

# TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

June 13, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. The meeting was conducted both in person and via teleconference.

Chair VanderHam presided and Staci Wilkins 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  
Kathy Wood McLaughlin  
Megan Powers, KRCD  
Kayode Kadara  
Maryse Suppiger, Manulife

Chair VanderHam called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 3, 2022, and the Special Board Meetings held on May 6 and May 16, 2022.
2. Warrants and Finances (02/16/2022 – 06/05/2022)
3. Treasurer’s Report
4. Continued use of Zoom meetings in accordance with AB361

A motion was made by Director Grewal and seconded by Director Wilcox to approve the Consent Calendar which was approved with the following vote:

Grewal	Magden	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye

**ACTION CALENDAR**

- 5. Review and consider approval of Waiver for Potential Conflict of Interest for McCormick Barstow as legal counsel representing Tri-County Water Authority and Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

On the motion of Director Wilcox and seconded by Director Grewal, the Board voted to sign the Waiver for Potential Conflict of Interest for McCormick Barstow. The Board voted as follows:

<b>Grewal</b>	<b>Magden</b>	<b>VanderHam</b>	<b>Wilcox</b>
Aye	Absent	Aye	Aye

- 6. Review of the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSP revisions in response to DWR comments.

Amer Hussain from Geosyntec presented the draft revision of the GSP that will be submitted to DWR for the July 27 deadline. The analysis being done is in order to provide more detail on water quality, water levels, and subsidence in response to the comments. It was important to identify critical infrastructure, domestic well counts and the MT Elevation percentile levels throughout the subbasins that would be used to estimate how many domestic wells could potentially go dry.

No action was taken by the Board.

- 7. Review of TCWA GSP and Tule Subbasin’s Coordination Agreement revisions in response to DWR comments.

Amer Hussain briefly covered similar data to the Tulare Lake Subbasin as it relates to the Tule Subbasin. He mentioned that the draft of the document for mitigation of domestic wells is being finalized and should be made available to the GSA managers for review soon.

No action was taken by the Board.

**COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 8. Director’s Reports/Comments Suggestions – None
- 9. Communications – None
- 10. Reports of General Interest

- a. California Strategies – Rusty Arieas

Most of the activity in Sacramento is focused on the budget and working on a moratorium as it relates to replacement wells under the Executive Order issued in March. It has been noted that a recent visit to Allensworth from state officials was at the direction of Karla Nemeth and Secretary Crowfoot. There will be a ribbon cutting on June 17, 2022, with Karla Nemeth in attendance for the earthquake retrofit at the San Luis Reservoir, a \$1 billion investment.

- b. Advisory Committee Update – Amer Hussain

There hasn’t been a meeting since April due to all of the time being spent on GSP revisions. Meetings should resume in August.

- c. Legal Counsel Update – None

- d. Other Updates
  - i. Water Blueprint – Deanna Jackson

Information was included to highlight the work being done by the Blueprint. The collaborative action group now has a Mission and Vision Statement, a consolidated ask letter being sent to Sacramento in conjunction with Southern California and Bay Area water agencies, and a fish friendly plan. They are working hard to protect California water.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

- 11. CLOSED SESSION – The Board entered into Closed Session at 11:33 am.
  - a. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding potential litigation Anticipated Litigation [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)] (1 potential case)
- 12. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at 12:13 p.m.. There was nothing to report out.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the June 13, 2022, meeting, Chair VanderHam adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. until the Special Board Meeting and Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 1 p.m. in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Cory VanderHam, Chair



Deanna Jackson, Executive Director