

MINUTES

TEHACHAPI-CUMMINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 17, 2017

3:00 P.M.

21415 Reeves Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561

Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Directors Present: Hall, Pack, Worden and Zanutto

Directors Absent: Director Prel was absent at roll call.

Staff in Attendance: Tom Neisler, LaMinda Madenwald and Lori Bunn

Item 2. Flag Salute

Pledge of Allegiance, led by President Zanutto.

Item 3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved on motion made by Director Hall and seconded by Director Pack.

Ayes: Hall, Pack, Worden and Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Prel.

Item 4. Comments by any Party on Items of Interest and Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Legislative Body

No public comments were made. Director Worden asked for clarification on the evaluation form used for the evaluation of the General Manager. President Zanutto said the form can be revised prior to the next evaluation. Director Worden stated his concerns with the formality of the form used for the review for the first quarter. For the record, Director Worden stated his disagreement on this matter. Directors Pack and Hall both agreed that the formalities can be clarified for future reviews. President Zanutto stated that an Ad-Hoc Committee was formed and can revise the form for use in future reviews.

Item 5. Consent Calendar - Consent items are considered routine and are intended to be acted upon as a single item, without discussion. During this portion of the meeting, the Consent Calendar will be read aloud. Prior to approval, the President will give the Board the opportunity to remove any item from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted on individually. The President will also give staff and the public the opportunity to request any item be discussed individually, in which case the President will determine whether the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar. The remaining calendar will be acted upon. Any removed items will then be heard and acted upon individually.

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2017
- b. Receive and File Quarterly Investment Report, Financial Report and Payment of Bills
- c. Approve Date for Benefit Assessment Hearing

President Zanutto asked if there were any items the Board, members, public or staff would like to pull for discussion.

President Zanutto stated that if there were no objections, Items a, b and c would be adopted. There being no objections, these items were adopted.

Item 6. Manager's Report

Mr. Neisler reviewed the details of his written report provided in the Board package including:

- Imported water operations, recharge operations, status of the reservoir and Tehachapi Basin well operations;
- The pipeline extension to the T & A property (120 acres) in Cummings Valley was completed. This will allow irrigation of that parcel by imported water and will reduce groundwater extractions. In addition, Sun Select has leased approximately 110 acres to another agricultural interest, which will be coming on-line and will require additional surface water and groundwater use. The District is on schedule with deliveries and demand so far this year;
- The SWP allocation remains at 85%;
- With regard to surplus water, Mr. Neisler said he is looking to entertain some offers for immediate or long-term use of that water;
- The Oroville spillway repairs have commenced. The spillway will be shut down by June 1st for the rest of the summer. The Hyatt Pumping Plant also incurred some damage and repairs have begun there as well;
- San Luis Reservoir remains full;
- Repairs are complete on Engine 4, Pump Plant 2. The engine is back on-line and it is performing well;
- The pump plant tour is scheduled for May 18th. Currently 43 people have signed up;
- In regard to the CARB contact on greenhouse gas emissions limits, there is no final determination yet, but they understand that the District does not operate that system as a supplier. Staff is hoping to get an exemption from those requirements;
- Charts on State precipitation data were provided and reviewed;
- President Zanutto and Tom Neisler attended a tour of the Kern River and a report was made on the tour.

Director Prel arrived at 3:35 p.m.

Item 7. Approve Contract with JS Strategic Consulting for Project WET and Authorize General Manager to Execute

Mr. Neisler reviewed this item, which was originally presented to the Board at the April 19, 2017 regular Board meeting. The contract states the estimated final cost of the project is \$9,108, which includes a six-hour WET Workshop, for maximum 20 participants.

Mr. Neisler introduced the consultants, Jeanne Varga and Sarah Clayton, who gave a presentation to the Board on Project WET.

Susan Andreas-Bervel, Superintendent of the Tehachapi Unified School District, addressed the Board and said the TUSD is in support of the Project WET program.

