

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
WILLOWS, CA 95988
November 3, 2021
09:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE: Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 12, 2020, and guidance by the California Department of Public Health dated March 11, 2020, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference. The public may attend the meeting and offer public comments by phone, using the call-in number provided below. Members of the Board will participate by teleconference from other locations.

Teleconference No: 1-646-307-1479 Conference Code: 4561888722

PRESENT:

HALBERT CHARTER*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
MITCH HARDWICK*	A	CORNING W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
BILL VANDERWAAL*	A	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4-M W.D.
MIKE ALVES*	A	GLIDE/KANAWHA W.D.
ZACH DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE/WESTSIDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
TYLER LALAGUNA	D	PROBERTA W.D.
DAN RUIZ*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND
RICH ROBERTSON	USBR, WILLOWS
DON WRIGHT	WATER RIGHTS

“*” indicates closed session attendance

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Zach Dennis called the meeting to order at 9:00a.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-J.JONES/MATHIS-UNANIMOUS

To approve the November 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C -ALVES/ MATHIS-AYES: H. CHARTER, M. HARDWICK, J. TRAYNHAM, D. SCHAAD, W. MATHIS, M. ALVES, Z. DENNIS AND T. LALAGUNA; NOES: NONE; ABSTAINED: J. JONES; ABSENT: CORTINA W.D., GCID, HOLTHOUSE W.D., KIRKWOOD W.D. AND THOMES CREEK W.D.

To approve the October 06, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer’s Report

M/S/C-J. JONES/ALVES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the September 2021 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Rich Robertson reported on the following: Shasta and Sacramento River operations, Warren Act well testing and final call to get in Section 215 Contract requests for WY 2022.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: Cessation of water operations; Warren Act water management; Winter Maintenance Shutdown activities; drain cleaning; meter maintenance; equipment maintenance; wellhouse/mile marker/facility painting; fence repair; vent install on Corning PP;

Corning Canal weed control and winterization; fish screen maintenance; gate coating; concrete repairs and safety meetings.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Fall ACWA Conf. in Pasadena; January MP Region Water Users Conf. in Reno; FFA Advisory Committee activities, Water Ed. Found. NorCal Virtual Tour; CVPWA Fin. Aff. Committee activities; Water Transfers Organizing Group Meetings and NCWA Dry Year Planning Sessions.

ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

[To occur on a Confidential Conf. Call Line provided to the TCCA Board of Directors and appropriately identified staff]

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

Title: General Manager

OPEN SESSION

The board reconvened in open session and discussed formation of an AD-Hoc Benefits Committee to review TCCA Benefits. The committee consists of Directors Dennis, Mathis, Traynham and Manager Sutton.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss and Consider Approval of the Draft 2022 TCCA Drought Budget

- A. Manager Sutton presented the proposed 2022 TCCA Drought Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee to the Board of Directors.

M/S/C- ALVES/J. JONES -UNANIMOUS

To approve the 2022 TCCA Drought Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Discuss and Consider Groundwater Recharge Proposal(s)

- B. Manager Sutton and Director Vanderwaal discussed ongoing discussions, analysis and investigations for groundwater recharge proposals. The Board continued with its direction to Manager Sutton to supportively engage in this effort.

Discuss and Consider 2021 Water Year and Winter Maintenance Shutdown

- C. Manager Sutton discussed upstream gate coating and concrete repair activities at the start of this shutdown period, potential for some downstream concrete work as well. Draining of Funks anticipated in the early December timeframe for vegetation management and flood control. Corning Canal winterization and maintenance. Manager Sutton committed to coordinating canal operational section shutdowns with the affected Water Districts.

Discuss 2022 Water Transfer Program

- D. Manager Sutton discussed ongoing efforts with USBR, DWR, SLDMWA and MBK to continue to improve and streamline the water transfer processes. Manager Sutton reported on contracting efforts and initiation of document preparation with CDM Smith and contracting with participating TCCA Water Districts, per Board direction.

Discuss and Consider Resolution Authorizing GM to Contract with WAPA for Red Bluff Switchyard Maintenance

- E. Manager Sutton reported on efforts to finalize a scope of work and budget for electrical maintenance of the Red Bluff Switchyard, as well as discussions with USBR on confirmation of the task order relating to this effort.

Update on WIIN Act Contract Conversion Process

- F. Attorney Clark provided a legal and procedural update in regard to the WIIN Act contract conversion process.

Sites Project Authority

- G. Manager Sutton reported on the following: \$80 Million in Federal funding awarded to Sites, Sites JPA submission of the WSIP Feasibility Study; Financing Plan details and timeline; permitting and water rights update and outreach efforts.

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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 Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation: Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(2): One Potential Case

- B. No report.

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)

1. Water Transfers/Purchase of Water
2. Property: Water Supply to Supplement 2021 and future CVP Allocations
3. Under Negotiation: Price, Terms and Amounts
4. Negotiating Parties: Manager Sutton, Directors Dennis, Mathis, Cavagnolo and Alves

C. No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Zach Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

Board Secretary
Jeffrey P. Sutton

Chairman
Zachary Dennis