TRI-COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
March 5, 2026

The Board of Directors of Tri-County Water Authority met in the second-floor conference room, 944 Whitley Avenue, Corcoran, California, on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted both in person and via Zoom.

Chair VanderHam presided and Deanna Jackson kept the minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Cory VanderHam, Chair
Myron Schotanus, Vice Chair
Craig Andrew
Dick VanderHam

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Erik Hansen (alternate for Wade Magden)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deanna Jackson, Executive Director
David Cameron, AALRR
Amer Hussain
Mike Cuttone
Alanna Goodell
Monserrat Solis
Johnny Gailey
Kathy McLaughlin
Nick Reed-Krase
Jesse Roseman
Maryse Suppiger
Sebastian Silveira
Julie Martella
Juanita Schwartkopf
Simon Coughlin
Annie Nguyen
Tom Harder
Doug Jackson
Alan Becker
Dave Holland
Bellann Raile
Brianna Morrison
Peter Jazayeri
Stacie Ann Silva
Valerie Jasso Gorospe
Frank Coelho, Jr.
Yaman Al-Ahamed
Staci Wilkins

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A Public Hearing was held Pursuant to Water Code Section 10732, Public Hearing on the Assessment of Civil Penalties for the Fourth Quarter of 2025 as to specific Landowners

   The Public Hearing opened at 1:01 p.m. There were no comments. On the motion of Director Schotanus and seconded by Director Andrew, the Board voted to close the Public Hearing at 1:02 p.m.

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

2. A Public Hearing was held Pursuant to Water Code Section 10730.6 and TCWA's Policies and Procedures for Collecting Delinquent Fees, Assessments, or Charges, Public Hearing on Recording Notices of Violation and Orders to Cease Extraction of Groundwater for the following APNs: 333-010-004-000, 333-150-003-000, 333-150-005-000, 333-150-008-000, 333-150-010-000, 333-150-012-000, 333-150-013-000, 333-150-014-000, 333-150-016-000, 333-150-019-000, 333-170-001-000, 333-170-002-000, 333-170-003-000, 333-170-017-000, 333-170-019-000, 333-270-001-000, 333-270-002-000, 333-270-003-000, 333-270-004-000, 333-270-012-000, 333-270-013-000, 333-270-014-000, 333-360-015-000, 333-360-016-000, 333-360-034-000, 333-360-036-000, 333-370-004-000, 333-370-005-000, 333-370-006-000, 333-370-007-000, 333-370-012-000, 333-370-013-000.

   The Public Hearing opened at 1:02 p.m. with a motion by Director Andrew and seconded by Director Schotanus.

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

   The parcels were represented by the following: Juanita Schwartzkopf, Simon Coughlin, and Annie Nguyen for Focus Management Group; Bellann Raile and Peter Jazayeri for Cordesco; and Brianna Morrison for Conterra. Comments were made regarding the history of the receiverships that now control the property. On the motion of Director Schotanus and seconded by Director Andrew, the Board voted to close the Public Hearing at 1:14 p.m.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Minutes of the special Board Meetings held on January 8 and February 19, 2026

4. Warrants and Finances (01/07/2026 – 02/28/2026)

   On the motion of Director Schotanus and seconded by Director D. VanderHam, the Directors voted to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The Directors voted as follows:

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

ACTION AGENDA

5. Consider action to approve the Tri-County Water Authority Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2024.

   On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Schotanus, the Board voted to approve the 2024 Audit. The Board voted as follows:

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

6. Review and consider action(s) regarding civil penalties under Water Code Section 10732 for the fourth quarter of 2025 and comments/materials submitted during Public Hearing regarding the same.

   On the motion by Director Schotanus and seconded by Director D. VanderHam, the Board voted to approve the Civil Penalties as presented. The Directors voted as follows:

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

7. Review and consider approval of Recording Notices of Violation and/or Orders to Cease Extraction of Groundwater on the following delinquent landowner accounts, pursuant to TCWA's Policy and Procedures for Collecting Delinquent Fees, Assessments, or Charges for the following APNs: 333-010-004-000, 333-150-003-000, 333-150-005-000, 333-150-008-000, 333-150-010-000, 333-150-012-000, 333-150-013-000, 333-150-014-000, 333-150-016-000, 333-150-019-000, 333-170-001-000, 333-170-002-000, 333-170-003-000, 333-170-017-000, 333-170-019-000, 333-270-001-000, 333-270-002-000, 333-270-003-000, 333-270-004-000, 333-270-012-000, 333-270-013-000, 333-270-014-000, 333-360-015-000, 333-360-016-000, 333-360-034-000, 333-360-036-000, 333-370-004-000, 333-370-005-000, 333-370-006-000, 333-370-007-000, 333-370-012-000, 333-370-013-000; (see staff report).

