



Cory Vanderham, Chairman  
Mark Grewal, Vice-Chairman  
Steve Jackson, Director  
Wade Magden, Director

Deanna Jackson, Executive Director

# **AGENDA**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

December 22, 2020

10:00 a.m.

944 Whitley Avenue, Suite E

Corcoran, CA 93212

Per Executive Order N-29-20, which allows local and state legislative bodies to hold meetings via teleconference and to make meetings accessible electronically, this Tri-County Water Authority Board of Directors meeting will be accessible via Zoom and dial in at:

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

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The public may participate in the meeting as otherwise permitted under the Brown Act by calling into the telephone number above. Any member of the public may address the Tri-County Water Authority concerning any item on the agenda before or during its consideration of that matter, as appropriate.

**CALL TO ORDER** 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**  
Cory VanderHam, Chairman  
Mark Grewal  
Steve Jackson  
Wade Magden  
Vacant

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board of Directors welcomes participation in Board meetings. The public may address matters under the jurisdiction of the Board that have not been posted in the Agenda. However, California Law prohibits the Board from taking action on any matter that is not on the posted Agenda unless the Board determines that it is an emergency or one of the other situations specified in Government Code section 54954.2. The public will be given the opportunity to address the Board on any item on the Agenda at this time or before the Board's consideration of that item. If members of the public desire to address the Board relative to a particular Agenda item at the time it is to be considered, they should so notify the Chairman of the Board at this time. The Chairman may limit the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues for each individual speaker.

#### **POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS**

*(Any Board member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse himself from discussing and voting on the matter.)* [FPPC § 87105.]

## **ACTION CALENDAR**

1. **Consider for approval RESOLUTION 20-09 FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE PROPOSITION 68 GRANT FUNDING.**
  - a. Presentation by Deanna Jackson
  - b. Discussion
  - c. Public comments/questions
  - d. If desired, motion to approve Resolution 20-09
  
2. **Consider for approval submitting a letter of Support for LTRIDGSA Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Implementation – Round 1 Projects (on behalf of the Tule Subbasin GSAs).**
  - a. Presentation by Deanna Jackson
  - b. Discussion
  - c. Public comments/questions
  - d. If desired, motion to approve the Letter of Support
  
3. **Consider for approval submitting a letter of Support for the 2021 Kings CWD Recharge Project application for a Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Implementation Round 1 Grant.**
  - a. Presentation by Deanna Jackson / Amer Hussain
  - b. Discussion
  - c. Public comments/questions
  - d. If desired, motion to approve the Letter of Support

## **COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

4. **Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestions**
  
5. **Reports of General Interest**
  - 1.) Advisory Committee Update – Amer Hussain
  - 2.) Tulare Lake Subbasin Update – Deanna Jackson
  - 3.) Tule Subbasin Update – Deanna Jackson

## **ADJOURNMENT**

6. Adjourn to the next Board Meeting, scheduled on January 14, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., at the Authority Office Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.



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- ❖ Items on the Agenda may be taken in any order.
- ❖ Action may be taken on any item listed on the Agenda.
- ❖ Writings relating to open session Agenda items that are distributed to members of the Board of Directors will be available for inspection at the Authority office, excluding writings that are not public records or are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Acts.

**Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990:** Under this act, a qualifying person may request that the Authority provide a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in any public meeting of the Authority. Such assistance includes alternative formats for the agendas and agenda packets used for any public meetings of the Authority. Requests for assistance shall be made in person, via telephone, or in written form to the Tri-County Water Authority Office at 944 Whitley Avenue, Suite E, Corcoran, CA 93212 (559) 762-7240. Requests must be received at least 48 hours prior to a scheduled public meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-09

Resolved by the Tri-County Water Authority Board of Directors, that an application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Implementation – Round 1 Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resource Code, § 8000 et seq.) and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the: Tule Subbasin Round 1 Sustainability Projects. Eric Limas, the General Manager of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, or designee, is hereby authorized and direct to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources. Passed and adopted at a meeting of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board of Directors on December 8, 2020.

Authorized Original Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk/Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Tri-County Water Authority Board of Directs held on December 22, 2020.

Clerk/Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Lower Tule River Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

**Attn: Eric Limas, General Manager**

357 E. Olive Avenue

Tipton, CA 93272

**Subject: Support for LTRIDGSA Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Implementation – Round 1 Projects (on behalf of the Tule Subbasin GSAs)**

Mr. Limas,

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District GSA's grant application being submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR): Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Implementation – Round 1.

The project and components proposed on the application offer opportunities to reduce reliance on groundwater by building new surface water distribution systems to agriculture lands historically dependent on groundwater, promote multi-benefit groundwater recharge and habitat enhancement basin, and provides flood protection for the SDAC of Allensworth and Alpaugh.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Lower Tule River Irrigation District GSA as they seek external funding to support a project designed to promote groundwater resources management. Any project that can help provide sustainable groundwater resources to the Tule Subbasin, designated by the DWR as a Critically Over Drafted Basin, will provide immense benefits to our community and neighboring ones.

Sincerely,

Mark Grewal  
Director



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California Department of Water Resources  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
P.O. Box 942836

**Subject:** Support for the **2021 Kings CWD Recharge Project** application for a Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Implementation Round 1 Grant

To Whom it May Concern:

Tri-County Water Authority (TCWA) supports the Kings County Water District's (CWD) pursuit of a Proposition 68, Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Implementation Round 1 grant-funded project aimed at addressing groundwater sustainability in the Tulare Lake Subbasin. The **2021 Kings CWD Recharge Project** will provide increased groundwater recharge from surplus surface water to incrementally address long-term overdraft and subsidence concerns in the project area. Increased groundwater recharge was identified in the Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) as a high priority within the Mid-Kings River Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) as a way to improve drought resiliency, stabilize groundwater levels and avoid subsidence. Further, this project is ready to proceed as Kings CWD owns the properties and has existing access to available surface water supplies through existing water rights and conveyance systems.

TCWA recognizes the collective importance of implementing the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP to achieve groundwater sustainability in the area. Our stakeholders are dependent on a sustainable groundwater supply, and this application will fund the construction of a project needed to address long-term overdraft and promote groundwater sustainability within the Tulare Lake Subbasin. TCWA strongly encourages DWR to provide funding for the **2021 Kings CWD Recharge Project**.

Sincerely,

Mark Grewal  
Director

Cc: Dennis Mills, Kings CWD General Manager