

TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
March 3, 2022

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 3, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted both in person and via teleconference.

Chair VanderHam presided and Executive Director Jackson kept the minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cory VanderHam
Mark Grewal
Carlo Wilcox

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Wade Magden

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Jackson, Executive Director
Staci Wilkins, Executive Assistant
Jason Howard, McCormick Barstow
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec
Rusty Areias, California Strategies
Bob Anderson, Geosyntec
Geoff VandenHeuvel

Chair VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 13, 2022
2. Warrants and Finances (12/21/2021 – 02/15/2022)
3. Treasurer’s Report
4. AB 361

A motion was made by Director Grewal and seconded by Director Wilcox to approve items 1-3 of the consent calendar as is and to continue having meetings with a media link for participants but to require Directors to be physically present. The Board voted to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

Grewal	Wilcox	VanderHam	Magden
Aye	Aye	Aye	Absent

ACTION CALENDAR

- 5. Review and consider approval of Common Interest Agreement with Angiola Water District regarding Allensworth Project.

On the motion of Director Wilcox and seconded by Director Grewal, the Board voted to approve the Common Interest Agreement with Angiola Water District. The Board voted as follows:

Grewal	Wilcox	VanderHam	Magden
Aye	Aye	Aye	Absent

- 6. Consider action to approve the engagement letter with Luhdorff & Scalmanini for modeling of the Tulare Lake Subbasin.

The purpose of the modeling project is to replace the former model of the subbasin which has been deemed inadequate. The project will expand upon data sets previously used to better represent the subbasin’s condition. It will be very useful when it is time to complete the 5-year update on the GSP.

On the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Wilcox, the Board voted to accept the letter of engagement with Luhdorff & Scalmanini for the modeling of the Tulare Lake Subbasin. The Board voted as follows:

Grewal	Wilcox	VanderHam	Magden
Aye	Aye	Aye	Absent

- 7. Review and consider approval of scope of work for Thomas Harder & Company for a groundwater exchange study.

After a brief discussion, this item was tabled until a later date.

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8. Director’s Reports/Comments/Suggestion
No reports.

- 9. Communications
Amer Hussain discussed the letters received from the DWR for both subbasins. The GSPs were labeled Incomplete and the deficiencies noted were related to water levels, water quality and subsidence. We will have until July 27 to submit a revised GSP, primarily concentrating on the revision of one chapter and Strategic Management Criteria. It was agreed by the Directors that the Board would plan to meet July 21 to approve the GSP revisions.

- 10. Reports of General Interest

- a) California Strategies Update – Rusty Areias
The staff at California Strategies continues to try coordinating a schedule for Secretary Crowfoot to tour the area. Executive Director Jackson requested that their office monitor

action in Sacramento which would require the GSAs to begin utilizing Open ET. Additionally, they need to keep track of possible modifications to AB 361 and the Brown Act to bring it up-to-date with today's technology and needs.

b) Advisory Committee Update– Amer Hussain

Looking at modeling to see how much water can be pumped out of Tri-County if recharge projects are completed outside of the GSA. Once complete, a policy can be created on water transfers and credits in addition to how it will be monitored.

c) Tulare Lake Subbasin Update – Amer Hussain

The draft of the Annual Report is being created for the GSA managers to review. The SGM Grant Applications were submitted by February 28 and funding is expected by May

d) Tule Subbasin Update – Amer Hussain

Same information as above.

e) Legal Counsel Report – Jason Howard

No report given.

f) Other Updates, as appropriate

No other information given.

ADJOURNMENT

11. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the March 3, 2022, meeting, Chair VanderHam adjourned the meeting at 2:27 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting to be held on May 5, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

Cory VanderHam, Chair

Deanna Jackson, Executive Director