

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
September 06, 2023
09:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
SHELLEY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS W.D. (arrived 9:15am)
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	A	DUNNIGAN W.D.
MATT DEADMOND*	D	GLIDE W.D.
MIKE ALVES*	A	GLIDE/KANAWHA W.D.
ZACHARY DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE/WESTSIDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND (OVER PHONE)
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 7 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-SCHAAD/ALVES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the September 06, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C - JONES/ALVES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the August 02, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes with the following edit to the item entitled TCCA Chairman/Vice-Chairman/Directors Reports: Edit to reflect “Director” Vanderwaal.

B. Treasurer’s Report

M/S/C-SCHAAD/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the July 2023 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Rich Robertson reported on the following: Section 215 water not currently available, USBR will continue to monitor conditions for such opportunities through the end of the 2023 Water Year; utilization of CVP Repayment/WS Contract Section 3F for future diversions of water during surplus conditions; investigation of potential sites for DWR subsidence monitoring stations.

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; WAPA electrical maintenance contract; and safety meetings. Upcoming invoicing related to 2022 ACID water transfer for O&M Deficit and Warren Act Well testing; TC Finance Committee meeting to review 2024 Budget.

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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss and Consider WY 2023 CVP/TCCA Water Operations

- A. Manager Sutton reported on CVP operations, reservoir levels, end of September projections. Manager Sutton also discussed upcoming invoices for Warren Act water quality testing and invoices for the O&M deficit for the 2022 ACID transfer water. Lastly, Manager Sutton reported on the upcoming Winter Maintenance Shutdown planned projects and maintenance activities.

Discuss and Consider Input on USBR Inflation Reduction Act - Drought Mitigation Funding Program

- B. Manager Sutton reported on potential groundwater recharge and conjunctive use grant opportunities under the USBR Inflation Reduction Act – Drought Mitigation Funding Program. Manager Sutton encouraged districts to continue to develop potential proposals and outreach to USBR regarding a workshop to further inform and develop proposals.

Discuss and Consider Recommendations of the TCCA Human Resources Committee

- C. Manager Sutton reported on the recent TCCA HR Committee Meeting where the members reviewed the TCCA benefits and compensation package and policies. The committee suggested further investigation and potential development of recommendations to the TCCA Board related to the following: life insurance benefit increase; employee option for family funeral/life ins. plan; a longevity bonus at 20 and 30 years and \$300 payment for employee's covered by spouse health insurance plan. Manager Sutton will complete this investigation and provide the proposals addressing these suggestions and accompanying employee handbook revisions to the TCCA Board.

Update on WIIN Act Contract Conversion

- D. Attorney Clark provided an update regarding the WIIN Act litigation.

Discuss and Consider Sites Project Authority

- E. Manager Sutton and Director Traynham reported on the following Sites JPA activities: Upcoming CEQA certification; Status of Water Rights Application to the SWRCB, as well as 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.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Vice-Chairman Jones reported to the Board that Orland-Artois General Manager had a medical procedure and is doing well and resting at home.

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation [California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] Four Cases:

A. **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.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Zachary Dennis