

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

September 7, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Matthew Hurley presided and Deanna Jackson kept the Minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kayode Kadara
Cory VanderHam
Matthew Hurley

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauren Layne, Denise Kadara, Mark Hutson,
Kathy McLaughlin, Adriana Renteria

Chairman Matthew Hurley called the meeting to order at 1:04 P.M.

Chairman Hurley asked for public comment and Adriana Renteria introduced herself as a representative of the Community Water Center and gave a brief overview of upcoming events.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. The Board considered the checks and warrants which had been processed from June 28, 2017 to September 7, 2017. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Kadara, the Board voted to approve the checks and warrants. (3-0-0)
- B. The Board considered the draft Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 5, 2017 and the Special Board Meetings of January 31, 2017 and June 27, 2017.

The Board considered the minutes from the meetings of January 5, 2017 and January 31, 2017 and on the motion of Director Kadara and the second of Director VanderHam the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented with Director VanderHam recusing himself from the vote due to not being present for those meetings. (2-0-1)

The Board considered the minutes from the meeting of June 27, 2017 and on the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Kadara the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented with Director Kadara recusing himself from the vote due to not being present during that meeting. (2-0-1)

ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration, review and/or action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Tri-County Water Authority and the Tule Subbasin Groundwater Sustainable Agencies, including the Fiscal Agent Agreement. General Manager Hurley presented the MOU and gave an overview of the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins as they pertain to SGMA. The Tule Subbasin is comprised of six GSA's with each GSA developing its own individual plan, which will require a Coordination Agreement and the utilization of shared and agreed upon data between them. Counselor Layne explained the MOU is the precursor for the Coordination Agreement. On the motion of Director Kadara and the second of Director VanderHam the Board voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding including the Fiscal Agreement with Legal Counsel's review. (3-0-0)
2. This item was a request for Board consideration, review and/or action to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Tri-County Water Authority and the Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Sustainable Agencies. Counselor Layne presented this Agreement as an Interim Agreement with a per acre basis Financial Agreement and is being presented in its complete and final form. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Kadara the Board voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Tulare Lake Subbasin. (3-0-0)
3. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to approve Resolution 17-04, **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY APPOINTING LAUREN LAYNE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES' STATE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR THE 2018-2019 TERM.** Chairman Hurley lamented that having representation on this committee provided Tri-County Water Authority with a critical link to ACWA involvement and an opportunity to effect State Law. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Kadara the Board voted to approve Resolution 17-04. (3-0-0)
4. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to approve Resolution 17-05, **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY APPOINTING MATTHEW HURLEY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY TO THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES' FINANCE COMMITTEE AND GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE FOR THE 2018-2019 TERM.** On the motion of Director Kadara and the second of Director VanderHam the Board the Board voted to approve Resolution 17-05. (3-0-0)
5. This item was a request for Board consideration, review and/or action to set a schedule for Stakeholder meetings to discuss and inform interested parties of the actions and considerations of Tri-County Water Authority in the respective Subbasins. Chairman Hurley explained that each GSA is required to have stakeholder input into the Groundwater Sustainability Planning process. Tri-County Water Authority is inviting interested

stakeholders to participate on an Advisory Committee including BLM, NRCS, State and Federal agencies, NGO's, nut growers, farmers, dairy farmers, and any other interested stakeholder. This committee would meet monthly and help inform the Board regarding policy matters as the planning process moves forward. No action was taken.

6. This item was a request for Board consideration, review and/or action to approve the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee to provide expert guidance and direction as the SGMA process develops and the Groundwater Sustainability Plans are written. Chairman Hurley asked for recommendations of individuals with technical skills and local knowledge that could be a part of a team which will include engineers, hydrologists, habitat specialists and others to offer technical guidance in the planning and implementation of the GSP. No action was taken.
7. This item was a request for Board consideration, review and/or actions to approve a contract with Provost and Pritchard Engineers for development of an Engineer's Analysis of estimated costs of operations, management, planning and development necessary for Tri-County Water Authority to conduct the appropriate Proposition 218 and/or Proposition 26, or both, election(s) to establish an initial assessment regime for the next five (5) years in order to provide necessary revenue to allow for compliance with the SGMA legislation in all respects. General Manager Hurley explained that the Engineer's Analysis as a California requirement before a Proposition 218 or Proposition 26 election process can be conducted. The assessment will be based on a per acre basis and should be completed sometime at the beginning of 2018. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Kadara the Board voted to approve the contract with Provost and Pritchard. (3-0-0)

COMMUNICATIONS / OLD BUSINESS

8. Various reports as follows:
 - a. Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestions – None given.
 - b. Reports of General Interest
 - 1) Tule Subbasin Report – the Technical Committee continues to meet monthly and is working on the Coordination Agreement.
 - 2) Tulare Lake Subbasin Report – The Technical Committee continues to meet monthly and is working with a modeler as the starting point for the construction of the Subbasin Plan.
 - 3) Poso IRWM/Tule IRWM – No new reports.
 - 4) Legal Counsel Report (Lauren Layne) – The Tulare County well ordinance died and SB 252 has been limited to noticing on new wells and expires when SGMA plans go into practice.

ADJOURNMENT

5. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the September 7, 2017 meeting, Chairman Hurley adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on November 2, 2017 in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Matthew H. Hurley, Chairman



Cory VanderHam