TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
February 19, 2026

The Board of Directors of Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted both in person and via Zoom.

Chair VanderHam presided and Secretary Wilkins kept the minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cory VanderHam, Chair
Myron Schotanus, Vice Chair
Erik Hansen (alternate for Wade Magden)
Dick VanderHam

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Craig Andrew

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Jackson, Executive Director
Staci Wilkins, Board Secretary
David Cameron, AALRR
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec
Rachel Clement, District Representative for Congressman Valadao
Monserrat Solis, SJV Water
Steve Jackson, Next Gen Water
Valerie Jasso Gorospe, Allensworth PA
Maryse Suppiger, Manulife Investment Management Services
Efrain, Allensworth PA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - There were no public comments.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Consider action to approve cost-sharing proposal of Friant-Kern Canal Benchmark Study.

   A recommendation was made by 4Creeks Engineering for all twelve GSAs in the Tule Subbasin to share in the cost of a benchmark study totaling $87,750. On the motion of Director Hansen and seconded by Director Schotanus, the Board voted to approve the 3-event @ 1-hour occupation study with a total cost to TCWA of $12,697. The Board voted as follows:

Andrew	Hansen	Schotanus	D. VanderHam	C. VanderHam
Absent	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

UPDATES

2. Tulare Lake Subbasin Update

- GSA managers met with State staff on February 9 and have another meeting scheduled on March 9.
- Feedback from staff on submitted policies was not received since they have not completed their review. Although they appreciated the work that had gone into the policies, they are looking for the draft GSPs to see how the policies are being incorporated into implementation with the funding source noted.
- SMC's had been revised to address deficiencies in the staff report. State staff is concerned about the lack of SMC coordination amongst the GSAs.
- Staff would like to know how the Best Management Practices (BMP) document that was recently approved will be addressed in the GSP. The BMP will add considerable costs and time for modeling work to be completed to determine water levels to minimize subsidence.
- For GEARS, there is supposed to be a module available for GSAs to enter pumper data. We will pass that information along as it becomes available.
- New codes to access GEARS are supposed to be mailed out to pumpers.

3. Tule Subbasin Update

- The Policy Committee is meeting bi-weekly
- There are many committees that have been formed, including the Groundwater, Annual Report, and Technical committees, to assist the GSA managers and staff in completing all of the necessary components of the GSP and Coordination Agreements for the Subbasin.

4. Legal Counsel Update

- Mr. Cameron noted that the State Supreme Court declined to review the Kings County Farm Bureau appeal.

ADJOURNMENT

5. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the February 19, 2026, meeting, Chair VanderHam adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m. until the next meeting to be held on March 5, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

Cory VanderHam, Chair

Deanna Jackson

Deanna Jackson, Executive Director