre-award funding letter from the USBR and can now begin expending funds on the projects that will be reimbursed later. This was authorized by the board during the April meeting. Jacobs Engineering has drafted up scopes of work for the main pumping plant work and the Corning Canal pumping plant work. They both include design, procurement, construction & commissioning phases in them. Once legal counsel has reviewed the contracts, Manager Vanderwaal would like permission to sign those contracts (& upon receipt of the funding authorization letter from the Bureau).

**M/S/C-SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS**

To authorize General Manager Vanderwaal to sign the contracts with Jacobs Engineering upon completion of the final legal review.

**TCCA Contributions Update**

- D. Manager Vanderwaal reported that during the February meeting the Board adopted changes to the various contributions to organizations, however, there was one organization that the GM was directed to determine more information on, the Family Farm Alliance (FFA). The TCCA received the annual invoice from them in March/April, and it is \$1,716, the same as in previous years. Looking at their mission and things they are focusing on it is evident they are focused on nationwide issues for agriculture. Other California members include Friant Water Authority, San Luis-Delta-Mendota Water Authority, and Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and former Manager Sutton is involved with the organization. Manager Vanderwaal reached out to the FFA regarding how they determine our annual membership, and the response was eleven cents per irrigated acre, which equates to 15,600 acres and makes no sense. So, upon further clarification, the person there did not know and suggested they would be open to any level of giving. Based on the above, Manager Vanderwaal recommends the TCCA stay as members at their "Partner" level which

is \$550 annually. The remaining funds will be shifted to the local fairs' donations/sponsorship.

**M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/JONES-UNANIMOUS**

To authorize General Manager Vanderwaal, contribute the amount of \$550 to the Family Farm Alliance and the remaining funds be divided between Colusa and Glenn County Fairs'.

**GenH Hydropower Update**

- E. Manager Vanderwaal reported that GenH and TCCA cannot create an agreement that allows GenH to pay the TCCA unless it is via a power generation lease with the USBR and TCCA first, then GenH and TCCA can enter into an agreement where GenH is allowed to pay the TCCA for power generated. The anticipated lease the TCCA would pay the USBR is exceptionally low ~\$0.0025 per kW generated (PG&E retail rate is around \$0.45 per kWh), and then we can enter an agreement whereby we are paid by GenH for the power generated. To start the process the TCCA must submit a power lease request. The TCCA explored a facility use/lease, but GenH would have to pay the Bureau directly and it would then only be credited to the TCCA to receive at the end of our OMRR agreement (in 25 years), so that was a no-go.

**M/S/C-SCHAAD/HEBREW-UNANIMOUS**

To authorize General Manager Vanderwaal of submitting the power lease request.

**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 10:07 a.m.

**TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

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Board Secretary  
William Vanderwaal

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Chairman  
Zach Dennis