

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY March 7, 2016

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Monday, March 7, 2016 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Matthew Hurley presided and Deanna Jackson kept the Minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Ceil Howe III
Matthew Hurley
Kayode Kadara

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Jackson – Secretary/Treasure
Denise Kadara

Director Matthew Hurley called the meeting to order at 1:34 P.M. and asked the public for comment. Receiving no public comment Director Hurley asked whether there were additions or deletions to the Agenda. None was noted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A/B The Board considered the checks and warrants which had been processed January 8, 2016 to March 6, 2016 and the draft Minutes of the January 7, 2016 Regular Board Meeting. On the motion of Director Ceil Howe III and the second of Director Matthew Hurley, the Board voted to approve the checks, warrants and draft minutes of the January 7, 2016 meeting, all as presented, with Director Kadara abstaining from the minutes because he was not present at the previous meeting. (3-0-0) Checks and Warrants and (2-0-1) Minutes.

ACTION CALENDAR

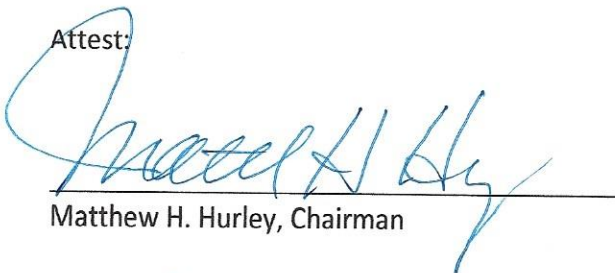
1. This item was the Review and Action on **RESOLUTION 16-2 DECLARING TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE TULE SUBBASIN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AUTHORITY**. Director Hurley presented an overview of the Resolution. Director Howe III voiced concerns regarding Tulare Lake Water Storage District's boundary adjustment, which would have a direct effect on the Authority's proposed boundaries. Director Hurley reported he had spoken with DWR and they have indicated the boundary change would not constitute a material change to the GSA Notice, and therefore should not change the timeline for authorization of our application. On the motion of Director Ceil Howe III and the second of Director Kayode Kadara, the Board voted to approve Resolution 16-2. (3-0-0)

2. This item was a Review of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") and Discussion of the Authority's Role in Implementation of the SGMA in the Tule and Tulare Lake, Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 Subbasins, and Action, as appropriate, to Support the Authority's Role. Director Hurley presented the most current information on draft regulations, concluding the regulations were substantially prescriptive and the cost to organize a GSA is estimated to be \$200,000 to \$250,000. Due to the high burden of cost agencies were indicating their willingness to merge with other agencies to share the burden. Director Kadara asked that the Authority send outreach letters to other agencies in the Authority's boundaries regarding the Authority's intent to become a GSA and to invite input and possible collaboration. Denise Kadara asked the Board to send out printed materials to interested parties in the Allensworth area. No action was taken.
3. This item was Review of Tri-County Water Authority's website development. Director Hurley gave an overview of the new website's current development and asked for pictures and a short biography from each board member to populate the site.
4. This item was a Legal Counsel Report presented by Lauren Layne. She stated the JPA amendment has been submitted and the name has been changed from Southwest Tulare County Water Resource Management Authority to Tri-County Water Authority. Counselor Layne reported on the State Legislature's interest in bills requiring Counties to regulate new groundwater well drilling and new developments regarding proof of water quality and quantity.
5. This item was a Review and Update on the **CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**. Counselor Layne reported the 45 day notice has been posted and Form 700's are due by April 1, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the March 7, 2016 meeting, Chairman Hurley adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on May 9, 2016 at 1 P.M. in the Boardroom of the Authority Office or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Matthew H. Hurley, Chairman



Ceil Howe III