

ITEM 2a – MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, November 20, 2024; 9:00 a.m.

Chico State University Farm, 311 Nicholas C Schouten Lane, Room 104, Chico, CA 95928

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Item 1 – Roll Call:

- Board members present: Rich McGowan, Steve Koehnen, Brian Mori, Craig Knight, Andrew Mendonca, Todd Turley
- Board members absent: Bill Chance, Jim Paiva, Rayme Antonowich
- Public Present: Joe Hughes, Tovey Giezentanner, Emily Alma, Shannon Costa, Steve Lucas, Valaria Cisneros (BEC), Emily McCabe

Item 2a – Meeting Minutes

- Action Requested: Approve
- Board Comment: None.
- Public Comment: None.
- Board Action: Knight motion. Mori second. 6-0

Item 2b - Finances

- Action Requested: Approve
- Board Comment: Run draft policies (Sponsorship, Conflict, Voluntary Contribution) through Finance Committee for review and recommendation.
- Public Comment: None.
- Action: Turley motion. Mendonca second. 6-0

Item 2c – GSA MOUs

- Action Requested: Review draft language and provide input and/or direction.
- Staff provided a brief overview of the issue. District Counsel explained sections of the MOU.
- Board Comment:
 - Todd – Don't want LAFCO Condition 18 to get lost – should it be included?
 - Joe – Purpose of MOU is to comply with LAFCO Condition 13. When there is a project, we can further define relationship consistent with Condition 18. At same time, Joe will revise draft MOU language and call it out.
 - Andrew – Any other entities we need MOU with to comply with Condition 13?
 - Response: RCRD, Butte County GSA, and Vina GSA
 - Rich – Section 2(a)(1) should read: “TWD will not perform any services currently provided by RCRD.” The rest should be deleted. That makes it consistent w/ RCRD's letter. Board agrees.

- Rich – Section 3(b)(3) – delete the word “will” and replace with the word “may”. Board agrees.
- Rich – Section 4 – replace the word “quarterly” with “annually”. Board agrees.
- Todd had a few other technical, non-substantive comments.
- Public Comment:
 - Steve Lucas – The draft provided to the Board complies with LAFCO Condition 13...if you want to amend to incorporate a reference to Condition 18, that’s ok too.
 - Steve Lucas – May be OK with small extension to comply, perhaps up to 6 months.
- Action: Board approves draft language 6-0.

Item 2d – Office Space

- Action requested: Approve letter and authorize Bill Chance to reach out to Colleen.
- Board comment:
 - Rich – co-locating with the BCFB would be ideal. BCFB new office space is in a great location...if the Board is interested, let’s not miss the opportunity to try to make this work.
 - Todd – we need to have space that is professional
- Public comment: Emily Alma – is that the place on 4-corners? Yes.
- Action: Todd Motion, Craig second. 6-0 approve letter, Bill in charge.

Item 3 – Communications and Reports

- Staff provided a brief update on the Prop 218 election process & SGM Grant Projects.
- Todd – should we consider hosting a Public Workshop after our December 18 Regular Board Meeting? Board – yes.
- Emily Alma – 1) Why did DWR refuse to fund Extend Orchard? 2) You may consider a larger space for the Public Workshop. Staff provided context for the DWR response. Staff secured the larger meeting room next door to Room 104 for the Public Workshop on December 18.
- 3c – Board requested Draft Policies at the December 18 Regular Board Meeting
- 3c – Board requested Public Workshop after December 18 Regular Board Meeting

Public Comment: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 a.m.