

TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Monday, September 16, 2019 at the hour of 10:00 A.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, Stacie Ann Silva, Dee Jasper, Mike Nordstrom, Kathy McLaughlin, Ken Schmidt, Mike McKenzie, Carole Combs, Molly Saso

Chairman VanderHam called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None offered

CONSENT CALENDAR

A/B. Upon the motion by Director Grewal, seconded by Director Jackson and unanimously carried, the following consent calendar items were approved (3-0-1)

- Warrants and finances (08/02/19 through 09/15/19)
- Minutes of the Regular Board meeting held August 1, 2019

ACTION CALENDAR

1. Request for Board consideration and/or approval to set the Public Hearing for consideration to adopt the Tri-County Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Tule Subbasin on December 18, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. On the motion of Director

Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board approved the Public Hearing to be held on the afore mentioned date and time. (3-0-1)

2. Request for Board consideration and/or approval to set the Board of Directors meeting to adopt the Tulare Lake Groundwater Sustainability Plan on January 16, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to set the meeting date for the afore mentioned date and time. (3-0-1)
3. Request for Board consideration and/or approval of the revised TCWA Board of Directors meeting calendar for October, 2019 through January, 2020. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to approve the calendar. (3-0-1)

COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS

4. Various reports as follows:

- a. Directors Reports/Comments/Suggestions

Director Grewal reported that in response to a request by the Tule Subbasin to refit an Angiola Water District lower aquifer well with an extensometer to monitor subsidence, he had suggested using an AWD well that HSR was taking out of production. Dr. Schmidt expressed concerns with the intervals that would be recorded and the use of abandon wells for compaction study. Director Grewal and Executive Director Jackson agreed to provide HSR representatives with the Tule Subbasin contact information.

- 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 and TCWA's Tule Subbasin GSP's are available at www.tcwater.org. A letter and the GSP Draft will be delivered to Kings and Tulare Counties for review.

The pumping rate study is being developed by Provost & Pritchard and should be available at the next meeting. A public hearing will be set when the report is completed.

2.) Hydrogeological Report – Ken Schmidt

Discussion on the HCM and cross sections. Dr. Schmidt discussed conversion of deep aquifer pumping to shallow aquifer pumping. Reduced pumping from the lower aquifer is considered a key project to help in the reduction of subsidence.

3.) GSP Report – Dee Jaspar

Continuing work on the TCWA Tule GSP chapters. Mr. Jaspar and Dr. Schmidt are working on the monitoring network, groundwater quality, and subsidence thresholds. Mr. Jaspar described the DACs located in TCWA boundaries and their challenges with water quality and well depth. Mr. Jaspar described the groundwater deficit in the SE management area and projects that are included in the GSP.

4.) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne

SB1 passed and is on the Governor's desk for signature.

ACWA members have been included in a working group that will provide comments for the Governor's Water Resiliency Portfolio.

5.) Other Updates – None offered

ADJOURNMENT

5. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the September 16, 2019 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on November 7, 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