

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

January 4, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Matthew Hurley presided and kept the Minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Kayode Kadara  
Cory VanderHam  
Matthew Hurley

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Denise Kadara, Cindy Quezada, Brandon Spain

Chairman Matthew Hurley called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Chairman Hurley asked for public comment and none was noted.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

A/B. The Board considered the checks and warrants which had been processed from November 3, 2017 to January 4, 2018 and the draft minutes of the Special Board Meeting of December 6, 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. (3-0-0)

## ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a report on the status of the submission of the Notice of Intent to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan to the Department of Water Resources for the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins. Chairman Hurley reported that the Notices of Intent had both been forwarded and accepted by the Department.
2. This item was report on the progress for stakeholder and technical committees' scheduling and notice. The website has been updated and the meetings inserted on the website calendar for everyone to utilize. The discussion led to a general feeling that monthly meetings may be the norm initially, with a prospect for settling into a more spread schedule later on.
3. This item was a report on progress toward a Public Hearing and completion of balloting for the Proposition 218 election approved by the Board at its December Special Meeting. Chairman Hurley reported that the consultants had met the timeline and that the ballots had been sent out along with the appropriate supporting information and direction to return the ballot by close of the Public Hearing on March 1. Chairman Hurley also reported that a separate explanatory/introductory letter had also been sent out to all landowners explaining

SGMA and the role of Tri-County in the process. He indicated that the landowners were, in fact, beginning to receive ballots and letters and that several had called the office to inquire further.

#### COMMUNICATIONS / OLD BUSINESS

4. 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, has provided a draft narrative for 5 of the required elements and the group is reviewing draft language for the other two. The group applied for a \$1.5 million grant and the overall 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 also applied for the \$1.5 million grant but will utilize it differently with most of the funding likely to go to an Engineering/Hydrologic consultant who will assist the Subbasin group on a single GSP with chapters. An RFP has gone out soliciting bids from qualified consultants.

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 – Counsel was not present so there was nothing to report.

#### ADJOURNMENT

5. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the January 4, 2018 meeting, Chairman Hurley adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on March 1, 2018 in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

  
Matthew H. Hurley, Chairman

  
Cory VanderHam