

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

May 21, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Monday, May 21, 2018 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Kayode Kadara

~~Matthew Hurley~~ presided and Secretary Jackson kept the Minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kayode Kadara
Cory VanderHam

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Matthew Hurley

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauren Layne, Mark Grewal, Mike Nordstrom
Deanna Jackson, Alan Becker, Laure Sales, Julianne Phillips,
Damien Smith

Vice-Chairman Kadara called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

Vice-Chairman Kadara 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 March 1, 2018 to May 17, 2018, and the draft minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 13, 2018. On motion of Director VanderHam and second of Director Kadara, the Board voted to approve the consent calendar as presented. (3-0-1)

PUBLIC HEARING

PROP 218

The Board opened the Public Hearing on the Proposition 218 proposed land-based assessment and invited public comment at 1:03 P.M. 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 & 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 72.8% of the landowner votes and 87% of votes received indicating a yes vote, on the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director VanderHam, the Board affirmed the establishment of the initial assessment and directed staff to invoice the landowners accordingly and to research adding the assessment to the County Roll. (3-0-1)
3. This item was for Board consideration and/or approval of the **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS OF AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT** to approve the addition of W. H. Wilbur Reclamation district #825 as a signatory to the agreement and the addition of a representative of W. H. Wilbur Reclamation District #825 to the Tri-County Water Authority Board of Directors. Counselor Layne presented the establishment of the fifth Board seat as provided for in the Tri-County Water Authority By-laws. After Board discussion and on the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director VanderHam the Board voted to approve the addition of W. H. Wilbur Reclamation District and the **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AGREEMENT TO THE TERMS OF AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT**. (3-0-1)
4. This item was for Board consideration and/or approval of the **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR COORDINATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS**. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Grewal the Board approved the MOU. (3-0-1)
5. This item was a request for nominations and approval of an authorized representative and an alternate representative to serve as the point of contact for the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSA committee. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Kadara the Board voted to approve Deanna Jackson as the authorized point of contact and Mark Grewal as the alternative authorized point of contact. (3-0-1)

COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS

6. Various reports as follows:
- a. Directors Reports/Comments/Suggestions - Director Grewal presented an overview of the renegotiated contract with Waterfind USA and asked for an amendment to the contract be on the next TCWA meeting agenda.
 - b. Reports of General Interest
 - 1) Tule Subbasin Report by Secretary Jackson – The Tule Subbasin is currently working on Subbasin’s Groundwater Sustainability Coordination Agreement. Parts of the agreement have gone out for comments, which are due on or before June 4, 2018.
 - 2) Tulare Lake Subbasin Report by Secretary Jackson – The Tulare Lake Subbasin has hired Amec Foster Wheeler / Wood Group to prepare a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Subbasin and has requested each GSA designate an official point of contact for communication with the consultant.
 - 3) Legal Counsel Report by Lauren Layne – Counselor Layne reported on the Budget Trailer Bill which includes SB 623, a public goods charge and a fertilizer tax. ACWA is currently working on an alternative funding mechanism, possibly the creation of a trust fund. Counselor Layne reported on Arambula’s Recharge Bill. This bill would cause groundwater recharge to be considered as a reasonable and beneficial use. ACWA is working on bill amendments, including amending the language regarding the permitting process.

ADJOURNMENT

7. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the May 21, 2018 meeting, Vice-Chairman Kadara adjourned the meeting until the next Special Meeting to be held on June 26, 2018 at 1:00 P.M., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Cory VanderHam