

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

March 5, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Chairman VanderHam presided and Executive Director Jackson kept the minutes.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Cory VanderHam  
Jack Mitchell  
Mark Grewal  
Vacant

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Steve Jackson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Dee Jaspar, Lawrence O'Leary, Bruce Howarth, Mike Nordstrom, Moe Dean, Molly Saso, Seamus Guerin, Gary Gregory, Julianne Phillips, Carol Combs, Dusty Ference

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

Chairman VanderHam asked for public comment. Lawrence O'Leary, Mottech Water Management, presented control systems for meter connection.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. The Board considered approval/ratification of the warrants and finances which had been processed January 31, 2019 to March 5, 2019. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to approve the warrants and finances. (3-0-2)
- B. The Board considered the draft minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 30, 2019. On the motion of Director Grewal and second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. (3-0-2)

## ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration and action to support Allensworth CSD's project proposal for the IRWM DAC project development funding. Seamus Guerin, with Self Help Enterprises, described the grant proposal and answered questions. On the motion of Director

Grewal and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted in favor of supporting the grant application for project funding. (3-0-2)

2. This item was a request for Board consideration and action to approve including the Allensworth Project Proposal as a project in TCWA's Groundwater Sustainability Plan, as it relates to groundwater and water quality issues. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to approve the project for inclusion in the GSP. (3-0-2)
3. This item was a request for Board consideration and action to approve including in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan management action to require flow meter installation on agricultural pumping wells by June 15, 2020. After Board discussion, and on the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Mitchell, the board voted to approve the management action of requiring flow meter installation (with totalizers) on all agricultural pumping wells located in TCWA's service area by June 15, 2020. This management action will be included in TCWA's Tule Subbasin GSP and TCWA's management chapter of the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP. (3-0-2)
4. This item was a request for Board consideration and action to approve including in the Groundwater Sustainability Plan management action to require annual reporting of agricultural pumping/groundwater extraction to TCWA as of July 1, 2020. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to approve the management action of requiring annual reporting of agricultural pumping/groundwater extraction, and to encourage and/or incentivize monthly reporting. This management action will be included in TCWA's Tule Subbasin GSP and TCWA's management chapter of the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP. (3-0-2)
5. This item was a request for Board review and update on outreach scheduled for the community of Allensworth. The community representatives have requested the SGMA / TCWA update be given on April 27, 2019 at a community event in order to reach a larger portion of the population. On the motion of Director Mitchell and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to approve the April 27, 2019 date. (3-0-2)
6. This item was a request for Board review and update of proposed projects and management actions. This item was tabled until the next meeting.

## **COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS**

7. Various reports as follows:
  - a. Directors Reports/Comments/Suggestions – None offered
  - b. Reports of General Interest
    - 1.) TCWA Technical Advisory Committee Report – No report given.
    - 2.) Tule / Tulare Lake Subbasin TAC Report

- A) Counselor Layne presented the status of the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement. The managers and attorneys continue to meet and revise the agreement. The managers are discussing sustainable management criteria and monitoring/management areas. The subbasin's hydrologist, Thomas Harder, is seeking projects and management actions from individual GSAs to be included in model runs to project the future water budget.
- B) Executive Director Jackson presented the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasin status reports.

The Tule Subbasin TAC is continuing discussions on the Coordination Agreement. The TAC is working on the selection of monitoring sites for inclusion in the monitoring plan. Thomas Harder presented the groundwater flow model update for the Friant Kern Canal subsidence area of concern. He continues to analysis and develop information for this area and a technical memo is expected in April. The managers are working on development of minimum threshold criteria for the coordination agreement.

The Tulare Lake Subbasin GSA parties have reviewed and submitted comments on the Basin Setting and these comments will be included in the Basin Setting Chapter. The managers and consultants are developing sustainable management criteria including; placement of monitoring sites, sustainability indicators, and minimum thresholds. David Bean will be running the groundwater model, varying projects and management actions to project out sustainability in the future.

- 3) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne gave a report on legislation currently involving agricultural interests, these include SB 669, AB 658, AB 441 and AB 336.


## ADJOURNMENT

- 8. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the March 5, 2019 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on April 2, 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