

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Of the  
**TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY**  
5513 Hwy 162  
Willows, CA 95988  
February 07, 2024  
9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:**

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
KEVIN HEBREW*	D	CORNING W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	A	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4-M W.D.
MATT DEADMOND*	D	GLIDE W.D.
VINCE LAUFER*	A	GLIDE/KANAWHA W.D.
DARREN TITUS*	D	KIRKWOOD W.D.
ZACHARY DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE/WESTSIDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
EMIL CAVAGNOLO*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
DAN RUIZ*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

**DISTRICTS ABSENT:**

CORTINA W.D.  
DAVIS W.D.  
GCID  
HOLTHOUSE W.D.  
PROBERTA W.D.  
THOMES CREEK W.D.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

JEFF SUTTON*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY	TCCA
ANDREA CLARK*	DOWNEY BRAND
RICH ROBERTSON	USBR, WILLOWS

“\*” indicates closed session attendance

“D” indicates designated director “A” indicates designated alternate

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order at 09:03 a.m.

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 10 Districts represented.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**M/S/C-JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS**

To approve the February 07, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS**

**A. Board Meeting Minutes**

**M/S/C - SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS**

To approve the January 10, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

Manager Sutton reported on the following: TCCA ended 2023 with a net income of \$255,035, despite working from an assumed drought budget in a full water year. Manager Sutton would like to assign \$98,078.85 to the TC Facility Major Maintenance Reserve to match its set target and \$156,956.15 will be assigned to the TC Vehicle/Equipment Reserve less up to \$35,000 (actual amount expended for forklift will be the amount of the deduction) to be utilized to purchase a new forklift.

**M/S/C-SCHAAD/JONES-UNANIMOUS**

To approve the December 2023 Financial Reports as presented and to assign \$98,078.85 to the TC Facility Major Maintenance Reserve to match its set target and \$156,956.15 will be assigned to the TC Vehicle/Equipment Reserve less up to \$35,000 (actual amount expended for forklift will be the amount of the deduction) to be utilized to purchase a new forklift.

C. **USBR Report**

Rich Robertson reported on the following: 215 water declared currently available and the opportunity for 215 water to exist through Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, any surplus water opportunities for TC water districts will proceed under Section 3F of their water service/repayment contracts per the tiered structure outlined. Tier I at full water marketing price, plus restoration and TPUD. Tier II for irrigation water when full surplus declared will result in \$8-9 of water marketing, plus restoration and TPUD. Tier III for groundwater recharge when full surplus declared will result in a charge of only restoration and TPUD. Tier IV is still being finalized, but being discussed as no charges when there is a declaration of a flood emergency by the CA Governor.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Operations & Maintenance**

- A. Manager Sutton reported on the following O & M activities: TC and Corning Canal operations update; operational challenges due to hydrology related to Funks operations and Corning Canal floodwaters; meter reading; FPIP maintenance; check structure maintenance; CCP motor maintenance; electrical upgrades on TC Canal; drain and bathtub cleaning; fence repair; equipment maintenance; Funks Dam gate inspection; Winter Maintenance Shutdown activities focused on sediment removal (draining of TC canal pools 13, 14, 15 and 16); and safety meetings.

**Meetings/Presentations**

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Mid-Pacific Region Water Users conference, dinner and USBR meeting; and the upcoming Family Farm Alliance Conference.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Discuss and Consider Form 700/Ethics & Harassment Training Requirements**

- A. Manager Sutton reminded Directors to fill out and submit their Form 700s by April 1<sup>st</sup>; and the requirement for Directors to complete 2 hours each of ethics and harassment training every other year. There are online trainings for ethics and harassment available through GSRMA (contact Lisa for link).

**Discuss and Consider WY 2024 CVP/TCCA Water Operations**

- B. Manager Sutton reported on the following: Status update on CVP Reservoir levels; status update on development of the 3F water pricing policy for the CVP Northern California Area; update on the Accelerated Water Transfer Program related to both SRSC base and project water supply; new CVP Water Year starting on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Update on WIIN Act Contract Conversion**

- C. Attorney Clark provided an update regarding the procedural status of the WIIN Act litigation related to CVP Contract Conversion.

**Discuss and Consider Sites Project Authority**

- D. Manager Sutton reported on the following Sites JPA activities: Litigation filing challenging the Sites Reservoir EIR; Status of the Sites Reservoir JPA Water Rights Application to the SWRCB; Update on the Finance Plan; and progress on TCCA/Sites JPA Cooperative Agreement activities related to development of wheeling rates, engineering support, construction activities, and operational details.

**TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

None

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. **Conference with Legal Counsel-Existing Litigation [California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] Four Cases:**

**State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Proceeding**

1. No report.

**PCFFA v. Ross (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-DAD-SAB) [2019 BiOps Lawsuit] 3:19-cv-07897**

2. No report.

**CNRA v. Ross (USDC E.D. Cal. No. 1:20-cv-00426-DAD-SKO) [2019 BiOps Lawsuit]**

3. No report.

**TCCA v. CA DWR (Superior Court of CA, County of Fresno, awaiting assignment of Case No.) [2020 CEQA Lawsuit]**

4. No report.

- B. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – 1 potential case**

1. No report.

- C. **Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)**

1. Water Transfers/Purchase of Water
2. Property: Water Supply to Supplement 2023 and Future CVP Allocations
3. Under Negotiation: Price, Terms and Amounts
4. Negotiating Parties: Manager Sutton, Directors Dennis, Mathis, Traynham and Smith.

1. No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 10:54 am.

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Board Secretary  
Jeffrey P. Sutton

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