   On the motion by Director Andrew and seconded by Director D. VanderHam, the Board voted to approve the recommendation of staff and legal counsel to record a notice of violation against all parcels listed. The Board voted as follows:

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

8. Review and consider approval of Southern Land Subsidence Study in the Tule Subbasin.

   Mr. Harder provided the background of the study to analyze impact of land subsidence on critical infrastructure and pipelines. There will be a cost share component with the other GSAs. The Technical Committee will be responsible for finding ways to expedite, possibly reducing scenarios and costs. On the motion of Director Andrew and seconded by Director Schotanus, the Board voted to approve the Study, even if there is a name change to the study once formalized. The Board voted as follows:

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

Mr. Harder also provided updates on the following: Community Water Systems and Drinking Water Well Mitigation – risk and vulnerability analysis near completion and strategies being finalized; and Groundwater Flow Model – subbasin-wide model being revised with expected completion in August or September 2026.

9. Review and consider action to approve the updated subsidence data for the management zones and to direct staff to send notices to affected landowners.

Mr. Hussain reviewed the updated subsidence zone maps through October 2025. There is still subsidence occurring in the Southeast Management Area and the conservation area, which has no pumping, is showing subsidence. The Subsidence Management Policy requires approval of updated data and notification to the affected landowners. On the motion of Director Schotanus and seconded by Director D. VanderHam, the Board voted to approve the revised maps and to notify the affected landowners. The Board voted as follows:

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

COMMUNICATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

10. Director's Reports/Comments/Suggestion - none

11. Communications

12. Reports of General Interest

a. Tule Trust

- Mr. Reed-Krase reported that they have ongoing outreach to landowners following the International Ag Expo presentations. There are plans to create a decision-making tool or checklist to help farmers assess whether it is a good fit to place an easement on their property and there will be a Dry Land Ag Workshop held March 31, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Ag Extension/Commissioner's Office. The invitation to attend is open to all and will stop when capacity is reached.

b. Tulare Lake Subbasin Update

- There was a meeting with State Board staff on February 9, clarifying requirements for buy-in from owners for critical infrastructure.
- The State Board will consider exemption of pumpers of ≤20 AF/year from reporting and fees. Comments are due March 30 and the Board will vote on it April 7.
- The draft GSP and Exclusion packet are being finalized for submission next week.

c. Tule Subbasin Update

- A response to the Exclusion Request filed in September is anticipated by the end of March
- State is encouraging single GSAs for each subbasin for coordination and review efficiency

- The Policy Group will be meeting on March 9, 2-4 p.m.

d. Legal Counsel Update – David Cameron

- A draft Minimal Impact Exclusion for pumpers of ≤ 20 AF/year will be considered by the State Board at the April 7 meeting. This would allow landowners who pump ≤ 20 AF/year to be exempt from reporting and fees. There is no landowner within TCWA that will qualify.
- Farm Bureau litigation –the trial court's injunction was overturned at the appellate level and was declined at the State Supreme Court level. It is being remanded to Kings County Superior Court under a new judge. Most of the claims were dismissed, but the "good actor" provision remains live. There will be a status conference on March 12.

e. Other updates – none

CLOSED SESSION

13. CLOSED SESSION – The Board entered into Closed Session at 2:27 p.m.

Conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation [Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)] (2 potential cases)

Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation [Govt. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] *Angiola Water District v. Tri-County Water Authority*, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU3162960

14. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:46 p.m. Chair VanderHam reported there was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

15. There being no further business to come before the Board on the occasion of the March 5, 2026, meeting, Chair VanderHam adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m. until the next meeting to be held on May 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in the Tri-County Boardroom or as otherwise directed by the Board.

Attest:

Cory VanderHam, Chair

Deanna Jackson, Executive Director