

MINUTES

**TEHACHAPI-CUMMINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
November 15, 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: Prel

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

Item 2. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Zanutto.

Item 3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented on motion made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Worden and carried on the following vote: 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

Director Hall recognized Tom Neisler for serving as the District's General Manager for one year.

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 October 18, 2017;
- b. Approve Quarterly Investment Report, Financial Report and Payment of Bills

President Zanutto asked if there were any items the Board members, public or staff would like to pull for discussion. Director Pack asked to have Item 5 b. pulled for discussion.

President Zanutto stated that if there were no objections, Item 5 a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2017 would be adopted. There being no objections, Item 5 a. was adopted.

Director Pack asked if the amount for the roof repair on check number 3510 was higher than anticipated. Mr. Neisler said that it was higher than anticipated. He added the roof repair was an item on the agenda for discussion.

Director Worden asked about checks numbered 3525 and 3526. Staff explained that these were refunds to water customers for deposits on construction water meters.

Director Hall made a motion to approve Item 5 b. The motion was seconded by Director Worden and carried on the following vote: Ayes: Hall, Pack, Worden and Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Prel.

Item 6. General Manager's Report

Mr. Neisler's General Manager's Report included the following:

- The District conducted a tour of the District headquarters for the Valley Oaks Charter School on October 23;
- Project WET training took place on October 24 and was attended by 35 teachers;
- The system will be shut down on November 30, completing an historic pumping year;
- The California WaterFix discussions continue. This is an item for discussion in closed session;
- The reservoir level remains lower than expected;
- The Board ratified the exchange agreement with ID 4 for the amount of Table A water that the District would not import. ID4 should be able to take all that the District has available in San Luis, prior to being in jeopardy of spilling;
- The scheduled repairs on the Oroville spillway are complete. The spillway will be able to accommodate 100,000 cfs this winter;
- Neisler is looking forward to the first allocation announcement for 2018 from the DWR around December 5;
- The District has taken delivery of three of the four vehicles that the Board authorized for purchase this fiscal year. Staff appreciates the Board providing safe, efficient vehicles for their use;
- Pure Technologies asked for permission to post an article about the District's waterline inspection project in their internal corporate newsletter. A link to the article is included in the General Manager's Report;
- The State has amended the list of reservoirs that were mercury impaired. Brite Lake has been removed from the list;
- On October 19, 2017, Mr. Neisler attended the Golden Hills CSD Board meeting to address the matter of the Joint Agencies Agreement for the Steuber Well Waterline. The agreement was approved and is now in place;
- Natural gas has been purchased for February and March, 2018. System start-up is planned for February 1, 2018;
- President Zanutto and Mr. Neisler attended the member unit managers meeting at the KCWA on November 9. The topic of discussion was the California WaterFix;
- Mr. Neisler attended the Water Association of Kern County annual dinner and meeting;
- The Water Association of Kern County will be conducting a tour of the Kern Water Bank and Kern River on November 29, 2017. Directors should let the Board Secretary know if they would like to attend, so that reservations can be made;
- The TVRPD will be holding the annual Turkey Trot at Brite Lake this year. Mr. Neisler authorized them to hold the event. Some staff will be present to monitor the event;
- Mr. Neisler reviewed the charts contained in his written report regarding Brite reservoir operations and SWP reservoir conditions.

Discussion took place regarding the TVRPD plan to create a swimming area at Brite Lake.

Director Hall asked questions about the signature of the joint agencies agreement and the natural gas cost. Mr. Neisler provided answers to his questions.

President Zanutto recommended that anyone interested should attend the Kern Water Bank Tour hosted by the Water Association of Kern County.

Mr. Wyman had questions regarding federal participation in the California WaterFix. Mr. Neisler provided answers to his questions.

Mr. Wyman asked about using the gravel pit recharge area. Mr. Neisler addressed his question and clarified the District's intent to recharge approximately 4,000 acre feet in the Tehachapi and Cummings Basins in 2018.

Item 7. Operations Manager's Report

Mr. DePriest reported on the items listed below at the Board meeting:

- The imported water system is operating efficiently on a two-engine system at each plant, at the rate of 14 cubic feet per second;
- Staff is continuing to maximize groundwater recharge areas, with plans to exceed the recharge goals for 2017;
- The pipeline crew is sounding wells and collecting data;
- Staff is preparing for the off-season to begin on December 1, 2017. Multiple projects are scheduled;
- The District has been notified by DWR that inundation maps must be provided with the emergency action plan for our three, permitted dams. Staff will solicit proposals from qualified engineering firms to determine the cost of completing the emergency action plan with inundation maps;
- Progress is being made on the Board Room Remodel Project. Mr. DePriest reported on the portions of the project that were complete;
- The roof repair and coating was completed on Friday, November 10, 2017;
- A power failure occurred on November 6, 2017, which caused the system to go down for a short time. The system was brought back up to 14 cfs within three hours;
- The 19 acre recharge facility expansion is complete. Recharge into the expanded facility began on November 3;
- Met with representatives from Golden Hills CSD for a pre-construction meeting on October 26 to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the parties involved in the Antelope Conjunctive Use Project. The project is tentatively set to begin on November 16;
- In October, a total of 830.8 acre feet of SWP water was imported;
- On November 7, Brite Lake elevation was 4,345 feet and the lake volume was 627.8 acre feet;
- Off-season maintenance work has begun. Pump Plant 4, Engine 2 is being rebuilt. The heads will be removed and replaced with remanufactured heads. Staff is busy preparing the new shop in preparation to work on various engine components;

