

TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 8, 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, December 8, 2022, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted both in person and via Zoom.

Chair VanderHam presided and Staci Wilkins kept the minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cory VanderHam
Carlo Wilcox
Michael Nordstrom
Myron Schotanus

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Wade Magden

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Jackson, Executive Director
Staci Wilkins, Executive Assistant
Jason Howard, McCormick Barstow
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec
Allen Nazarian
Stacie Ann Silva, Altum Aqua Logic

Chair VanderHam called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Continued use of Zoom meetings in accordance with AB361

On the motion of Director Wilcox and seconded by Director Schotanus, the Board voted to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

Magden	Nordstrom	Schotanus	VanderHam	Wilcox
Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Mr. Howard, legal counsel for the Authority, gave a brief explanation of the rules governed by Water Code and the Authority's current policy in place to assess Civil Penalties on groundwater extracted.
3. Public Hearing

- a. The Public Hearing opened at 1:09 p.m.
- b. 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.
- c. The Public Hearing closed at 1:09 p.m.

ACTION AGENDA

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

On the motion of Director Wilcox and seconded by Director Schotanus, the Board voted to assess the Civil Penalties as calculated for third quarter of 2022. The Board voted as follows:

Magden	Nordstrom	Schotanus	VanderHam	Wilcox
Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

5. Review and consider adoption of revised Bylaws.

On the motion of Director Schotanus and seconded by Director Nordstrom, the Board voted to adopt the revised Bylaws. The Board voted as follows:

Magden	Nordstrom	Schotanus	VanderHam	Wilcox
Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

6. Review and consider approval of proposal for engineering support of Allensworth Basin design by Geosyntec.

Amer Hussain noted that the proposal would cover the basin design work by Geosyntec for the project that was approved through the SGMA Grant, Round I. The expenses include the CEQA process and are reimbursable on a quarterly basis.

On the motion of Director Wilcox and seconded by Director Schotanus, the Board voted to approve the proposal submitted by Geosyntec for the design of the Allensworth Basin. The Board voted as follows:

Magden	Nordstrom	Schotanus	VanderHam	Wilcox
Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

7. Review and consider approval of proposal for engineering support of MLRP by Geosyntec.

Amer Hussain briefly explained that this is an initial amount of expenses that will be incurred by Geosyntec to begin working on the grant received through NRCS. TCWA’s portion of the grant is just under \$1 M and will be reimbursable.

On the motion of Director Schotanus and seconded by Director Nordstrom, the Board voted to approve the proposal submitted by Geosyntec for the MLRP Grant. The Board voted as follows:

Magden	Nordstrom	Schotanus	VanderHam	Wilcox
Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

CLOSED SESSION

8. **CLOSED SESSION** – The Board entered into Closed Session 1:41 p.m.
a. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding potential litigation
Anticipated Litigation [Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)] (2 potential cases)

9. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:07 p.m. There was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

10. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the December 8, 2022, meeting, Chair VanderHam adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m. until the next Regular Meeting to be held on January 5, 2023, 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