

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
October 04, 2023
09:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS W.D. (arrived 9:05am)
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
DARIN TITUS*	D	KIRKWOOD W.D.
JENNY SCHEER	A	KIRKWOOD W.D.
ZACHARY DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE/WESTSIDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
DAN RUIZ*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

CORNING W.D.
CORTINA W.D.
4-M W.D.
GCID
GLIDE W.D.
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
KANAWHA W.D.
PROBERTA W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY	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 9:01a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 6 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-JONES/SCHAAD-UNANIMOUS

To approve the October 04, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C - SCHAAD/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the September 06, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C-JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the August 2023 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Rich Robertson reported on the following: Determination to utilize CVP Contract Section 3F, instead of 218 contracts, for future diversions of water during surplus conditions; conversations to occur between TCCA and USBR related to Section 3F pricing during surplus conditions; results of investigation of potential sites along the TC Canal (Orland area and Arbuckle Complex) for placement of DWR subsidence monitoring stations; status of Accelerated Transfer Program related to in-basin transfers during the 2024 Water Year and beyond.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: TC and Corning Canal operations; Canal water quality treatments; erosion repairs; vegetation control; Willows compound building maintenance; facility

maintenance/repairs/painting/signage; FPIP maintenance; check structure maintenance; equipment repairs and maintenance; TC Canal O&M Bureau inspections; and safety meetings; upcoming invoicing on Warren Act Well test testing by USBR; and invoices for 2022 ACID O&M Deficit water transfer costs.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Upcoming Finance Committee Meeting to discuss recommendations on the Draft 2024 TCCA Budget; the upcoming Mid-Pacific Region Water Users conference in Reno, January 24-26, 2024; tour of FPIP for USBR Bay-Delta Office Staff; WEF tour/presentation in Red Bluff on Oct. 19th; meeting with Dunnigan WD regarding office access.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss and Consider WY 2023 CVP/TCCA Water Operations

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the relatively healthy status of CVP reservoir water levels as we start the 2024 Water Year; Winter Maintenance Shutdown activities beginning at the start of December, including dewatering of the canal for sediment removal in the Willows area and concrete repairs.

Discuss Draft 2024 TCCA Budget

- B. Manager Sutton highlighted some of the details of the proposed Draft 2024 TCCA Budget, Finance Committee will meet to provide recommendations on the Draft 2024 Budget in October, after which Manager Sutton will send out the Finance Committee's recommended Budget and present the same for consideration at the November Board Meeting.

Discuss and Consider Letter of Support for DWD, CCWD and RD108 Applied Science Grant Application to USBR for Groundwater Monitoring Proposal

- C. Manager Sutton, assisted by Director Schaad, provided an overview of the Grant Application submittal to USBR for funding for Groundwater Monitoring. The Board discussed its support for all such proposals regarding groundwater monitoring, recharge activities and conjunctive use projects.

M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the letter of support for DWD, CCWD, RD108 and other District requests for support for funds to implement groundwater recharge and conjunctive use grant applications.

Discuss and Consider Maven's Notebook Donation

- D. Manager Sutton discussed the Maven's Notebook website that has been a great resource for information and articles related to California water issues and recommended a donation be made by the TCCA.

M/S/C-SMITH/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS

To approve a donation of \$500 to Maven's Notebook.

- Discuss and Consider Resolution 2023-05 Honoring Richard Welsh**
- E. Manager Sutton presented a Board Resolution honoring Richard Welsh for his years of service to the USBR, particularly those activities that benefitted and supported TCCA efforts, including Sites Reservoir and the FPIP.

M/S/C-JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve Resolution 2023-05 Honoring Richard Welsh.

- Update on WIIN Act Contract Conversion**
- F. 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**
- G. Manager Sutton and Director Traynham reported on the following Sites JPA activities: Anticipated certification of the CEQA document for Sites Reservoir at the upcoming Board Meeting; status of Water Rights Application to the SWRCB, as well as a discussion of the protests filed; Project schedule update; Finance Plan update; and activities occurring under the TCCA/Sites JPA Cooperative Agreement related to TC facilities and water wheeling operations, including an RFP for a consultant on wheeling rates.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

None

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

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**
- A. 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.

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, Cavagnolo and Alves

B. No report.

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager

C. No report.

OPEN SESSION

The board re-convened to regular session at 11:15 a.m.

Discuss and Consider General Manager Compensation

M/S/C-TITUS/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To increase the General Manager's annual compensation starting on January 1, 2024 to \$290,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Zachary Dennis