

**TULARE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION**  
**3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018**  
**MEETING NOTES**

**Members Present:**

Pete Vander Poel, Board Representative and Chairman  
Kuyler Crocker, Board Alternate  
Zack Stuller, District 1 Appointee  
Dale Brogan, District 2 Appointee  
Tamara Kelly, District 3 Appointee  
Chad Wegley, District 4 Appointee  
Richard L. Schafer, District 5 Appointee  
Paul Boyer, At-Large Appointee

**Members Absent:**

Larry Peltzer, At-Large Appointee  
Kayode Kadara, At-Large Appointee  
Rudy Mendoza, TCAG Representative

**Staff Present:**

Denise England, Tulare County Board of Supervisors  
Julieta Martinez, Tulare County Board of Supervisors

**Members of the Public Present:**

Bill Samarin  
Bob Irvine  
Richard Garcia  
Aaron Fukuda  
Michael Hickey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm.

2. Public Comment Period

Bill Samarin submitted a public comment. See attachment.

3. Approve the following minutes (Action Item):

- a. January 8, 2018 minutes
- b. January 16, 2018 Special Meeting minutes
- c. February 12, 2018 minutes

Motion to approve all three sets of minutes was made by Commissioner Boyer. Second by Commissioner Schafer. Motion approved.

4. Formation of an ad hoc Water Legislation Sub-committee. (Discussion, Possible Action)

Motion to approve the ad hoc committee was made by Commissioner Boyer. Second by Commissioner Brogan. Motion approved.

5. Update from Tulare County Flood Control District. (Discussion, Possible Action)

Ross Miller gave an update on recent flood control project being done in the County which include the Earlimart Park and Cottonwood Creek Project. An application was recently submitted to the state for grant funding for Cottonwood Creek. The project includes storm water impoundments, creek restoration, and groundwater recharge.

There is a project under way with the Friant Water Authority to address flooding concerns along the canal. Other projects are being done near the community of Yettem.

Mr. Miller also shared that snowpack is significantly below average, roughly a third of what we'd like for precipitation this year.

Commissioner Boyer thanked the County for all the work done in Okieville and their partnership with Self-Help Enterprises.

#### 6. Discussion regarding potential Groundwater Exportation Ordinance. (Discussion, Possible Action)

Commissioner Wegley asked if staff was able to reach out to Fresno County and see if they were working on a similar ordinance.

Denise England shared that staff has not reached out to Fresno and are currently looking at their ordinance.

#### 7. Legislation Update (Discussion, Possible Action)

##### a. SB 623

Commissioner Crocker shared that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors is in support of SB 623 and advocated for its approval during their Annual State Advocacy Trip to Sacramento.

Commissioner Schafer shared his disappointment with the bill being moved through the Governor's budget as he felt agriculture itself is not getting enough relief from enforcement.

##### b. AB 1668

##### c. SB 606

AB 1668 and SB 606 create additional costs to develop plans and regulations. Commissioner Schafer recommend the Commission oppose both bills. The items will stay on agenda.

##### d. AB 2050

Commissioner Schafer stated that the bill would call for the formation of an authority to oversee an area where there are multiple drinking water elements. The Valley Ag Water Coalition has not taken a position and is currently tracking the bill.

#### 8. Subcommittee Reports

There are no subcommittee reports at this time.

#### 9. Staff Reports

##### a. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

##### i. Implementation in Tulare County

The Eastern Tule GSA is working on a coordination agreement. The agreement will establish methodologies for numerous components.

The Kings River East GSA adopted a groundwater pumping fee to help pay for development of the GSP. Bill will be sent out in the later part of March.

The Greater Kaweah GSA is working toward their own agreement and trying to figure out what makes sense in regards to allocation.

##### b. Prop 1 DAC IRWM Involvement Program Update

The Board of Supervisors has approved an agreement with Provost and Pritchard. Facilitation services will be provided through the Center for Collaborative Policy.

##### c. Annual Form 700s

Form 700s are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

10. Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Boyer shared that the State Water Resources Control Board is changing their accounting system. Any reimbursement request made after April 30<sup>th</sup> will not be provided a specific timeline for funding.

11. Next meeting –Monday, April 9, 2018, 3:00 p.m. – Board of Supervisors Chambers

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.