

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
October 02, 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.
BARBARA LINDAUER*	A	CORNING W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WADE MATHIS	D	4M W.D.
MATT DEADMOND*	D	GLIDE W.D.
VINCE LAUFER*	A	GLIDE/KANAWHA 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.
MIKE URKOV*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

CORTINA W.D.
GCID
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
KIRKWOOD W.D.
PROBERTA 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
AARON HALL	TCCA
PAMELA KATLEBA-JENKINS	WESTSIDE WATER DISTRICT
MADDIE MUNSON	WATER AND LAND SOLUTIONS, LLC
KEVIN O'BRIEN	DOWNEY BRAND

MERRIDITH NICKEL
BEN KING

DOWNEY BRAND (CLOSED SESSION)
COLUSA COUNTY (OVER THE PHONE)

“*” indicates closed session attendance

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order at 09:01 a.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 10 Districts represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S/C-SCHAAD/LAUFER-UNANIMOUS

To approve the October 02, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Kevin O’Brien, Legal Counsel with Downey Branch, presented to the board Groundwater: SGMA, Adjudications, Recharge/Banking Projects and Emerging Issues. Groundwater is a critical part of CA Water Supply;
- SGMA- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, aims to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins;
 - Adjudications, a judicial process in which a party initiates a lawsuit against all other pumpers in a groundwater basin;
 - Recharge/Banking Projects- Conjunctive Use, Recharge by agency within its jurisdiction, Recharge by agency outside its jurisdiction and recharge services for money or water, can play an important role in balancing SGMA plans, particularly with increasing reductions of surface supplies for environmental purposes;
 - Emerging Issues- it is essential to have a robust accounting system of water credited as being stored, accounting for all losses (including evaporative and migrating where applicable), that has general acceptance in the “community”, including GSAs and surrounding districts or other jurisdictions.

Ben King, General Public, commented.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

- A. **Board Meeting Minutes**

M/S/C - SCHAAD/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the September 04, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes with the following grammar correction: General Business 8C- Discuss and Consider Participation in Long Term Transfer Document Cost-Sharing, remove the word “the” from sentence, The Board discussed “the” 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.

B. Treasurer’s Report

M/S/C-JONES/HEBREW-UNANIMOUS

To approve the August 2024 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Jake Berens reported on the following: WIIN Act implementation meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2024 in Sacramento from 10am to 12pm, in person, virtual or by phone; 2025 Draft rates online; October 1st begins with relatively good conditions in major Central Valley Project reservoirs, with 7.43 million acre-feet of water in storage, about 120% of the 15-year average, Shasta is at 2.78 million acre-feet of water, 113% of the 15-year average and Trinity is at 1.7 million acre-feet of water, 115% of the 15-year average.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Operations & Maintenance

- A. Don Babb and Aaron Hall, TCCA O&M Chief and Red Bluff Supervisor, reported on the following O & M activities: Road grading at Wildwood Road to check 23 and to Sand Creek; Bathtub cleaning check 22, Replace elevation sensors at check 16; Drain cleaning from Hahn Road to undershoot; Fence repair upstream Road 33; Troubleshoot and repair electrical issue WWD 5 meter; Painting parking lot at Willows complex; Cut and spray saplings trees and blackberry bushes on Corning Canal (outgoing project); Chop/mow vegetation (stink wart) West Canal Road and around Red Bluff complex; Replace HMI at Willows office; Motor 7 quote from Vallejo Motors is the lowest bid \$37,000; Cleaned all block houses on Corning Canal; Two employees studying for their QAC licenses; Clean trash racks at Pumping Plant; Fish screen light project, remove all phot cells off each light and replace with one and a main contractor; Moved JD dozer from Red Bluff to Willows for December Auction; Meeting with RD108 about CARB (upcoming regulations on Electric vehicles); Currently pumping 500 CFS; meter readings; grate cleanings; safety meetings. Upcoming activities: Ongoing Road grading, Ongoing bathtub and drain cleaning; Bank repair Cortina Creek siphon; Milepost painting on TC; Tree removal check 9; Ongoing work on erosion and tree removal on Coring (2024 review); removing fish screens out of the river.

