

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

June 26, 2018

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Director VanderHam presided and Secretary Jackson kept the minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Cory VanderHam  
Mark Grewal  
Steve Jackson  
Vacant

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Kayode Kadara

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Mike Nordstrom, Carole Combs,  
Dee Jaspur, Dennis Tristuo, Bruce Howarth, Julianne Phillips,  
Megan Chicone, Brandon Spain

Director VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.

Director VanderHam asked for public comment. None was offered.

Secretary Jackson administered the Oath of Office to Director Steve Jackson and he took his position on the Board.

## 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)

## ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for the Tri-County Water Authority Board of Directors to Nominate and Take Action to Elect Officers. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director

Jackson the Board elected Cory VanderHam as Chairman, Kayode Kadara as Vice-Chairman and Deanna Jackson as Secretary/Treasurer. (3-0-1)

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board retired to closed session at 1:08 to consider the following item.

2. Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95:  
PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT  
Title: Executive Director

The Board returned to Open Session at 1:18 P.M. No action was taken.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 3/4 This item was the approval/ratification of Tri-County Water Authority's warrants and finances (05/18/18 – 06/26/18) and the approval of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 1, 2018 and May 21, 2018. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal the Board approved the consent calendar as presented. (3-0-1) \*Director Grewal and Director Jackson abstained from voting on the minutes as they were not present at the previous meetings.

## **ACTION CALENDAR (continued)**

5. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to:
  - a. Appoint Deanna Jackson as the Executive Director and Secretary of the Tri-County Water Authority. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal the Board voted to appoint Deanna Jackson as Executive Director effective immediately. (3-0-1)
  - b. Hire Deanna Jackson in her capacity as an employee of the Tri-County Water Authority, in her capacity as the Executive Director/Secretary, effective September 1, 2018. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal the Board voted to approve the hire of Deanna Jackson as Executive Director effective September 1, 2018. (3-0-1)
6. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of Resolution 18-02 A **RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY APPROVING THE LEVYING OF 2019 ASSESSMENTS** and to direct staff to complete all necessary documents to add the 2019 Assessment to the Tulare County and Kings County Tax Rolls. Counselor Layne presented the process and purpose of adding the assessments to the County Tax Roll. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Jackson the Board approved Resolution 18-02. (3-0-1)
7. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or adoption of Resolution 18-03 A **RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY CERTIFYING TO THE**

**COUNTY OF TULARE THE VALIDITY OF THE LEGAL PROCESS USED TO PLACE DIRECT CHARGES (SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS) ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL.** On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Vanderham the Board adopted Resolution 18-03. (3-0-1)

8. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of the **AGREEMENT FOR COMPENSATION TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE FOR COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.** On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal the Board approved the Agreement for Compensation. (3-0-1)
9. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or adoption of Resolution 18-04 **A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF KINGS TO PLACE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON THE 2018-2019 TAX TOLL AND CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF KINGS THE VALIDITY OF THE LEGAL PROCESS USED TO PLACE DIRECT CHARGES (SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS) ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL.** On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal the Board adopted Resolution 18-04. (3-0-1)
10. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or adoption of Resolution 18-05 **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT TO SELF-INSURE WORKERS' COMPENSATIONS LIABILITIES.** On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director VanderHam the Board adopted Resolution 18-05. (3-0-1)
11. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or adoption of Resolution 18-06 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY CONSENTING TO ENTER THE JOINT PROTECTION PROGRAMS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES/JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY.** On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director VanderHam the Board adopted Resolution 18-06. (3-0-1)
12. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of the application to ACWA JPIA for Employee Benefits. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson the Board authorized Executive Director Jackson to sign and submit the ACWA Employee Benefits Application. (3-0-1)
13. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of a representative and alternate representative to the ACWA JPIA. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director VanderHam the Board appointed Director Grewal as the representative and Executive Director Jackson as the alternate representative to ACWA JPIA. (3-0-1)
14. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval for the purchase of a District Vehicle for the Executive Director. Tabled until the employment contract is approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS**

- 6. Various reports as follows:
  - a. Directors Reports/Comments/Suggestions – None offered
  - b. Reports of General Interest
    - 1) Tule Subbasin Report – The Tule Subbasin’s Coordination Agreement is being circulated to each of the GSA’s attorneys for comment and a second draft should be available in July or August.
    - 2) Tulare Lake Subbasin Report – The Tulare Lake Subbasin has hired Wood Inc. to prepare a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Subbasin and is meeting regularly with their consultant and GSA representatives.
    - 3) Legal Counsel Report by Lauren Layne – Counselor Layne reported on AB2649 which would make water for recharge a reasonable and beneficial use, August will be the deadline for amendments currently being proposed.
    - 4) Dee Jasper gave an overview of the GSP timeline and actions currently underway.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- 7. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the June 26, 2018 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Special Meeting to be held on July 31, 2018 at 1:00 P.M., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

  
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Deanna Jackson, Secretary

  
Cory VanderHam, Director