

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Of the
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY
5513 Hwy 162
Willows, CA 95988
September 10, 2025
1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

SHANDON SMITH*	D	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
SHELLY MURPHY*	A	COLUSA COUNTY W.D.
BARBARA LINDAUER*	A	CORNING W.D.
JAMES PETERSON*	A	CORTINA W.D./WESTSIDE W.D.
PAMELA KATLEBA-JENKINS*	A	CORTINA W.D./WESTSIDE W.D.
JAMIE TRAYNHAM*	A	DAVIS W.D.
DAVID SCHAAD*	D	DUNNIGAN W.D.
VINCE LAUFER*	A	GLIDE W.D./KANAWHA W.D.
DARIN TITUS*	D	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.

DISTRICTS ABSENT:

4-M W.D.
GCID
HOLTHOUSE W.D.
PROBERTA W.D.
THOMES CREEK W.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

WILLIAM VANDERWAAL*	TCCA
LISA DICHARRY*	TCCA
DON BABB	TCCA
AARON HALL	TCCA
SUSAN ALBERT	TCCA
MOSES ALVARADO	CORNING WD
REBECCA SMITH*	DOWNEY BRAND
JAKE BERENS	USBR, NCAO

“*” indicates closed session attendance.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis called the meeting to order at 01:00 p.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-JONES/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve September 10, 2025, Special Meeting Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manager Vanderwaal shared with the Board of Directors the upcoming birthday (Friday, September 12th) for Aaron Hall, all present in the meeting sang happy birthday and provided him with a cupcake.

MONTHLY RE-OCCURRING ITEMS

A. Board Meeting Minutes

M/S/C-SCHAAD/LAUFER-UNANIMOUS

To approve August 06, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Treasurer's Report

M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the August 2025 Financial Reports as presented.

C. USBR Report

Jake Berens reported on the following: Restoration charges are out and have increased \$13.64 for irrigation and \$27.27 for MI, Annual accounting analysis online, and USBR initiates Sites Reservoir Project public negotiation sessions.

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: Bathtub cleaning Hahn Road; Vehicle repairs; Haul equipment to BidCal for auction; Copper treatments on TC & CC canals; Shaft removal check 10 gate 2 for repair; Road grading; Smoke tests trucks 31 & 36; Recalibrate check 9 upstream elevation sensor; Power out due to Repeater

backup generator failure; Flushing undershoot tubes Evans Road; Cleaned out sediment jetting pump filters; TC operations and patrol to check 9; Trimmed trees on Corning canal; Replaced burnt bulbs on fish screen deck, lighting; Replace motor and break, check 5 Corning canal; Reprogramed PCL check 22; Cleaning trash racks at pumping plant; Unwire and pull motor 9 and sent out for repairs; WAPA replaced transformer pole feeding check 1, TC canal; Currently pumping 375CFS; Meter readings; Safety meetings. Upcoming activities: Continue grading; Drain repair end of canal; Bathtub cleaning; Drain cleaning; 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; Cleaning vegetation from trash racks at pumping plant; Motor #9 return and motor #4 out for repairs; Work on Corning canal and pumping plant recommendations from USBR; Pulling out fish screens and pulling oil samples from motors.

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
 - Federal Reconciliation Bill
 - Long Term Operations
 - Black Butte Gate Project
 - Orland Unit Transfer Legislation
 - Subsidence & Test Run
 - Aquatic & Terrestrial Treatment
 - Finance Committee
 - Maintenance & Facility Committee
 - October Board Meeting- Special Board Meeting, October 15, 2025, at 9 a.m.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Policy Updates-Focus on Assessment and Reserve Related Policies (9060, 9070, 9075, 9080 and 9085)

- A. Manager Vanderwaal discussed the proposed policy 9060 spells out how annual assessments for the member districts are calculated and when they are due, the process is set forth in the JPA By-Laws and in Resolution 2019-01.

Manager Vanderwaal discussed policy 9070 which describes the various Reserve Accounts and sets the target level for each. The only substantive change is the recommended update to the Reserve target for the USBR Emergency Reserve Fund to meet the required percentage of annual budget over the most recent 3 years.

Manager Vanderwaal discussed policy 9075 which describes the rebuilding schedule for non-restricted Reserve accounts and had no recommended changes.

Manager Vanderwaal discussed policy 9080 which designates how interest accrued will be distributed. The previous policy referred to non-existent Reserve accounts, and the proposed update designates a method for distributing the interest funds based on the expected demands of carrying out the Strategic Plan and Capital Improvement Plan.

Manager Vanderwaal proposed policy 9085 to update how end of the year budget surplus is presented to the Board for distribution; it changes from the Budget committee to the General Manager calculating the surplus and bringing it to the full board for deliberation.

M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To approve the Additions and Changes to all the above Policies as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Discuss and Consider Sties Reservoir JPA Activities

- B. Manager Vanderwaal reported Sites Project has begun negotiations for their Benefits & Obligations contract on September 8th and 9th. They provided site visits to the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) candidates in late August. Director Traynham and Director Urkov reported on Zone 3.

Authorization to Enter Contract with USBR for Reconciliation Projects

- C. Manager Vanderwaal discussed to consider authorizing Chairman Dennis and/or Manager Vanderwaal to enter into a funding agreement or contact with the USBR to execute the proposed projects from the Reconciliation Bill funding. The TCCA has proposed three projects (Red Bluff Pumps, Canalside Screens and Corning Pumping Plant) to be funded by the Reconciliation Bill and the USBR is working its way through the process to determine which projects it will fund nationwide.

M/S/C-TRAYNHAM/SMITH-UNANIMOUS

To authorize Chairman Dennis and/or General Manager Vanderwaal to sign a Funding Agreement or Contract with the USBR.

- D. **Consider Nominating Ernest Conant to ACWA Federal Affairs Committee**

Manager Vanderwaal discussed considering nominating Ernest Conant of Downey-Brand to the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee and Manager Vanderwaal to Agriculture & Water Management Committees. Ernest Conant of Downey-Brand is available to participate in the Federal Affairs Committee of ACWA, it would benefit all their federal clients.

M/S/C-DENNIS/JONES-UNANIMOUS

To nominate Ernest Conant of Downey-Brand to the ACWA Federal Affairs Committee and Manager Vanderwaal to Agriculture & Water Management Committees.

ATTORNEY REPORT

None

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. Lutnick (USDC E.D. Cal. Case No. 1:20-cv-00431-DAD-SAB) [2019 BiOps Lawsuit]

2. No Report

CNRA v. Lutnick (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 2:07 p.m.

TCCA CHAIRMAN/VICE CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Board Secretary
William Vanderwaal

Chairman
Zach Dennis