Discussion took place at this time and when it was complete, Director Hall made a motion that the Board authorize the General Manager to execute the contract with J.S. Strategic Consulting to conduct Project WET in accordance with the proposal dated March 9, 2017. President Zanutto seconded the motion and it was carried on the following vote: Ayes: Hall, Pack, Prel, Worden and Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

Item 8. Directors' Report on 2017 ACWA Spring Conference and ACWA/JPIA Board Meeting

Mr. Neisler provided a written report on the 2017 ACWA Spring Conference and the JPIA Board Meeting.

Director Hall gave a detailed report on items of interest discussed at the ACWA/JPIA meetings and seminars he attended during the conference.

President Zanutto reported on topics discussed at each of the meetings he attended at the ACWA Conference.

Mr. Wyman asked if there were any presentations on how to handle damage to infrastructure above the dam to help prevent these surge flows. Mr. Neisler responded to his question. Mr. Wyman made additional comments on Oroville Dam.

Item 9. Ratify Agreement with Improvement District No. 4 for Transfer of Lower Kern River Water

Mr. Neisler reviewed this agenda item, including the purpose and terms of the agreement, which included the following:

1. TCCWD will deliver up to 5,000 AF of Kern River water, as available;
2. ID 4 will exchange this water for up to 2,500 AF of its supplies in the aqueduct;
3. TCCWD will pay the cost of all of the water pursuant to the Lower River Agreement (5.00/AF). T/he effective cost of the banked water that TCCWD will retain is \$10.00/AF.
4. If ID 4 decides to bank some or all the water in the Kern Water Bank, TCCWD will pay the fees associated with our portion of such recharge (\$16/AF).
5. ID 4 will deliver the water to TCCWD on a higher priority than TCCWD has available. This will result in better availability in the event of a shortage.
6. The agreement has a five-year term and may be extended.

After discussion, Director Hall made a motion that the Board ratify the agreement between Improvement District No. 4 and the District, as executed by the General Manager and dated May 4, 2017. Director Pack seconded the motion and the motion was carried on the following vote: Ayes: Hall, Pack, Prel, Worden and Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

Item 10. Accept Bids and Authorize General Manager to Execute Contract for Board Room Remodel

Mr. Neisler reported on the bid opening that took place on May 12, 2017. A bid summary was provided to the Board and Mr. Neisler reviewed the bids during the meeting. After discussion, Mr. Neisler recommended that the bids be rejected to allow clarification on the project to be able to provide more specific directions to the contractors. Director Pack made a motion that the Board reject the bids received for the Board Room Remodel Project and authorize the General Manager to procure additional architectural services to revise and clarify the bid documents. Director Hall seconded the motion and it was carried on the following vote: Ayes: Hall, Pack, Prel, Worden and Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.

Item 11. Appoint Ad-Hoc Committee to Provide Policy Recommendations on California Water Fix

Mr. Neisler explained the importance of the decision on this project and the purpose and the requirements of this ad-hoc committee. He recommended that the President appoint a committee of two Board members to participate in the KCWA meetings and to receive detailed, technical briefings on the project. He said Board participation at the committee level will allow more

complete understanding and promote a better recommendation to the Board for the ultimate participation decision.

Director Hall said he was interested in serving on this committee. President Zanutto said he would like to continue to attend these meetings. Therefore, Director Hall and President Zanutto will serve on this ad-hoc committee.

Item 12. Discuss Strategic Planning Workshop

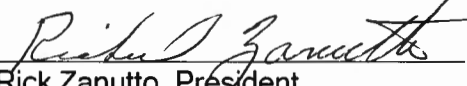
Mr. Neisler provided a list of potential dates and times, along with the revised questionnaire to the Board. He said the next steps should be:

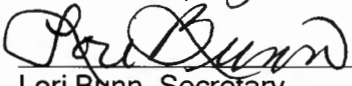
1. Board approval of questionnaire content;
2. Questionnaire public distribution and request responses;
3. Schedule Strategic Planning Workshop(s);
4. Advertise Workshop schedule.

Discussion took place on the schedule of the workshop(s) at this time. President Zanutto suggested the questionnaire be mailed to the water customers with their monthly water bills

Item 13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. on a motion made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Worden and unanimously carried. Ayes: Hall, Pack, Prel, Worden and Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None.


Rick Zanutto, President


Lori Bunn, Secretary