- Two new vehicles have arrived. Staff expresses thanks to the Board for being provided with high quality vehicles and equipment;
- System shut down is scheduled for November 30, 2017 and start-up is scheduled for February 1, 2018;
- The Board Room is scheduled to be completed by January 31, 2018;
- Staff continues to work around the clock to meet the District's goals;
- Mr. DePriest described the pictures contained in his written report.

Director Hall had a question about the location of the recharge facility shown in the photos in the Operations Manager's Report. Mr. Neisler described the location of the recharge facility.

President Zanutto asked if the District's recharge facilities are sufficient. Mr. Neisler said the District would be well served to have additional recharge facilities. Discussion took place on potential changes to the SIGMA rules regarding recharge areas.

Item 8. Report on Roof Repair Project

Mr. DePriest said the purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the status of the repair and coating of the roof surfaces for the administration and pipeline department building.

Mr. DePriest reviewed the scope of the job and explained that due to the current condition of the roof, it was determined that silicone coating would be a better alternative. The original estimate included the cost of using elastomeric coating. Mr. DePriest reviewed the benefits of using a silicone coating and said the additional cost for using the silicone coating was \$6,500. The total cost of the project was increased from \$14,000 to \$20,500. The decision to amend the contract to use a silicone coating was approved by the General Manager.

This item was for discussion only.

Item 9. Direct General Manager to Execute Letter to Kern County Water Agency Concerning Fish Friendly Diversions

Mr. Neisler explained that the District is a member of the South Valley Water Resources Authority (SVWRA). He said the purpose of this agency is to promote additional water sources for its member units and to ensure the existing supply of water. Mr. Neisler reviewed the details of the SVWRA Fish Friendly Diversion Project and said the SVWRA would like to approach the KCWA to determine whether the KCWA will support an approach that would incorporate the FFD into the revised California WaterFix Project. A draft letter of support from SVWRA General Members to KCWA was provided to the Board for review. Mr. Neisler explained that no additional financial support is anticipated at this time.

After discussion, Director Worden made a motion to authorize the General Manager to sign the SVWRA letter to KCWA on behalf of the District. The motion was seconded by Director Hall and carried on the following vote: Ayes: Hall, Pack, Worden and Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Prel.

Item 10. Review Participation in South Valley Water Resources Authority Potential New Projects

Mr. Neisler explained the purpose of this agenda item is to provide direction to the General Manager, acting as a SVWRA Board Member, regarding TCCWD participation in potential special projects/activities. Mr. Neisler described the potential projects being considered.

After discussion, Director Pack made a motion to discontinue participation in the proposed north of the Delta and southern SJV storage Special Activities at this time. Director Hall seconded the motion and it was carried on the following vote: Ayes: Hall, Pack, Worden and Zanutto; Noes: None Abstain: None; Absent: Prel.

Item 11. Closed Session:

- a. **In accordance with Exhibit A Attached Hereto, DWR v. All Persons Interested in Authorization of WaterFix Revenue Bonds et al.**
- b. **In accordance with Exhibit B Attached Hereto, Kern County Superior Court Case 97209, Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District vs. Frank Armstrong et al.**

The Board went into Closed Session at 4:00 p.m.

Item 15. Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 4:43 p.m.

a. Report Action Taken in Closed Session:

- 1. **In Accordance with Exhibit A Attached Hereto, DWR v. All Persons Interested in Authorization of WaterFix Revenue Bonds et al.**

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Item 16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. on a motion made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Worden and unanimously carried. Ayes: Hall, Pack, Worden and Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: Prel.


Rick Zanutto, President


Lori Burn, Secretary

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(Gov. Code § 54954.5)

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Description of Property: _____

Negotiating Parties: _____

Subject of Conference: _____

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (Gov. Code, § 54956.9.)

1. Existing Litigation: _____
Name of Case: DWR v. All Persons Interested in Authorization of WaterFix
Revenue Bonds et al.

2. Anticipated Litigation:
Gov. Code § 54956.9 (b): _____
Gov. Code § 54956.9 (c): _____

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Employee Organization: Not applicable

Unrepresented Employee: _____