

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

April 2, 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, April 2, 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, Bruce Howarth, Moe Dean, Molly Saso, Geoff VandenHeuvel, Carole Combs, Ken Schmidt, Kathy Wood McLaughlin, Andy Gordus

Chairman VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:03 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 March 6, 2019 to April 4, 2019. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to approve the warrants and finances. (4-0-1)
- B. The Board considered the draft minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 5, 2019. On the motion of Director Grewal and second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. (3-0-2) \*Director Jackson abstained.

## ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration and adoption of the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY AND THE COUNTY OF TULARE WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT. Counselor Layne presented the MOU and explained

that the agreement was intended to include white area covered by Tulare County's GSA. The County will provide funding for the white area covered by TCWA until the next Prop 218 election is conducted and/or other funding fees have been implemented. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted in favor of adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding. (4-0-1)

2. This item was a request for Board consideration and action to ratify providing a 30-day Notice of Termination of Contract with Waterfind USA, Inc. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to ratify the Notice of Termination. (4-0-1)
3. This item was a review and update on TCWA management actions and projects. Executive Director Jackson presented projects under consideration for possible inclusion in the Tule Subbasin's upcoming model runs and answered questions from board members and the public. No action was taken.
4. This item was a review of Chapter 1 Draft of the TCWA Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Tule Subbasin. This item was tabled and no action was taken.

#### **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
      - A. Hydrogeologic Report – Dr. Schmidt gave a report on documents reviewed for both the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins.
    - 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.
      - B) Executive Director Jackson presented the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasin status reports.

The Tule Subbasin TAC is expecting a revised version of the Coordination Agreement within the week. 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 received a second installment of the Grant reimbursements. The budget is under review to determine when reimbursement to the GSAs will be available. David Bean updated the water

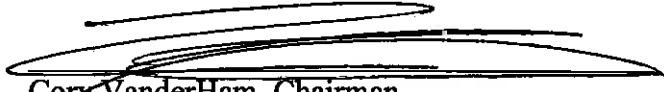
balances for the model. The committee is working with the consultants to develop sustainable management objectives as well as projects and management actions.

- 3) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne gave a report on legislation currently involving agricultural interests, these include AB 336, AB 1764, SB 200, AB 217, SB 669.

## ADJOURNMENT

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