

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

October 11, 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, October 11, 2018 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Director VanderHam presided and Executive Director Jackson kept the minutes.

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Dee Jaspar, Ken Schmidt, Bruce Howarth, Denise Kadara, Sherri Hunter, Mike Nordstrom

Director VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:09 P.M.

Director VanderHam asked for public comment. None was offered.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

A/B. The Board considered approval/ratification of the warrants and finances which had been processed September 7, 2018 to October 11, 2018, and the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 6, 2018. On the motion of Director Grewal and second of Director Steve Jackson, the Board voted to approve the consent calendar as presented. (3-0-2) Director Kadara abstained from the vote.

## ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to approve Tri-County Water Authority's Draft 2019 Fiscal Year Budget. Executive Director Jackson presented and discussed with the Board of Directors the 2019 draft budget. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Steve Jackson the Board voted to approve the 2019 Budget. (4-0-1)

2. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to approve the Draft 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget for the Tule Subbasin MOU Group. Executive Director Jackson presented and discussed with the Board of Directors the Tule Subbasin's draft budget. On the motion of Director Steve Jackson and the second of Director Mark Grewal the Board voted to approve the Tule Subbasin's Budget and to pay TCWA's assessed percentage. (4-0-1)

## COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS

5. Various reports as follows:
- a. Directors Reports/Comments/Suggestions – None offered
  - b. Reports of General Interest
    - 1.) TCWA Technical Advisory Committee Report – Ken Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt, TCWA's hydrogeologist, presented his Draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model and Groundwater Conditions for Tri-County Water Authority GSP. He gave an overview of the cross sections used in his report. He discussed the sources of discharge, changes in groundwater storage, upper and lower aquifers, and the land subsidence map in the report.

Dr. Schmidt addressed specific concerns he had with Tule Subbasin's Model. Those concerns being:

- The subsurface cross sections were developed solely from drillers logs – it was missing electric logs which provide for greater detail than drillers logs. The use of oil and gas electric logs are very important, especially in the southwest area of the Tule Subbasin.
  - A higher level of detail was provided in cross sections for the Lower Tule and Friant Canal areas than areas in the TCWA GSA.
  - There is a water level data gap near the Kern County Line for both aquifers.
  - The use of fall water level measurements was not optimal because of lack of recovery due to continued pumping for orchard crops in the fall. It would be more advantageous to utilize spring measurements.
  - Water level maps need to be developed over the next few years to determine groundwater flows.
- 2.) Tule / Tulare Lake Subbasin TAC Report
- A) Counselor Layne presented the status of the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement. Differences on monitoring protocols have been resolved and another round of comments will be ready for review in the next few weeks.
  - B) Executive Director Jackson presented the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasin TAC groups status. The Tule Subbasin is submitting additional data to Thomas Harder for a recalibration of the model and after calibration a second round of model runs will be presented to at the Tule TAC meeting in December.

The Tulare Lake Subbasin has reviewed and commented on the Plan 2.0 section of the GSP and will be reviewing the next written section when available.

- 3) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne gave a report on the resent court case involving the public trust doctrine and the Scotts River.

### ADJOURNMENT

11. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the October 11, 2018 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Special Meeting to be held on January 10, 2019 at 1:00 P.M., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Cory VanderHam, Chairman



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Deanna Jackson, Executive Director