Meetings/Presentations

- B. Manager Vanderwaal reported on the following meetings: Long Term Operations (LTO) agreements are being presented to the CVP on September 26th; Agreements for Healthy Rivers & Landscapes (VA's) the mechanism for collecting the added fees is under discussion, the preference is for the USBR to collect them along with normal water rate collection, however, it may require legislated authorization for the Bureau to conduct that collection and an interim mechanism would need to be developed; District Manager's meeting Colusa County hosted the September TC District Manager's meeting and it was well attended, there were significant discussions regarding groundwater recharge, electrical power supply issues and water transfers; TCCA Finance and Budget Committee meeting to review the draft 2025 Budget; SRSC Net Pen's, the Sac River Settlement Contractors are working with CDFW, USFWS and other agencies regarding salmon recovery and have a specific project where they are trying to imprint hatchery raised smolts to the Sacramento River Mainstem; Groundwater Recharge RD-108 recently hosted Ernest Conant who presented information on groundwater recharge and banking efforts that he has seen/participated with in the San Joaquin Valley.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Election of Officers for the TCCA Board of Directors

- A. Chairman Zachary Dennis opened the floor for nominations for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer/Secretary and Assistant Treasurer/Secretary of the TCCA Board of Directors.

Director Jones made a motion to nominate Zach Dennis as Chairman, Director Smith seconded the motion.

Director Schaad made a motion to nominate Jim Jones as Vice Chairman, Director Traynham seconded the motion.

Director Traynham made a motion to nominate William Vanderwaal as Treasurer/Secretary and Lisa Dicharry as Assistant Treasurer/Secretary, Director Jones seconded the motion.

No other nominations were received.

M/S/C-JONES/SMITH/SCHAAD/TRAYNHAM-UNANIMOUS

After an open vote, the results of the election were as follows: Director Zachary Dennis elected Chairman; Director Jim Jones elected Vice Chairman; General Manager William Vanderwaal elected Treasurer/Secretary and Office Manager Lisa Dicharry elected Assistant Treasurer/Secretary.

Presentation of Draft Budget for 2025

- B. Manager Vanderwaal presented and summarized the details of the proposed 2025 Draft Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee to the Board of Directors, 2024 net income amount to be applied towards the 2025 assessments to help reduce the assessment payments and the ultimate presentation will be at the November Board Meeting.

Presentation of Draft Employee Handbook and Policies

- C. Manager Vanderwaal presented and summarized the details of the Draft Employee handbook as recommended by the Human Resources committee, employees and Legal Counsel-Downey Brand. The final presentation for approval will be at the November Board meeting.

Manager Vanderwaal presented new and updated policies that are required by law and have been drafted by Legal Counsel-Downey Brand; 3010-Illness & Injury, 3015-Heat Illness Prevention Plan for Indoor and Outdoor Places of Employment and Violet Incident Log.

M/S/C-SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To approve TCCA Policies: 3010-Illness and Injury Prevention Program, 3015-Heat Illness Prevention Plan for Indoor and Outdoor Places of Employment and Violent Incident Log.

Discuss and Consider Participation in 2025 Water Transfer Document

- D. Manager Vanderwaal discussed with the board the process typically begins of drafting the documents for an annual water transfer above and beyond what the districts have individually set up during this time of year. CDM Smith has been contacted and will be providing a scope and cost estimate that will be shared at the November meeting, districts will need to discuss if they want to participate in the document preparation and determine what quantity of water they would like to have included and forecast related to 2023 water transfer efforts and a decision will need to be determined at the November Board meeting.

Discuss and Consider Participation in Long Term Transfer Program

- E. Manager Vanderwaal reported that San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority is still requesting the TCCA to participate in the cost share that the Bureau is requiring them to pay for the North-South transfer document, the amount being requested to pay has been reduced to \$250,000 (from \$500,000) and SLDMWA is asking TCCA to cover 15% of the cost, about \$35,636.77. The Board discussed this at length and are less inclined to participate in SLDMWA document and possibly would do a stand-alone document with USBR being they are committed to paying for the TCCA Long-Term Transfer Document.

Ben King, General Public, commented.

Discuss and Consider Sites Reservoir JPA Activities

- F. Manager Vanderwaal, Director Traynham, Director Murphy and Director Urkov reported on the following Sites JPA activities: Water Rights application tour; Sites tours mid-October; Sites Committee working on Financial Plan and next steps; Sites has hired consultants to determine an appropriate method for calculating the wheeling rate for Sites diverted water, it has three components: capital cost, operations/maintenance cost and extraordinary costs; Zone 3.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Manager Vanderwaal shared with the board the additional documents in the board packet for their review: Natural Resource Results monthly federal updates, California Advocates reports on California 2025 general election and Governor's bill actions, Northern California Water Association (NCWA) Water briefings and 2024 State Legislative summary and Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA) vacancy of the Special District Representative position on the GSRMA 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 – 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
- C. **Conference with Legal Counsel- Significant Exposure to Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(d)(4)) – One potential case**
1. No Report

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 11:38am.

Board Secretary
William Vanderwaal

Chairman
Zach Dennis