

TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 5, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Thursday, March 5, 2020 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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jack Mitchell

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Stacie Ann Silva, Carole Combs, Katie Musser, Julianne Phillips, Dennis Tristao, Joe Hopkins, Amer Hussain, Megan Chicoine, Eric Riley, Don Tucker, Joel Kimmelshue

Chairman VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None offered

CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Upon the motion of Director Grewal, seconded by Director Jackson, the January 22, 2020 Minutes were unanimously approved. (3-0-1)
- B. Upon the motion of Director Jackson, seconded by Director Grewal, the warrants and finances for 01/22/20 through 03/02/20 were unanimously approved. (3-0-1)
- C. Upon the motion of Director Grewal, seconded by Director Jackson, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved. (3-0-1)

ACTION CALENDAR

1. **PUBLIC HEARING** A Public Hearing to hear comments from the public regarding the Authority's proposed Groundwater Extraction Fees was opened at 1:06 p.m. After receiving no comments from the public, Chairman VanderHam closed the Hearing at 1:08.
2. Request for review and to consider taking action to adopt Resolution 20-02. TCWA contracted with Provost & Pritchard to conduct a Fee Study on a proposed groundwater extraction fee. Having noticed the study, conducting the required Public Hearing, and receiving less than 1%

protest of the proposed Groundwater Extraction Fee, the board considered Resolution 20-02 RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY LEVYING THE 2020 GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FEE. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 20-02 and to levee a \$10.00 per acre foot extraction fee for calendar year 2020, and authorized staff and consultants to complete and mail the required invoices. (3-0-1)

3. Request for review and consider for approval the Land IQ Scope of Work and Client Services Agreement. Joel Kimmelshue, Land IQ, presented the Scope of Work Proposal. Land IQ utilizes a combination of high-density, specific ground measurements and remotely sensed modeling, calibrated with those measurements. The Tule GSA managers considered proposals from companies that provide satellite data for monitoring consumptive use, or evapotranspiration, for the purpose of providing data for the Subbasin and GSA use. It was agreed by the Tule Subbasin Managers that Land IQ provided the most trusted and tested method for this data collection. The cost for each GSA in the Subbasin is \$.76 per acre. The Board discussed the Client Services Agreement and on the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Agreement was approved. (3-0-1)
4. Request for review and consider for approval 4Creeks' Web-Application Proposal. Eric Riley presented the Data Management System designed by 4Creeks Engineering. The system would provide for landowner access, consumptive use calculations, invoices and would interface well with the Tule Subbasin DMS for annual reporting. The Board questioned the ongoing subscription cost. Mr. Riley explained that the subscription cost had not yet been determined. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board approved the proposal pending review and approval of the subscription cost by TCWA's Chairman. (3-0-1)
5. Request for review and consider for approval 4Creeks Scope of Work for completion and upload of the 2020 Annual Report for the TCWA. Mr. Tucker presented the Scope of Work for preparation of TCWA's annual report. The scope of work included the preparation of the annual report as well as monitoring activities for TCWA in accordance with the Tule Coordination Agreement for data collection. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to approve the Scope of Work as presented. (3-0-1)
6. Request for review and consider for approval Geosyntec's Scope of Work and Client Services Agreement. Mr. Hussain presented Geosyntec's Statement of Qualifications for professional, technical and planning consulting services. The Board considered the Client Services Agreement and on the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board voted to approve the Scope of Work and Client Services Agreement pending final legal review. (3-0-1)
7. Request for review and consider ratification of the Agreement to Toll the Statue of Limitations Regarding Potential Challenges to the Tulare Lake Subbasin or Westside Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plans. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board ratified the Agreement. (3-0-1)

COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS

8. Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestion

None

9. Reports of General Interest

1) Tulare Lake Subbasin Update – Deanna Jackson

Provost & Pritchard were contracted to complete the Tulare Lake Subbasin's Annual Report. They will be collecting data for the report and will provide a draft for review in the next few weeks.

2) Tule Subbasin Update – Deanna Jackson

The managers met and discussed current cash flow concerns and a call for funds. The MOU between the GSAs will be reviewed and revised as necessary to provide for continued governance structure after plan submittals. The monitoring program is being implemented, and the Annual Reports will be completed by 4Creeks.

3) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne

The funding draft bond is out and includes \$400,000,000 for SGMA. AB 2502 regarding SGMA Impacts to managed wetlands is currently being sent to committee for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

8. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the March 5, 2020 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Special Meeting to be held on April 30, 2020 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