

TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

July 21, 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, July 21, 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
Carlo Wilcox
Wade Magden

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Jackson, Executive Director
Staci Wilkins, Executive Assistant
Jason Howard, McCormick Barstow
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec
Michael Nordstrom
David Armanasco, California Strategies
Kathy Wood McLaughlin
Don Wright
Doug Gosling
Dusty Ferrence
Kiki Tolles
Stacie Ann Silva
Jesus Rodriguez
Doug Jackson
Julie Allen

Chair VanderHam called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Howard administered the Oath of Office to Michael Nordstrom and welcomed him to the Board of Directors.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items were approved out of order from the agenda)

1. Continued use of Zoom meetings in accordance with AB361

A motion was made by Director Wilcox and seconded by Director Nordstrom to continue the use of Zoom meetings. The Directors voted as follows:

Magden	Nordstrom	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

2. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 3, 2022, and the Special Board Meetings held on May 6 and May 16, 2022.
3. Warrants and Finances (02/16/2022 – 06/05/2022)

A motion was made by Director Nordstrom and seconded by Director Magden to approve the Minutes and Warrants and Finances as presented. The Directors voted as follows:

Magden	Nordstrom	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

4. Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Director Nordstrom and seconded by Director Wilcox to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The Directors voted as follows:

Magden	Nordstrom	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

ACTION CALENDAR

5. Consider for adoption Resolution 22-03 A Resolution of the Tri-County Water Authority approving the levying of 2023 Assessments.

A motion was made by Director Wilcox and seconded by Director Magden to approve Resolution 22-03. The motion passed with the following vote:

Magden	Nordstrom	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

6. Consider for adoption Resolution 22-04 A Resolution of the Tri-County Water Authority certifying to the County of Tulare the validity of the legal process used to place direct charges (special assessments) on the secured tax roll.

On the motion of Director Nordstrom and seconded by Director Magden, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 22-04 with the following vote:

Magden	Nordstrom	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

7. Consider for adoption Resolution 22-05 A Resolution of the Tri-County Water Authority authorizing the County of Kings to place the special assessment on the 2022-2023 tax roll and certifying to the County of Kings the validity of the legal process used to place direct charges (special assessments) on the secured tax roll.

On the motion of Director Wilcox and seconded by Director Magden, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 22-05 with the following vote:

Magden	Nordstrom	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

8. Consider for adoption Resolution 22-06 A Resolution of the Tri-County Water Authority approving the levying of 2023 Pump Fee.

On the motion of Director Wilcox and seconded by Director Nordstrom, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 22-06 with the following vote:

Magden	Nordstrom	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

9. Consider for adoption Resolution 22-07 A Resolution authorizing the adoption of the amended Tulare Lake Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan by the Tri-County Water Sustainability Agency.

Amer Hussain from Geosyntec presented the overview of the revisions made to the GSP in order to address the comments issued by the Department of Water Resources. The Sustainable Management Criteria was briefly discussed with how it will be calculated and it was noted that there will be a Mitigation Program in place by 2025 to assist with the 10% of wells that could potentially go dry.

On the motion of Director Magden and seconded by Director Wilcox, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 22-07 with the following vote:

Magden	Nordstrom	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Nay	Aye	Aye

10. Consider for adoption Resolution 22-08 A Resolution authorizing the adoption of the amended Tri-County Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Plan by the Tri-County Water Authority Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Amer Hussain briefly stated that the Tule Subbasin Plan had received many of the same comments that had been received for the Tulare Lake Subbasin. Adjustments were made to the TCWA plan compared to others in the Subbasin since there are some components in water quality and subsidence that do not affect TCWA's GSA. Deanna Jackson thanked Amer for all of the hard work put in by Geosyntec and noted that the plan amendments were concise, easy to read, and top-quality work.

On the motion of Director Magden and seconded by Director Wilcox, the Board voted to adopt Resolution 22-08 with the following vote:

Magden	Nordstrom	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

11. Review and consider approval of the revisions to the Tule Subbasin Coordination Agreement and Mitigation Framework.

Deanna Jackson noted that there had been several meetings with GSA Managers, consultants, and legal counsel to arrive at the revisions that were being presented. For the mitigation framework, it is an aggressive plan that states that by year-end 2022 a link will need to be up and available for use with the final program in place by July, 2023. Mr. Howard indicated that each GSA would be empowered to deal with mitigation within their own boundaries, giving flexibility to each GSA. It can be written in such a way that not all claims will be treated equally.

On the motion of Director Nordstrom and seconded by Director Wilcox, the Board voted to adopt the revisions to the Coordination Agreement and the Mitigation Framework with the following vote:

Magden	Nordstrom	VanderHam	Wilcox
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 12. Director’s Reports/Comments Suggestions – None
- 13. Communications – None
- 14. Reports of General Interest
 - a. California Strategies – David Armanasco
There has been a lot of work in Sacramento by High-Speed Rail regarding replacement wells and how they are treated under the Executive Order. They hope to have a resolution soon to clarify. The community of Allensworth has been very fortunate in being given \$40 M in the Governor’s budget to address water concerns. They will also be the recipient of numerous grants to assist with water issues and land repurposing.
 - b. Legal Counsel Update – None
 - c. Other Updates - None

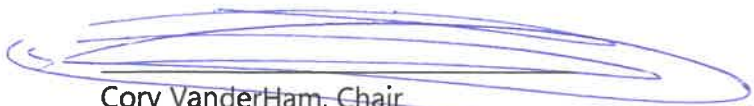
CLOSED SESSION

- 15. CLOSED SESSION – The Board entered into Closed Session at 10:56 am.
 - a. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding potential litigation
Anticipated Litigation [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)] (1 potential case)
 - b. Labor Negotiations [Govt. Code 54957.6]
 - i. Executive Assistant
- 16. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The Board returned to Open Session at 11:11 a.m.. The Board authorized a merit increase to the Executive Assistant effective July 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

- 17. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the July 21, 2022, meeting, Chair VanderHam adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m. until the Regular Board Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022, at 1 p.m. in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Cory VanderHam", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn blue oval.

Cory VanderHam, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Deanna Jackson", is written over a horizontal line.

Deanna Jackson, Executive Director