

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

December 6, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Wednesday, December 6, 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, Joe Hopkins,  
Kathy Wood McLaughlin, Deanna Jackson  
Carole Combs, Cindy Quezada, Brandon Spain

Chairman Matthew Hurley called the meeting to order at 1:14 P.M.

Chairman Hurley asked for public comment and Kathy Wood McLaughlin, BLM, reported that they had met with their solicitor to review the MOU for SGMA engagement and there should be a draft for Tri-County Water Authority to review in January.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

A/B. The Board considered the checks and warrants which had been processed from November 3, 2017 to December 5, 2017 and the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 2, 2017. On the motion of Director Kadara and the second of Director VanderHam, the Board voted to approve the checks, warrants and draft minutes as presented. (3-0-0)

## ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration, review and/or action as necessary on Provost and Pritchard's Engineer's Report for Tri-County Water Authority's Proposition 218 Election. Joe Hopkins with Provost and Pritchard gave a summary of the report. Mr. Hopkins worked with Tri-County Water Authority to develop a fee basis for 5 acre plus parcels, excluding any parcels located in the Allensworth CSD area. The report will be available for review by the public at the Tri-County Water Authority office and on their website. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Kadara, the Board voted to approve and accept Provost and Pritchard's Engineer's Report. (3-0-0)
2. This item was a request for Board establishment of procedures for a majority vote and hearing on proposed land ownership-based assessment to finance administration of the Tri-County Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency as required in each of the Tule

and Tulare Lake Subbasins, to provide for development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Groundwater Sustainability Agency in each subbasin, for implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans in each subbasin and for planning, analysis and environmental review of possible projects within the subbasins for Groundwater Management and usage sustainability through surface water import, conveyance, reclamation and recharge. Absent a voluntary waiver executed by owners of acreage of at least fifty percent (50%) plus one acre of the affected assessment acre landowners, the District will consider establishment of a process, compliant with California Proposition 218, for establishment of an acreage-based assessment, for assessment year, to be paid annually in four (4) equal quarterly installments beginning March 1, 2018, and will consider adoption of Tri-County Water Authority resolution 17-04, a RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS ESTABLISHING PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOT PROCEDURES AND CALLING FOR AN ASSESSMENT BALLOT PROCEEDING ON A PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN ACREAGE-BASED ASSESSMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION, GSP DEVELOPMENT, GSP IMPLEMENTATION, PLANNING, ANALYSIS AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR PROJECT(S) AND ACTUAL PROJECT(S) SUPPORTING THE GSP; ESTABLISHING PRELIMINARY AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT AND SETTING OF NOTICED HEARING. The Board reviewed the Resolution summarizing the process and on the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Kadara and the Board voted to adopt Resolution 17-04 and established the public hearing for March 1, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. (3-0-0) Provost & Pritchard was also directed to timely mail out the ballots for the Proposition 218 election.

3. This item was for Board discussion with Provost and Pritchard, Authority engineering consultants, and Authority counsel, on proper conduct of Proposition 218 election to assure compliance with all applicable laws and regulation related thereto and any additional action deemed necessary, as appropriate. After consultation with Mrs. Layne and Mr. Hopkins the Board directed staff to move forward with additional action to complete the Proposition 218 election.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

  
Matthew H. Hurley, Chairman

  
Cory VanderHam