

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

November 2, 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, November 2, 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, David Clark,  
Kathy Wood McLaughlin, Deanna Jackson  
Carole Combs, Cindy Quezada, Brandon Spain  
Doug Jackson

Chairman Matthew Hurley called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Hurley asked for public comment and Kathy Wood McLaughlin, BLM, reported that representatives of BLM and DWR had met and are developing a statewide MOU on SGMA engagement, and the BLM will develop a MOU to layout local engagement with Tri-County Water Authority and the Alpaugh GSA.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

A/B. The Board considered the checks and warrants which had been processed from September 8, 2017 to November 2, 2017 and the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 7, 2017. On the motion of Director Kadara and the second of Director VanderHam, the Board voted to approve the checks and warrants as presented and to approve the draft minutes with a correction to the Action Calendar's item #1 to reflect the corrected title of Chairman Hurley. (3-0-0)

## ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to submit a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan to the Department of Water Resources for the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins. Chairman Hurley explained the requirement of Notice of Intent and on the motion of Director Kadara and the second of Director VanderHam, the

Board voted to direct legal counsel and staff to prepare and submit the required notice to DWR. (3-0-0)

2. This item was a request for Board consideration, review and/or action to establish a schedule of dates and times for the Advisory Committee and Technical Committee meetings for the next six months. Chairman Hurley welcomed feedback and input from the public and stakeholders regarding their interest and willingness to serve on these committees. The Board and the stakeholders discussed the best dates, times, and frequency of meetings. The consensus was to hold both meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month with the Technical Committee meeting to be held monthly and the Advisory Committee meeting to be held bi-monthly, both commencing in January. The Technical Committee will meet at 10:00 A.M. and the Advisory Committee will meet at 1:00 P.M. The Board Scheduled a Special Meeting, to be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M., to review the Engineer's Report for the Proposition 218 Election. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Kadara the Board voted to adopt the Committee Meeting schedules and to set the Special Meeting for December 6, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. (3-0-0)

### **COMMUNICATIONS / OLD BUSINESS**

3. 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 work as a group to develop the Coordination Agreement. Thomas Harter, the Tule Sub-basin's contracted hydrologist, is writing the narrative for 5 of the required elements and the group is writing the other two. The group is applying for a \$1.5 million grant and the budget will be significantly affected by the outcome.

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 Sub-basin Plan. This group is also applying for the \$1.5 million grant but will utilize it differently with some of the funding going directly to the individual GSA's. This group is working on a single GSP with chapters.

3) Poso IRWM/Tule IRWM – There was no new report for the Poso IRWM. The Tule IRWM received a grant to update their plan and the 2016 draft plan is expected to be available at the end of the year. The IRWM is focusing on storm water projects as the initial projects set for funding.

4) Legal Counsel Report (Lauren Layne) – AB 321 passed and requires farmer, rancher, and dairy professionals be included in the SGMA process. SB 252 passed and requires a cities and/or counties overlying a critically over drafted basins to make well permit information easily accessible by both the public and the GSA. The bill phases out in 2020

when SGMA requirements phase in. SB 372 passed and legislatively formed some GSA's not located in our area.

**ADJOURNMENT**

4. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the November 2, 2017 meeting, Chairman Hurley adjourned the meeting until the next Special Meeting to be held on December 6, 2017 in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Matthew H. Hurley, Chairman



Cory VanderHam