

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
September 04, 2024
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
BARBARA LINDAUER*	A	CORNING W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
JORDON NAVARROT	A	DUNNIGAN 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.
ZACH DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE W.D./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.
4M W.D.
GCID
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY*	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND
JAKE BERENS	USBR, WILLOWS
DON BABB	TCCA
PAMELA KATLEBA-JENKINS	WESTSIDE WATER DISTRICT
JERED SHIPLEY	PRINCETON CODORA GLENN I.D.
LEWIS BAIR	RD108

“*” indicates closed session attendance

“D” indicates designated director “A” indicates designated alternate

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order at 09:02 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 11 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the August 07, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Lewis Bair, General Manager of RD-108, presented the Settlement Contractor Perspective on the proposed Long-Term Operations Agreements (LTO). He provided a background starting with the 2018 Biological Opinion (BO) on to the operations conducted under an interim operational plan (IOP) and the transition to the LTO’s currently proposed.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

- A. **Board Meeting Minutes**

M/S/C - SCHAAD/LAUFER-UNANIMOUS

To approve the August 07, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

- B. **Treasurer’s Report**

M/S/C-JONES/SCHAAD-UNANIMOUS

To approve the July 2024 Financial Reports as presented.

- C. **USBR Report**

Jake Berens reported on the following: Each water district received a letter, an annual ‘True Up’ 2023 worksheet, please review for accuracy and get back to the BOR with any corrections; September is the end of the water year, make sure all water districts submit their August water numbers by next week; Aaron Hall reached out to inquire about receiving the standing operating procedures and emergency action plan for Red Bluff Pumping Plant; Article 3F/ 215 water workshop on October 9, 2024.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Don Babb, TCCA O&M Chief, reported on the following O & M activities: Copper treatments on Corning and TC; Argos treatments on Corning and TC; Road grading from Road 60 to Road 65 TC and downstream of check 23 to Almond Road; Bathtub cleaning at Myers Road and Hahn Road; Hauling dirt from Hahn Road to Myers Road; Replace elevation sensors (recalibrate) CK 9 and 10; Repair water main Willows auto shop; Cut and spray saplings trees and blackberry bushes on Corning; Check structure maintenance; Cleaned and removed debris at all turnouts on Corning Canal; Replace UPS Check 13 Corning Canal; CCWD electrical pump station site visit; Broken Jumper on 12kv line at Red Bluff Office (WAPA repair); New hire at Red Bluff; Vehicle and equipment oil changes and maintenance; currently pumping 250 CFS; meter readings; grate cleaning; safety meetings.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Vanderwaal reported on the following meetings: Long Term Operations (LTO) agreements are progressing; Agreements for Healthy Rivers & Landscapes (VA's) have been one of the major topics of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP), the draft funding plan has been agreed to by participants; Delta Conveyance Project (DCP) operations plan have been updated to include provisions Settlement Contractors and TCCA requested, MBK will be doing some analysis on the proposed operations plan; Attended Water District monthly meetings for GCID; Sacramento River Valley Irrigated Land Regional Water Management Group (SVIRWM) reviewing their organizational purpose and priorities and their primary focus is groundwater issues; TCCA Human Resources Committee meeting to review the draft Employee Handbook update, draft Classification/Pay Scales and enhancements for 2025 and review proposals for IT support; TCCA Maintenance & Equipment Committee meeting to review the draft Equipment Modernization and Vehicle Rotation plans for inclusion in the 2025 budget.

Report of Progress on Employee Handbook and Policies Update

- C. Manager Vanderwaal reported that the HR Committee reviewed the updated draft Employee Handbook. The HR committee agreed with legal counsel and staff recommendations, legal counsel will take one last quick legal check on it and the final Employee Handbook will be brought to the TCCA board at the next month's board meeting for adoption.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss and Consider Adopting Updated Budget for 2024

- A. Manager Vanderwaal discussed the revisions with the Finance Committee and provided an overview and highlighted details and is seeking to update the budget based on a typical year for vegetation control, insurance rates have raised over the expected amount, under budget for Sites reservoir, legal expenses, fuel and FPIP

and expected increase for income from GCID, taking more water than typical and “Other Income” has tripled. The Finance Committee after review and discussion recommended the approval of the Updated Budget for 2024.

M/S/C-SCHAAD/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS

To approve the Updated Budget for 2024 per the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Discuss and Consider Sites Reservoir JPA Activities

- B. Manager Vanderwaal, Director Traynham, Director Murphy and Director Urkov reported on the following Sites JPA activities: There is significant amount of activity occurring to wrap up Water Right proceedings; Water Rights application tour; the Benefit/Obligations & Partnership Agreements and various contracting and operating plans; Sites staff are working through rebalancing priorities and how the USBR would be treated in the prioritization process considering their announcement of “Sites Service Contracts” in August; Wheeling rate study for conveyance via the TC Canal; Contract Development, Contract Manager position; Zone 3, council governed by 5 council members; USBR indicated they want to expand from 9% to 16%.

Discuss and Consider Participation in Long Term Transfer Document Cost-Sharing

- C. Manager Vanderwaal reported San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority has approached the TCCA regarding in sharing in cost participation in the development of a Long-Term Water Transfer Document. The Board discussed this at length and directed Manager Vanderwaal to request some additional information regarding the Long-Term Transfer Document and bring to the October board meeting.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Chairman Dennis shared how he really likes the pictures that have been hung in the board room.

Director Murphy reported CVP financial meeting, power analysis 10-year rolling average for rates; Last ACID analysis-credit due back potentially.

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 – Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)) – Govt Claims Act claim received July 29, 2024 from Marco Antonio Andrade Ramos et al

1. No Report

OPEN SESSION

The board re-convened to regular session at 11:14 a.m.

Conference with Legal Counsel- Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)) – Govt Claims Act claim received July 29, 2024 from Marco Antonio Andrade Ramos et al

M/S/C-SCHAAD/TITUS-UNANIMOUS

The board rejected the claim due to merit that has been brought to the TCCA regarding the Sand Creek Bridge claim.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

A. Discuss and Consider Demolition of Sand Creek Bridge

Manager Vanderwaal contacted three companies that specialize in bridge removal/demolition in the Sacramento area and two responded, Sterling-Holloway and Penhall and conducted site visits. The two companies both provided quotes to do the work, both quotes have expired as 30 days has lapsed. The Bureau (USBR) has made no significant progress on removing of the bridge. Manager Vanderwaal is asking the board to proceed with the demolition.

M/S/C-SCHAAD/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

The board authorized Manager Vanderwaal to negotiate with Sterling-Holloway on the bridge demolition up to \$10,000 above the original quote.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 11:21am.

Board Secretary
William Vanderwaal

Chairman
Zach Dennis