

# TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

January 22, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Wednesday, January 22, 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  
Jack Mitchell

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lauren Layne, Deanna Jackson, Stacie Ann Silva, Carole Combs, Alan Becker, Dennis Mills, Julianne Phillips, Zachary Stringham, Trent Sherman, Bruce Howarth, Dennis Tristao

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

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None offered

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Upon the motion of Director Grewal, seconded by Director Jackson, the December 18, 2019 Minutes were unanimously approved. (4-0-0)
- B. Upon the motion of Director Grewal, seconded by Director Jackson, the warrants and finances for 12/19/19 through 01/22/20 were unanimously approved. (4-0-0)
- C. Treasurer's Report – None

#### **ACTION CALENDAR**

- 1. Request for adoption of Resolution 20-01 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN BY THE TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY.** Executive Director Jackson presented the final Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP and answered questions. Director Steve Jackson questioned whether the TL GSPs' projects and management actions went far enough to address subsidence mitigation, and voiced his concern that the DWR may not

approve the Plan. After Board discussion, Director Grewal motioned for adoption of Resolution 20-01 and Director Mitchell seconded the motion, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 20-01. (4-0-0)

2. Request for approval of a representative from Summers Engineering or Kings County Farm Bureau as a neutral third party to engage with the Department of Water Resources as the Plan Manager on behalf of the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSAs. Mr. Tristao clarified that Dusty Ference, Kings County Farm Bureau, had been chosen as the possible representative. On the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Mitchell, the Board voted to unanimously approve Dusty Ference as the POC for the Tulare Lake Subbasin. (4-0-0)
3. Request for approval of the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement. Mrs. Layne presented the final Coordination Agreement. After Board discussion, and on the motion of Director Jackson and the second of Director Grewal, the Board voted to unanimously approve the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement. (4-0-0)
4. Request for approval of the Tri-County Water Authority 2020 Budget. Executive Director Jackson presented the budget for 2020 based on the current land assessment and the proposed groundwater extraction fees. The budget included the scheduled repayment of initial contributions received from Deer Creek Storm Water District and Angiola Water District, schedule to begin in 2020 and be completed in 2023. Director Mitchell asked for an accelerated repayment schedule for DCSWD. The Board will consider the financials and repayment schedule at the end of fiscal year 2020. On the motion of Director Grewal and the second of Director Jackson, the Board approved the budget for fiscal year 2020, with Director Mitchell dissenting. (3-1-0)

## **COMMUNICATIONS/OLD BUSINESS**

5. Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestions  
None
6. Communications – Deanna Jackson  
A comment letter was sent to the Department of Water Resources, by water community NGOs, asking for State Board intervention in the plan review process. A joint letter to the Department of Water Resources was prepared and signed by the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSAs in the response.
7. Reports of General Interest
  - 1) Pumping Fee Study Update – Deanna Jackson  
The Notice of Public Hearing has been mailed to landowners and posted at [www.tcwater.org](http://www.tcwater.org). The Public Hearing has been set for March 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
  - 2) Legal Counsel Report – Lauren Layne

The Memorandums of Understanding signed by the GSAs of both Subbasins, for the governance during Plan development, will be revised to provide for Plan Implementation.

3) Other Updates – Deanna Jackson

Technical and Stakeholder Committee meetings will resume in early 2020, to begin work on development of Rules and Regulations for Plan implementation.


**ADJOURNMENT**

8. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the January 22, 2020 meeting, Director VanderHam adjourned the meeting until the next Regular Meeting to be held on March 5, 2020 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