

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

August 13, 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, August 13, 2018 at the hour of 2:30 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, Stacie Ann Silva, Dee Jasper, Rebecca Quist, Cristel Tufenkjian, Megan Chicoine, Moe Dean, Kathy Wood McLaughlin

Director VanderHam called the meeting to order at 2:37 P.M.

Director VanderHam asked for public comment. None was offered.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1-2. The Board considered approval/ratification of the warrants and finances which had been processed June 27, 2018 to August 13, 2018, and the draft minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 26, 2018. On the motion of Director Grewal and second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to approve the consent calendar as presented. (3-0-1)

ACTION CALENDAR

3. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to amend the Bylaws to update the name from Southwest Tulare County Water Resource Management Authority to Tri-County Water Authority, and other provisions of the Bylaws to make them consistent with the Joint Powers Agreement dated January 1, 2017. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson the Board voted to accept and approve the recommended amendments to the Bylaws. (3-0-1)

4. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of the Tulare Lake Subbasin Communication & Engagement Plan. Executive Director Jackson presented the document developed by Provost & Pritchard to meet the requirements of SGMA stakeholder engagement. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to approve the Tulare Lake Subbasin Communications & Engagement Plan. (3-0-1)
5. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of a second seed money payment to the Tulare Lake Subbasin MOU group. Executive Director Jackson explained that a second payment to the Tulare Lake Subbasin would be necessary to meet the MOU group's outstanding obligations, and that this money would be paid back to TCWA when the Prop 1 grant money is disbursed to the subbasin. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to approve the second payment to the Tulare Lake Subbasin MOU group. (3-0-1)
6. Request for Board Consideration and/or Action to Authorize Tri-County Water Authority to Directly Reimburse to Angiola Water District funds advanced to the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasin MOU Groups on behalf of Deer Creek Storm Water District. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to authorize TCWA to directly reimburse AWD funds advanced on behalf of Deer Creek Storm Water District. (3-0-1)
7. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of the Employment Contract for Executive Director Jackson. Because changes to the Employment Contract are still being considered the Board agreed that the Employment Contract will take effect on September 1, 2018, and will be ratified at the September 6, 2018 meeting. No action taken.
8. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to authorize Executive Director Jackson to purchase a laptop for Tri-County Water Authority. After discussion by the Board of Directors, and on the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to authorize Director Jackson to purchase a laptop for TCWA. (3-0-1)
9. This item was a request for Board ratification of adding Tri-County Water Authority's logo to the coalition letter opposing the State Water Resource Control Board's BAY-DELTA PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR FLOW OBJECTIVES ON LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER. Counsel presented an overview of the flow objectives being considered by the State Water Resource Control Board and indicated that State legislators are considering introducing legislation regarding flow requirements. Executive Director Jackson stated that the SWRCB failed to fully consider SGMA, and the impacts on aquifer recharge and the economy related to decreased river flow deliveries. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to ratify the addition of TCWA to the coalition letter. (3-0-1)

COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS

10. Various reports as follows:
 - a. Directors Reports/Comments/Suggestions – None offered

b. Reports of General Interest


- 1) TCWA Technical Advisory Committee Report – Dee Jaspar presented the status of the GSP for the Tule Subbasin. He has completed a written description and mapping of the GSA’s boundaries. Mr. Jaspar is mapping the acres of cropped lands, the acres of undeveloped lands, and the crop water demands in the Tule Subbasin. He has also prepared a water budget for 2017 and will be distributing a draft of the budget to the producers.
- 2) Director Jackson presented the status of the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement. The sections written by Jim Koontz on behalf of the subbasin are being reviewed and redlined by each of the GSA’s attorneys. The attorney for ETGSA presented a Coordination Agreement outline and the managers agreed to use this format to restructure the sections presented to the group by Mr. Koontz. There will be a subbasin TAC meeting on Wednesday, August 15, to discuss Thomas Harder’s hydrologic conceptual model and water budget.
- 3) 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. Provost & Pritchard has developed a Communications & Engagement Document for approval by the GSAs and the HMC was presented to, and accepted by, the Kings County Board of Supervisors.
- 4) Legal Counsel Report by Lauren Layne – Counselor Layne reported on AB2649 which would make water for recharge a reasonable and beneficial use. The bill has changed and is now an expedited permitting process. SB 623, the water tax, is being considered again and may end up being a tax with the option of rate payers opting out.

ADJOURNMENT

11. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the August 13, 2018 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on September 6, 2018 at 1:00 P.M., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:


Cory VanderHam, Chairman


Deanna Jackson, Executive Director