

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

May 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, May 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
Steve Jackson
Vacant

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mark Grewal

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Bruce Howarth, Molly Saso,
Carole Combs, Ken Schmidt, Stacie Ann Silva, Dee Jaspar

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 April 2, 2019 to May 2, 2019. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to approve the warrants and finances. (3-0-1)
- B. The Board considered the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 2, 2019. On the motion of Director Jackson and second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented. (3-0-1)

ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to approve contributions to a Simple IRA Retirement Plan for Executive Director Jackson. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to approve the Simple IRA retirement plan. (3-0-2)
2. This item was a request for Board review of and possible action to approve the Tule Subbasin monitoring well locations and representative monitoring sites. Dr. Schmidt has had discussions

with Thomas Harder regarding the necessity of creating water level maps. Dr. Schmidt will provide well sites that will be utilized for monitoring in TCWA to TH & Co. The Tule Subbasin well location map was not available for review by meeting time, therefore the Board did not take up this matter. No action taken.

3. This item was a request for Board review of and possible action to approve the Historical and Current Surface and Groundwater Budgets (including overdraft) as presented by TH & Co. Mr. Jaspar and Dr. Schmidt discussed the groundwater budget prepared by Thomas Harder. Dr. Schmidt discussed the lack of calibration and data for the west side of the Tule Subbasin. Mr. Jaspar presented TH & Co's groundwater budget data that he is planning on incorporating in the GSP. No action was taken.
4. This item was a request for Board review and action to approve the project list for submittal to TH & Co. for inclusion in the Tule Subbasin Project and Management Actions Model Run. Executive Director Jackson had submitted a list of planned projects, to Engineer Jaspar, that landowners had provided to TCWA. Mr. Jaspar added the pumping ramp down schedule to the list as a management action to be modeled by TH & Co. Mr. Jaspar gave an explanation of each project and answered questions directed from the Board and the public. Carole Combs discussed possible collaboration with habitat interests as a funding source for projects. The Board directed Mr. Jaspar to provide the list of projects and management action to TH & Co. for the next model run.
5. This item was a request for Board review of and possible action to approve the Draft Tule Coordination Agreement. Counselor Layne gave a brief overview of the coordination process and the status of the CA. No action was taken.
6. This item was a request for Board review of and possible action to approve the Tulare Lake Monitoring Network. Dr. Schmidt gave an overview of the draft network provided by Wood Engineering. He reviewed the draft map with the Board and answered questions. The Board directed Dr. Schmidt to work with Wood Engineering to provide the well sites that will be utilized in TCWA's monitoring network. No action was taken.
7. This item was a request for Board review of and possible action to approve the Tulare Lake Timeline. Executive Director Jackson presented the timeline for GSP development and review for the Tulare Lake Subbasin. No action was taken.
8. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or action to authorize Executive Director Jackson to hire Provost and Pritchard for supplemental GSP Preparation. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to authorize Provost & Pritchard to provide supplemental GSP preparation up to \$15,000 with a review at the July meeting. (3-0-2)

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) Groundwater Monitoring Plan – Ken Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt presented his Groundwater Monitoring Plan for Tri-County WA GSA and Water Level Thresholds for the northeast and southeast areas of TCWA in the Tule Subbasin. Engineer Jaspar will incorporate these documents in the GSP.

B) GSP Report – Dee Jaspar

Mr. Jaspar reported that a draft of the GSP is scheduled to be available to the Board by the end of May, and a draft should be available to the stakeholders by June.

3) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne gave a report on legislation currently involving agricultural interests. The water tax still remains as a top priority in the legislature.

ADJOURNMENT

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