

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

March 1, 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, March 1, 2018 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Matthew Hurley presided and kept the Minutes.

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lauren Layne, Alan Becker, Laurie Sales, Julianne Phillips, Mark Hutson, Dennis Tristao, Kathy Wood McLaughlin, Sequani Ligons, Carnell Montgomery, Jr., Arceo Franciscos

Chairman Hurley called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

Chairman Hurley asked for public comment. None was offered.

Secretary Jackson recognized and swore-in Mark Grewal as Director on Tri-County Water Authority's Board of Directors.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

A/B The Board considered approval/ratification of the warrants and finances which had been processed January 4, 2018 to February 28, 2018, and the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 4, 2018. On motion of Director Kadara and second of Director VanderHam, the Board voted to approve the consent calendar as presented. (3-0-0)

## PUBLIC HEARING

## PROP 218

The Board opened the Public Hearing on the Proposition 218 proposed land-based assessment at 1:03 P.M. and invited public comment. Receiving no public comment the Board closed the Public Hearing at 1:04 P.M.

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

1. This item was a request for final ballots and close of voting period for Tri-County Water Authority's Proposition 218 Election and ballot tallying. Receiving no additional ballots the Board closed the voting period and directed Laure Sales and Alan Becker, Provost and Pritchard, to count the vote.
2. This item was a request for Board establishment of the initial 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 and adoption of the appropriate resolution authorizing the same. Having received 58.1% of the landowner votes and 18.1% of votes received indicating a yes vote the assessment did not pass.
3. This item was a request for Board consideration of alternative steps to be taken in order to provide for a re-consideration and/or modification by the Tri-County Water Authority engineering consultants of the Engineer's Report submitted previously to reflect the new and changed circumstances, if any, resulting from the failure to achieve the appropriate number of affirmative votes of the participating landowners and action establishing said alternative(s), including imposition of fees associated with extraction as a financing alternative, at the earliest possible time. The Board Directed Provost and Pritchard to reconsider and/or modify the TCWA Engineer's Report. No action was taken.
4. This item was a request for Board discussion with Provost and Pritchard, Authority engineering consultants, and Authority counsel, on proper conduct of additional Proposition 218 or Proposition 26 election(s) to assure compliance with all applicable laws and regulation related thereto and any additional action deemed necessary, as appropriate, for the furtherance of options available to the Authority for finance of its lawful obligations. No action was taken.

## **COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS**

5. Various reports as follows:
  - a. Directors Reports/Comments/Suggestions – None
  - b. Reports of General Interest
    - 1) Tule Subbasin Report – The Tule Subbasin is currently working on Subbasin's Groundwater Sustainability Coordination Agreement. Parts of the agreement have gone out for comment.
    - 2) Tulare Lake Subbasin Report – The Tulare Lake Subbasin has hired Amec Foster Wheeler to prepare a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Subbasin.
    - 3) Poso IRWMP/Tule IRWMP – A draft update is expect at the end of the month.

- 4) Legal Counsel Report by Lauren Layne – Counselor Layne reported on AB1427
- 5) Tulare Lake Wildlife Partners Update(s) – A question was presented about inclusion of a wildlife management plan in the GSP.
- 6) State/Federal Updates – Kathy Wood McLaughlin, BLM, presented the BLM MOU.
- 7) Committee Updates – Committee Scheduling was discussed.
- 8) Other Updates, as appropriate - None

## ADJOURNMENT

7. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the March 1, 2018 meeting, Chairman Hurley adjourned the meeting until the next Special Meeting to be held on March 13, 2018 at 1:00 P.M., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Cory VanderHam