

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Of the  
**TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY**  
5513 Hwy 162  
Willows, CA 95988  
June 04, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:**

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
KEVIN HEBREW*	D	CORNING W.D.
BARBARA LINDAUER*	A	CORNING W.D.
JAMES PETERSON*	A	CORTINA W.D./WESTSIDE W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
WADE MATHIS*	D	4M W.D.
VINCE LAUFER*	A	GLIDE W.D./KANAWHA W.D.
DARIN TITUS*	D	KIRKWOOD W.D.
JENNY SCHEER*	A	KIRKWOOD W.D.
ZACH DENNIS*	D	LAGRANDE W.D./WESTSIDE W.D.
JIM JONES*	D	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
JUSTIN DAHL*	A	ORLAND-ARTOIS W.D.
MIKE URKOV*	A	WESTSIDE W.D.
PAMELA KATLEBA-JENKINS	A	WESTSIDE W.D.

**DISTRICTS ABSENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY*	TCCA
DON BABB	TCCA
AARON HALL	TCCA
SUSAN ALBERT	TCCA
REBECCA SMITH*	DOWNEY BRAND
JAKE BERENS	USBR, NCAO
ADAM NICKELS	USBR, ACTING REGIONAL DIRECTOR
MIKE DIXON	USBR, NCAO
ROBERT WARD	USBR, CALIFORNIA-GREAT BASIN
NICK EDSALL	WATER WRIGHTS/EDSALL AG

“\*” indicates closed session attendance.

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order at 09:01 a.m.

### **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Roll was called and a quorum was declared present for the conduct of business with 11 Districts represented.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **M/S/C-SCHAAD/SMITH-UNANIMOUS**

To approve June 04, 2025, Regular Meeting Agenda, with an addition of a moment of silence for Tom Charter, Davis Water District, director, who passed away peacefully on Monday, June 2, 2025.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Dennis had the board make introductions to new visitors in the meeting.

Nick Edsall, Edsall Ag Consulting and Water Wrights, introduced himself to the board.

### **MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS**

#### **A. USBR Report**

Adam Nickels, Acting Regional Director, reported on the following: USBR Operations of the CVP, Staffing Status, USBR participation in Sites Reservoir and the Executive Orders affection the Region.

#### **B. Board Meeting Minutes**

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

To approve May 07, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

#### **C. Treasurer's Report**

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

To approve the May 2025 Financial Reports as presented.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Operations & Maintenance**

- A. Don Babb and Aaron Hall, TCCA O&M Chief and Red Bluff Supervisor reported on the following O & M activities: Rebuild deck OAWD #5 and GWD #2; Erosion repair check 18 and check 19; Copper treatments on TC canal; Road grading right side check 16 to farm bridge; Repair steering control on grader; worked on Willows complex sprinklers; Miscellaneous vehicle and equipment maintenance and services; TC operations and patrol to check 9; Spraying along Corning canal, pumping plant and Red Bluff complex; Trimmed trees along Corning canal; Salmon net pen has been removed; Imox treatment on Corning canal; A/C unit repair at pumping plant; Cleaning ditch along West Canal Road; Fence repairs on TC canal; Grading roads and cleaning up tule removal on Corning canal; Currently pumping 1100CFS; Meter readings; Safety meetings. Upcoming activities: Put new drain in at check 19 at erosion repair; Check structure maintenance; Continue grate cleaning; Road grading check 13; Continue working on erosion and tree removal on Corning, 2024 reviews; Mechanical repairs and services as needed; Inspections and maintenance of TC and Corning canals, Red Bluff office complex and pumping plants; Start removing debris that was cleaned out of West canal ditch; Thinking about switching RB phone lines to VOIP; Treating the Corning and TC canals; Work on Corning canal and pumping plant recommendations from USBR.

### **Meetings/Presentations**

- B. Manager Vanderwaal presented his written meetings and presentations report to the board, and it is included in the Board Packet for any questions and clarifications:
- Agreements for Healthy Rivers & Landscapes
  - Groundwater Recharge
  - Corning Canal Reserve
  - District Board Meetings
  - Meeting with Congressman LaMalfa staff
  - Federal Reconciliation Bill
  - SRSC Net Pens
  - Long Term Operations
  - Black Butte Gate Project
  - Orland Unit
  - External Affairs Committee
  - Subsidence & Test Run

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Policy Updates**

- A. Manager Vanderwaal reported Policy 1000 – Purpose, Policy 1010 - Adoption/Amendment of Policies and Policy 1020 - Conflict of Interests, policies are dated from 2006 and 2017 and need to be updated. Policy 1010 changes proposed in this policy to make it more feasible to update straightforward, non-

controversial policies. Instead of requiring a vote of 11 directors to approve any policy change it adjusts the numbers to make it easier to pass non-controversial policy updates, by allowing a unanimous vote of 9 or more but still provides security for controversial changes with an 11-vote requirement (2/3'rds majority) if there is not unanimous approval.

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

To approve all policies as presented.

**DC Trip-Verify Objectives with Full Board**

- B. Manager Vanderwaal reported the External Affairs committee met in May and determined a Washington, DC trip will be in June, the 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, the following directors will be making the trip: Chairman Dennis, Director Titus, Director Charter (Halbert) and Manager Vanderwaal. The following topics are going to be discussed when meeting with members of Congress and Executive Staff: Who we are, a general description of who the TCCA is and what we represent for those who might not be familiar; Projects we have that could be funded by the Reconciliation Bill which has \$500 million for conveyance for federally owned facilities; Operations of Shasta Dam and the CPV and our concerns with effects on operations the Executive Order is having on carryover targets; Primer for future legislative actions on changes to availability of Orland Unit water for transfer to us in the CVP and the WIIN Act language that sunset in 2021 and gave us more security in allocations as area of origin.

**Strategic Plan-Presentation of Draft Strategic Plan**

- C. Manager Vanderwaal reported on Draft Strategic Plan and asked the directors to review the plan and make any edits or additions. Manager Vanderwaal will be discussing the Strategic Plan at our August board meeting and asking for the board to adopt the plan.

**Discuss and Consider Sites Reservoir JPA Activities**

- D. Manager Vanderwaal reported on a meeting to discuss the proposed draft update to the Joint Powers Authority Agreement (JPA) and By-laws for the Sites Project. Sites Project is proposing Benefits and Obligations Contracts (B&O) over By-laws over JPA which causes the protections granted in the JPA to prioritize delivery to current TCCA members over Sites related deliveries to be put at risk more easily.  
Sites Project is going through the process of selecting a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) and has formed a group to analyze the proposals.  
Director Urkov reported on Zone 3's meeting with the USBR to help them become familiar with the various infrastructure and how the USDA Loan funded "intertie" would be used and usable beyond just Sites Project needs.

**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 Sacramento, No. 24WM000183) [2024 CEQA Lawsuit]**

4. No Report

**OPEN SESSION**

The board re-convened to regular session at 11:21a.m.

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

Nothing to report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

---

Board Secretary  
William Vanderwaal

---

Chairman  
Zach Dennis