

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

August 1, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Thursday, August 1, 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
Steve Jackson
Vacant

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jack Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Bruce Howarth, Stacie Ann Silva,
Dee Jaspar, Mike Nordstrom, Dennis Tristao, Alan Becker

Chairman VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 July 10, 2019 to August 1, 2019 and the draft minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 9, 2019. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to approve the consent calendar. (3-0-1)

ACTION CALENDAR

1. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of the needed budget increase for the Tulare Lake Subbasin's GSP Development, 2020 Annual Report and Round 3 GSP Grant Application. Executive Director Jackson presented the letter from Tulare Lake Subbasin Parties fiscal agent, Mid-Kings River. Due to unexpected costs and additional financial needs associated with GSP preparation, an additional \$250,000 was necessary to complete the GSP. The Board discussed the increase and on the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to approve the proposed budget increase. (3-0-1)

2. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of the quote provided by Provost & Pritchard to complete the necessary engineer's report for the proposed charge of an extraction fee on ag production wells in TCWA. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to approve the contract. (3-0-1)
3. This item was a request for Board consideration and/or approval of the Tule Subbasin Scope of Work provided by TH & Co. Executive Director Jackson provided the proposed scope of work to the Board. The Board directed Ms. Jackson not to approve work that was not authorized in the Subbasin's approved 2019 budget. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted not to approve the scope of work. (3-0-1)
4. This item was a request for Board review and/or approval of the Scope of Work provided by 4Creeks, Inc. to prepare hydrographs for each representative monitoring site. After discussion with TCWA's consultants it was decided the hydrographs provided by Dr. Schmidt were adequate and additional hydrographs were not necessary. No action was taken. (3-0-1)

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 working on development of SMC.
 - 2.) Hydrogeological Report – Ken Schmidt
No report given.
 - 3.) GSP Report – Dee Jaspar
Continuing to work on GSP chapters. Mr. Jaspar is working with the GSA and landowners to complete the projects and management section. Mr. Jaspar is working with Mr. Schmidt on groundwater quality and subsidence thresholds.
 - 4.) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne
The State Legislature is now in summer recess. Drinking water legislation has been passed, signed and could possibly provide an opportunity for GSA grant money. SB1 is being opposed by ACWA and the agricultural community. The Federal Government passed Representative McCarthy's bill to rename Success Dam the Richard L. Schafer Dam.
 - 5.) Other Updates –
None offered.

ADJOURNMENT

8. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the August 1, 2019 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on September 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