

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

May 4, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

Matthew Hurley presided and Deanna Jackson kept the Minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cory VanderHam
Matthew Hurley

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kayode Kadara

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauren Layne, David Kahn, Carole Combs,
Bruce Howarth, Milt Pace

Chairman Matthew Hurley called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

Counselor Layne requested the agenda be modified to include a closed session pursuant to Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d) regarding threatened litigation, because she received correspondence on a matter within the last 72 hours and the Board needs to take immediate action to consider Item 3 on the agenda. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Chairman Hurley the Board voted to add a closed session to the agenda before item number 3. (2-0-1)

Chairman Hurley asked for public comment and Bruce Howarth presented two letters to the Board on behalf of Alpaugh GSA and asked that the Board not take action on item 3.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. The Board considered the checks and warrants which had been processed from January 6, 2017 to May 4, 2017. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Chairman Hurley the Board voted to approve the checks and warrants. (2-0-1)
- B. The Board tabled consideration of the draft Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 5, 2017 and the Special Board Meeting of January 31, 2017 until Director Kadara could review and approve the minutes along with Chairman Hurley.

ACTION CALENDAR

- 1. This item was Board consideration, review and/or action on a proposed Resolution of Support of the ACWA Policy Statement on Bay-Delta Flow Requirements. Chairman Hurley

explained the Resolution would accompany ACWA's comments to the State Board regarding the need for a more comprehensive approach which adheres to the co-equal goals ACWA has established to address ecological/habitat concerns on the Delta. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Chairman Hurley the Board voted to approve Resolution 17-02. (2-0-1)

2. This item was for Board consideration, review and/or action to authorize collection, sorting and reporting of relevant historical data (including LandIQ data), as available, for forwarding to the modeling consultants in each of the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins, as appropriate. Chairman Hurley explained the modelers in both the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins have requested data from the Districts in order to have the most accurate model possible. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Chairman Hurley the Board voted to authorize collection, sorting and reporting of relevant historical data (including LandIQ data), as available, to the modeling consultants. (2-0-1)

Before moving to closed session Chairman Hurley asked for public comment on item number 3. Mr. Pace and Mr. Howarth offered comments regarding possible litigation if action were taken on item 3.

The Board entered closed session at 1:19 p.m.

The Board returned from closed session at 1:35 p.m. and there was no reportable action.

3. This item was Board consideration, review and/or action on a proposed inclusion by TCWA of the area included within the Service Area of the Atwell Island Water District, not otherwise covered by either Alpaugh Irrigation District or Alpaugh Community Services district, in the TCWA GSA as per request received from and Resolution adopted by the Atwell Island Water District Board of Directors. Counselor Layne explained the Board will wait until after June 7th, 2017 and that TCWA was open to meeting with the Alpaugh GSA before taking action on this matter. No action taken.
4. This item was Board consideration, review and/or action to develop an outreach program, in addition to the TCWater.org website, to begin to communicate more directly with TCWA membership and stakeholder groups going forward. Director Hurley gave a presentation regarding the need to begin a more formal and robust outreach for the TCWA stakeholder groups as the timeline for GSA formation comes to completion on June 30, 2017. The Authority will begin to develop an effective outreach program to inform and get feedback from stakeholders in the Authority's service area as the GSP is being developed. There was a discussion on DWR's continuing facilitation support and the possibility of procuring grant money for this process. On the motion of Director VanderHam and the second of Director Hurley the Board voted to direct staff to develop an outreach program and utilize the Authority's funds to execute said plan. (2-0-1)

COMMUNICATIONS / OLD BUSINESS

5. Various reports as follows:

a. Director’s Reports/Comments/Suggestions – None given.

b. Reports of General Interest

1) Tule Subbasin Report – the Technical Committee continues to meet monthly and the MOU Group hired a hydrologist, Thomas Harder, to study the inflows and outflows of the subbasin which will be a building point for the coordinating agreement. The MOU group has directed Harder to provide a scope of work for building a model.

2) Tulare Lake Subbasin Report – It looks as if the Tulare Lake Subbasin will be 100% covered with exclusive GSA’s by the June 30th, 2017 deadline. The MOU group has hired AMEC Foster Wheeler to formulate their model. The County of Kings is now a member of TCWA’s JPA.

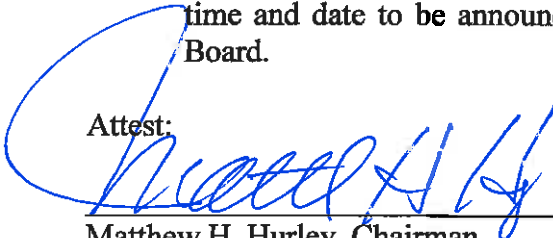
3) Poso IRWM/Tule IRWM – No new report on the Poso IRWM was given. The Tule IRWM has received grant funding and is working on water management issues and projects for the region.

4) Legal Counsel Report – GSA’s are getting filed and DWR is updating the portal regularly. Grant funding is available on the subbasin level at \$1 million per subbasin. Assemblyman Devon Mathis has introduced legislation to amend SGMA. ACWA is opposing and Counselor Layne is keeping an eye on a Senate Bill which would impose more robust well restrictions in advance of SGMA.

ADJOURNMENT

6. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the May 4, 2017 meeting, Chairman Hurley adjourned the meeting until the next Special Meeting to be held at a time and date to be announced, in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Matthew H. Hurley, Chairman

~~Kayode Kadara~~