

TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 28, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 p.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
Wade Magden

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Jackson, Executive Director
Staci Wilkins, Executive Assistant
Jason Howard, McCormick Barstow
Amer Hussain
Mike Nordstrom
Brian Hamilton
Megan Powers
Ruthie Redmond
David Orth
Ron Cook

Chair VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Mr. Howard, legal counsel for the Authority, gave a brief explanation of the rules governed by Water Code and the Authority's policy in place to assess Civil Penalties on groundwater extracted.
2. The Public Hearing opened at 1:01 p.m.
3. The Public Hearing was open for landowners or their representatives to comment on or present materials against penalties to be assessed. There was no landowner comment.
4. The Public Hearing closed at 1:02 p.m.

ACTION AGENDA

- 5. Review and consider action regarding civil penalties under Water Code Section 10732 potentially applicable in the first quarter of 2022 and comments/materials submitted during Public Hearing regarding the same.

Mr. Howard provided direction for action that the Directors could take regarding Civil Penalties. The Directors reviewed documentation provided by Executive Director Jackson and asked for clarification on what steps had been followed by staff.

On the motion of Director Grewal and seconded by Director Magden, the Board voted to approve all Civil Penalties assessed to mitigate for extraction reduction. The Board voted as follows:

Grewal	Magden	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

- 6. Review of Coordination Agreement and Mitigation Plan.

Amer Hussain from Geosyntec provided a brief review of the DWR comments and their approach to addressing the issues of water quality, subsidence, and water levels as they relate to the Coordination Agreement. Determining minimum thresholds so that no more than 10% of domestic wells go dry, identifying critical infrastructure with the effects of subsidence and defining maximum contaminate levels (MCLs) has been important on how the Subbasins will respond. Deanna Jackson and Jason Howard explained the Coordination Agreement is going through revisions which will now include Mitigation Plans. A framework for the basis of the Plan is being provided and will be modified to fit the needs of each GSA.

No action was taken by the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

- 7. **CLOSED SESSION** – The Board entered into Closed Session at 1:44 p.m.
 - a. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding potential litigation Anticipated Litigation [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)] (1 potential case)
- 8. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** – The Board returned to Open Session at 2:02 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 28, 2022, meeting, Chair VanderHam adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m. until the Special Board Meeting to be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:



Cory VanderHam, Chair

Deanna Jackson

Deanna Jackson, Executive Director