

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

June 11, 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, June 11, 2019 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Chairman VanderHam presided and Executive Director Jackson kept the minutes.

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Jack Mitchell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Molly Saso, Carole Combs, Ken Schmidt, Stacie Ann Silva, Dee Jaspar, Allan Becker, Moe Dean, Kathy Wood McLaughlin, Molly Saso, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Mike Nordstrom

Chairman VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:08 P.M.

Chairman VanderHam asked for public comment. None was offered.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. The Board considered approval/ratification of the warrants and finances which had been processed May 2, 2019 to June 11, 2019. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to approve the warrants and finances. (3-0-2)
- B. The Board considered the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 2, 2019. On the motion of Director Grewal and second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. (3-0-2)

## ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to approve the application for Elective Coverage of State Disability Insurance Only Local Public Entities and Indian Tribes and to provide Resolution No. 19-02 **A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR ELECTIVE**

**COVERAGE OF STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE ONLY LOCAL PUBLIC ENTITIES AND INDIAN TRIBES.** On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to approve the application. (3-0-2)

2. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to approve the Engagement Letter for Audit Services provided by M. Green and Associates. The Board of Directors asked staff to obtain two additional proposals for review and comparison before they take action on this item. No action was taken.
3. This item was a request for Board review and/or action to approve the 2019 Budget vs. Actual Report. The Board reviewed the budget with Executive Director Jackson, and directed staff to include this item as one of the regular meeting reports. No action was taken.
4. This item was a request for Board Consideration and/or Adoption of Resolution No. 19-01 **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY PLACING IN NOMINATION DEANNA JACKSON AS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES REGION 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2020-2021 TERMS.** On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to adopt Resolution No. 19-01. (3-0-2)
5. This item was a request for Board Review of the Draft Tulare Lake Sustainable Management Criteria. Executive Director Jackson discussed the draft chapter and provided a copy to the Board for review. No action was taken.
6. This item was a request for Board review of the preliminary results of Analysis of Future Projects and Management Actions provided to the Tule Subbasin by TH & Co. Executive Director Jackson presented the report and discussed the draft results with the Board. No action was taken.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS**

7. Various reports as follows:
  - a. Directors Reports/Comments/Suggestions –  
Director Grewal commented on the flood water that AWD has been able to utilize in lieu of pumping this irrigation season.
  - b. Communications –  
Review of letter received from the Friant Water Authority
  - c. Reports of General Interest
    - 1.) TCWA Subbasin Update – Deanna Jackson  
No additional information to the action items was offered.
    - 2.) Hydrogeological Report – Ken Schmidt  
Dr. Schmidt reviewed the data presented in the Tulare Lake Sustainability Management Criteria draft. Dr. Schmidt voiced concern that data available to the subbasin consultants was not being fully utilized. Dr. Schmidt voiced concern with

the lack of text and technical data available to support conclusions presented in their PowerPoints. Ken reported on the monitoring network and location of wells that TCWA will be proposing.

- 3.) GSP Report – Dee Jaspar  
GSP Chapter development is almost complete. The basin setting is relatively complete and a preliminary water budget has been developed. Due to the net groundwater inflow, from outside areas and compression of the aquitards, the sustainability goal will be a 50% reduction of inflow. Dee presented information on the two management areas in the Tule Subbasin portion of TCWA. The north is closer to being balance. AWD has replaced some of its lower aquifer pumping with shallow wells and has begun design work to bring in additional surface water. The SE management area has a larger overdraft and does not currently have access to surface water. Next focus area will be minimum thresholds and measurable objectives.
- 4.) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne  
Mrs. Layne reviewed the Tule Coordination Agreement and provided comments to Executive Director Jackson. She reported that the SGMA legislation bill has been revised and no longer contains language regarding the fiscal impacts to agriculture, which could have been of benefit to GSAs and/or growers. The ACWA trust fund died, but the budget trailer bill has been amended to include an annual appropriation from the surplus budget. SB1 could impact SGMA, due to a 30-day notice provision that has been included.
- 5.) Other Updates –  
Kathy Wood McLaughlin has been in contact with the Tule Subbasin consultants and will be providing them with a map of BLM wells that would be available for monitoring.

## ADJOURNMENT

8. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the June 11, 2019 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on July 9, 2019 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