

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
April 03, 2024
9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
KEVIN HEBREW*	D	CORNING W.D.
CHUCK GRIMMER*	D	CORTINA W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	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.
ZACK DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE/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:

4-M W.D.
GCID
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND
RICH ROBERTSON	USBR, WILLOWS
WILLIAM VANDERWAAL	RD-108, DUNNIGAN MANAGER
DON BABB	TCCA
AARON HALL	TCCA
MADDIE MUNSON	WATER AND LAND SOLUTIONS, LLC

LISA HUNTER
TITO CERVANTES
TODD FLACKUS
TARA GEORGE

GGA PROGRAM MANAGER
DWR
DWR
DWR

“*” indicates closed session attendance

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order at 09:05 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 12 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-JONES/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS

To approve the April 03, 2024 Amended Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C - SMITH/TITUS-UNANIMOUS

To approve the March 06, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer’s Report

M/S/C-SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To approve the February 2024 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Rich Robertson reported on the following: Updated CVP North of Delta Water allocation increased to 100%; 3F water conditions was reported to have ended on 4/1/24.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: CVP Operations, meter reading; meter annual maintenance; FPIP maintenance and prep for irrigation season; check structure maintenance; Corning Canal repairs; SCADA repairs/maintenance; electrical upgrades on TC Canal; pit well maintenance; vehicle maintenance; drain and bathtub cleaning; right of way vegetation management; April 25th retirement party for Dave Connelly (52 years working on the canal); safety meetings.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Upcoming ACWA Conference May 7-9; FPIP tour for National Academy of Sciences and Willows Intermediate School; Ernest's Retirement Party.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discuss and Consider Form 700/Ethics & Harassment Training Requirements

- A. Manager Sutton reminded Directors their Form 700s were due April 1st; and the requirement for Directors to complete 2 hours each of ethics and harassment training every other year. There are in person trainings for ethics and harassment available through GSRMA on April 17, 2024 at Granzella's in Williams, CA. Alternatively, e-mail Lisa Dicharry and she can set folks up for on-line training through Vector Solutions.

Presentation by Tito Cervantes of CA DWR on Sacramento Valley Water Use

- B. Tito Cervantes reported on the Regional DWR office efforts to map district cropping patterns, water use, evapotranspiration rates, and other data points in effort to better inform water management and to provide tools to educate regarding local practices. Mr. Cervantes and his staff offered to meet with any water districts interested to discuss this opportunity and to coordinate efforts.

Presentation by Lisa Hunter, Glenn County, regarding GGA/GGA Colusa Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Development and Status

- C. Lisa Hunter reported on the status, highlights and timeline related to the development of the Colusa Subbasin and Corning Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plans. These plans are in the finalization phase and slated for submittal and review by the end of April.

Discuss and Consider WY 2024 CVP/TCCA Water Operations

- D. Manager Sutton reported on the following: TC and Corning Canals are operational and delivering district water. Manager Sutton discussed the CVP Allocation updates for CVP North of Delta Ag (100%) and elsewhere; and discussed the status of CVP reservoir levels and projected operations throughout the 2024 water year. Manager Sutton also reminded folks to please send in water orders and strive for accuracy.

Discuss and Consider GCID/USBR/TCCA Refuge Water Agreements and Charges

- E. Manager Sutton reported on the current status of the Refuge Water Supply Agreement between GCID and USBR and the resulting conveyance agreements with GCID to convey 25,000 acre-feet of “take or pay” deliveries utilizing the TC Canal. Manager Sutton explained that all parties are working to update those agreements to better reflect current circumstances. The Board supported the effort and gave guidance to continue to proceed discussions with USBR and GCID regarding the effort.

Discuss and Consider Black Butte Spillway Storage Study/Flood Control Curve

- F. Manager Sutton reported on a meeting with USACE, USBR, TCCA, GCID, Orland Unit Water Users Assoc., Glenn County and Congressman LaMalfa’s Office to discuss a potential study related to the expansion of storage at Black Butte Reservoir utilizing the spillway, and discussing opportunities to improve groundwater recharge and surface water management related to the flood releases from Black Butte. Manager Sutton reported further that the meeting was very positive, illustrating potential water supply and groundwater recharge benefits and that USACE and USBR would be looking into opportunities to pursue some feasibility level investigation regarding these concepts.

Discuss and Consider TCCA Labor Law Services

- G. Manager Sutton reported that Liz Stallard, who has been handling the TCCA employment law issues, has moved from Downey Brand to another law firm. The Board directed Manager Sutton to continue to work with Ms. Stallard on any items that are currently open, but to continue to work with the Downey Brand labor law department in regard to any new matters that arise.

Discuss and Consider Status of Arbuckle Facility and USBR Soil Lab

- H. Manager Sutton provided the Board with the recent correspondence received from Colusa County Water District related to their interest to pursue an Agreement with USBR to locate their District office at the Arbuckle Complex. TCCA has also been in discussions with USBR, per Board direction, about relocating the MP Region Soil Lab to the Arbuckle Complex. A good conversation with the Board concluded with direction for TCCA to continue to coordinate efforts and communications with Colusa County Water District to further explore both of these opportunities collectively.

Discuss and Consider Resolution Honoring TCCA Employee Dave Connelly

- I. Manager Sutton presented a Board Resolution Commending TCCA Employee Dave Connelly for his 52 years of service to the TCCA for consideration.

M/S/C-JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve Resolution 2024-01 Commending David P. Connelly, Upon his Retirement, for 52 Years of Service to the TCCA.

Update on WIIN Act Contract Conversion

- J. Attorney Clark stated there is no substantive update on this matter at this time, as

the court has yet to render an opinion.

Discuss and Consider Sites Project Authority

- K. Manager Sutton reported on the following Sites JPA activities: Wheeling rate study for conveyance via the TC Canal; Status and timeline related to the CEQA/EIR litigation; Status and timeline of the Water Right proceedings before the SWRCB; efforts and direction related to the CCFCWCD (the “Zone”); status and timing related to investor decisions on the Benefits and Obligations Agreements.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Director Scheer introduced Maddie Munson from Water and Land Solutions, LLC to the Board of Directors.

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 – Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – 2 potential cases**

1. Board gave direction to counsel to initiate or intervene in two actions; the action, defendants and other particulars shall be disclosed to any person upon inquiry once formally commenced.

- C. **Public Employee Appointment (Govt Code 54957): Position: General Manager**

1. No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm.

Assistant Board Secretary
Lisa Dicharry

Chairman
Zachary Dennis