

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

January 30, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Wednesday, January 30, 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  
Steve Jackson  
Vacant

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Dee Jaspar, Ken Schmidt, Bruce Howarth, Mike Nordstrom, Moe Dean, Molly Saso, Megan Chicoine, and Stacie Ann Silva

Chairman VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Chairman VanderHam asked for public comment. None was offered.

The Board of Directors and Executive Director Jackson welcomed Jack Mitchell to the Board as Deer Creek Storm Water District's representative.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

A/B. The Board considered approval/ratification of the warrants and finances which had been processed October 12, 2018 to January 30, 2019, and the draft minutes of the Special Board Meeting of October 11, 2018. On the motion of Director Grewal and second of Director Steve Jackson, the Board voted to approve the consent calendar as presented. (4-0-1) Director Mitchell abstained from voting on the Minutes.

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

1. This item was a request for Board consideration and action to elect officers for 2019. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Mitchell the Board voted to re-elect Director VanderHam as the Chair and Deanna Jackson as the Secretary/Treasurer, and to elect Director Grewal as Vice-Chair. (4-0-1)
2. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to approve / ratify payments of the Tule Subbasin invoices received November 1, 2018 to present. After reviewing the invoices presented by Executive Director Jackson, and on the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Steve Jackson, the Board voted to approve / ratify the paid invoices. (4-0-1)
3. This item was a request for Board consideration and action to approve / ratify payments of Tulare Lake Subbasin invoices received November 1, 2018 to present. Update on DWR reimbursements. Executive Director Jackson reported that there have not been additional calls for payments to the Tulare Lake Subbasin since TCWA's last meeting. The Subbasin has begun to receive payments from the Department of Water Resources of the \$1.5 million Grant awarded to the them. Executive Director Jackson expects TCWA will receive reimbursements for seed money previously paid to the Tulare Lake Subbasin by the end of 2019.
4. This item was a request for Board review and approval of Board of Director meetings for the 2019 calendar year and a review of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan development schedules for the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins. The Board reviewed the calendar, made suggested changes, and on the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to approve monthly meetings which will be published on TCWA's website.
5. This item was a request for Board review and approval of outreach scheduled for the community of Allensworth. Executive Director Jackson reviewed the request from Allensworth resident Denise Kadara for additional SGMA outreach, for the community of Allensworth, in 2019. Self Help and the Community Water Center have been contacted and will oversee the outreach presentation, along with TCWA, in the early part of 2019. No action was taken.
6. This item was a request for Board review and approval of developed projects & management actions. After discussion with TCWA consultants the Board suggested an email be sent out asking stakeholders for submission of their planned projects for review, and possible inclusion in the GSP. The Board directed Executive Director Jackson to email the request and work with the consultants to develop a project list and management actions. No action was taken.

## **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 presented a report on groundwater flows for the upper and lower aquifer at the boundaries of the TCWA GSA.

Dr. Schmidt is in contact with Thomas Harder and continuing to share information to aid with the calibration of the Tule Model.

TCWA Technical Advisory Committee Report – Dee Jaspar

Dee Jaspar presented a draft water balance based on the Irrigation Training and Research Center (ITRC) of Cal Poly University for the Tule Subbasin, Tulare Lake Subbasin and the total TCWA service area.

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 Subbasin is discussing monitoring wells and the ownership of those wells.
- 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 and a monitoring plan. Thomas Harder is working on the basin setting and additional Groundwater Flow Model runs. The TAC is continuing discussions on sustainable management criteria. David DeGroot gave a review and update on the GSP development schedules for each GSA.

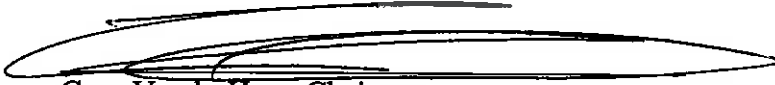
The Tulare Lake Subbasin GSA parties have reviewed and submitted comments on the Basin Setting Chapter. David Bean presented results from the Groundwater Model forecast runs. The managers and consultants are addressing sustainable management criteria. The consultants have begun drafting the monitoring network chapter as well as project and management actions. The GSAs are continuing their individual stakeholder outreach.

- 3) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne gave a report on the return of water tax legislation. This is a high priority for the new Governor and it has been included in the State Budget.

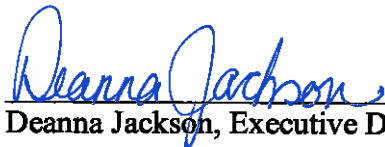
**ADJOURNMENT**

11. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the January 30, 2019 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on March 5, 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