

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

July 9, 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, July 9, 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 (arrived after the consent calendar was approved)  
Steve Jackson  
Jack Mitchell  
Vacant

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Molly Saso, Bruce Howarth,  
Carole Combs, Ken Schmidt, Stacie Ann Silva, Dee Jaspar, Moe  
Dean, Geoff Vanden Heuvel, Mike Nordstrom

Chairman VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

Chairman VanderHam asked for public comment. None was offered.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

A/B. The Board considered approval/ratification of the warrants and finances which had been processed June 12, 2019 to July 9, 2019 and the draft minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 11, 2019. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to approve the consent calendar. (3-0-2)

## PUBLIC HEARING

The Board opened the Public Hearing at 1:05 P.M. on the 2020 Land-Based Assessment Rate and invited public comment. Receiving no public comment, the Board closed the Public Hearing at 1:08 P.M.

## ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or adoption of Resolution No. 19-03 A **RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY APPROVING THE LEVYING OF THE 2020 ASSESSMENTS**. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to adopt the resolution. (4-0-1)
2. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or adoption of Resolution No. 19-04 A **RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE THE VALIDITY OF THE LEGAL PROCESS USED TO PLACE DIRECT CHARGES (SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS) ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL**. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to adopt the resolution. (4-0-1)
3. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or adoption of Resolution No. 19-05 A **RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF KINGS TO PLACE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON THE 2019-2020 TAX TOLL AND CERTIFYING TO THE COUNTY OF KINGS THE VALIDITY OF THE LEGAL PROCESS USED TO PLACE DIRECT CHARGES (SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS) ON THE SECURED TAX ROLL**. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to adopt the resolution. (4-0-1)
4. This item was a request for Board review and/or action to hire an auditor to provide services for TCWA. Executive Director Jackson presented three proposals for auditing services to the Board. After consideration and on the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposal submitted by M. Green and Company LLP, and directed Executive Director Jackson to execute the engagement letter. (4-0-1)
5. This item was a request for Board review and/or action to direct staff concerning the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasin Technical Advisory Committee's budgets. Executive Director Jackson presented a review of the Tule and Tulare Lake MOU group budgets, and the likely need for additional spending. No action was taken.
6. This item was a request for Board review and/or action regarding a repayment schedule to signatories for initial contributions to TCWA. Executive Director Jackson presented a review of financials and the initial seed money contributed by Angiola Water District and Deer Creek Storm Water District. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Howarth expressed concern regarding the reimbursement schedule for Deer Creek Storm Water District. The Board considered the projected budget shortfall for fiscal year 2020 and beyond, and directed Executive Director Jackson to ask Provost & Pritchard to provide a quote for services to complete an analysis for the assessment of a pumping fee on ag production wells located in TCWA's service area. The Board will review the repayment schedule at a later meeting. No action was taken.
7. This item was for Board consideration and/or action to approve the First Amendment to the Tri-County Administrative Services Agreement with Angiola Water District. Ms. Layne presented the amendment to the contract, which reduced the cost of rent and administrative services to TCWA, and provided for work performed for AWD by Executive Director Jackson. On the

motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to approve the amendment. (4-0-1)

## COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS

8. Various reports as follows:

a. Directors Reports/Comments/Suggestions –  
None was offered.

b. Reports of General Interest

- 1.) TCWA Subbasin Update – Deanna Jackson  
The Tule Subbasin continues to meet on the Coordination Agreement and on development of Sustainable Management Criteria. The Tulare Lake Subbasin is accepting comments from the GSAs on the monitoring network and basin setting.
- 2.) Hydrogeological Report – Ken Schmidt  
Dr. Schmidt reviewed the data presented Tule Monitoring Plan and provided comment. He is continuing to work with Dee Jaspar to develop Sustainable Management Criteria.
- 3.) GSP Report – Dee Jaspar  
GSP Chapter one and two have been completed, and the chapter on sustainable management criteria is nearly complete. Mr. Jaspar continues to work on completing other chapters, including chapter 5. He is working on the water balance for the management area of the GSA. He is working on drafting the projects and management actions funding requirements necessary for inclusion in the GSP.
- 4.) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne  
A fund for drinking water has been established and GSAs could possibly apply for funding for water quality purposes. SB1 would circumvent the administrative procedures act and could be harmful to public agencies. White area growers in the Eastern Tule GSA did an economic impact study which detailed the impacts to the local economy.
- 5.) Other Updates –  
None offered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the July 9, 2019 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on August 1, 2019 at 1:00 P.M., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Cory VanderHam, Chairman



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Deanna Jackson, Executive Director