

Water Commission's Meetings

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR THE WATER COMMISSION MEETINGS

On March 17, 2020, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20, relating to the convening of public meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The County of Tulare hereby provides notice that it will continue to convene its regularly scheduled public meetings of the Water Commission in the Closed Session Room at 2800 W. Burrel Ave, Visalia, as provided in the publicly posted agenda notice, and until further notice.

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Tulare County Administrative Office

c/o Clerk of the Water Commission

2800 W. Burrel Ave.

Visalia, CA 93291

b. To participate during the Water Commission meeting, please call (559) 636-5000. Each caller will, one at a time, be connected to the Board room to address the Commission in the same manner as if the caller were there in person. The caller will be requested to state his or her name and address for the record, and the caller's statements will go through the PA system in order to be heard by everyone in the room. The statements will go out on the live audio stream. The three (3) minute limit will apply to all public comments.

c. Alternatively, you may participate during the Commission meeting by submitting an email as the item is being heard. Emails should include the sender's name and address for the record. Emails should include the agenda item number and sent to the Clerk of the Water Commission at DEngland@co.tulare.ca.us. Every effort will be made to read your comment into the record, but some comments may not be read due to time limitations. Comments received after an agenda item will be made part of the record if received before the end of the meeting.

d. If you attend the Water Commission meeting in person, all attendees will be requested to engage in social distancing measures by maintaining a 6-foot distance from other attendees. Exposed surfaces will be sanitized prior to the meeting and attendees are encouraged to avoid contact with surfaces such as microphones and door handles. Large groups wishing to comment on a common item are encouraged to submit comments in writing or to send one spokesperson to speak on behalf of the group.

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TULARE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION
3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSED SESSION ROOM & ZOOM
2800 W. BURREL AVE.
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA 93291

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Water Commission at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for the Water Commission's consideration. Any person addressing the Water Commission will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes so that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. At all times, please use the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
 2. Public Comment Period
 3. Approve October 13, 2020 Minutes (Action Item)
 4. Friant-Kern Canal Update, Johnny Amaral (Discussion, Possible Action)
 5. Domestic Water Tank Program Update, (Discussion, Possible Action)
 6. Governor's Budget Proposal (Discussion, Possible Action)
 7. Water Commission Annual Priority Issues (Discussion, Possible Action)
 8. Legislative Update (Discussion, Possible Action)
 - a. AB 5 (Fong)
 - b. AB 252 (Rivas & Salas)
 - c. AB 350 (Villapudua)
 - d. AB 377 (Rivas)
 - e. SB 45 (Portantino, Allen, Hurtado, & Stern)
 - f. SB 222 (Dodd)
 - g. SB 223 (Dodd)
 - h. SB 230 (Portantino)
 9. Staff Reports (Discussion, Possible Action)
 - a. Tulare-Kern DACII Program
 - b. SGMA Implementation
 - c. Form 700
 - d. AB 1234 Ethics Training
 10. Commissioners' Comments
 11. Future Agenda Topics
 12. Next meeting – Monday, March 8, 2021
 13. Adjourn
- Tulare County Water Commission Contact: Denise England, staff (559) 636-5000
Tulare County Water Commission website: <https://tularecounty.ca.gov/board/index.cfm/committees->

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TULARE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION

3:00 p.m. on Monday, October 12, 2020

MEETING NOTES

Members Present:

Pete Vander Poel, Board Representative and Chairman
Zack Stuller, District 1 Appointee
Eric Quinley, District 2 Appointee
Chad Wegley, District 4 Appointee
Martha Flores, TCAG Representative
Paul Boyer, At-Large Appointee
Dominic Fino, At-Large Appointee

Members Absent:

Steve Etchegaray, District 5 Appointee
Tamara Kelly, District 3 Appointee
Dennis Townsend, Board Alternate

Staff Present:

Denise England, Tulare County Administration Office
Marit Erickson, Tulare County Counsel
Bob Irvine, TCiCT
Ben Giuliani, LAFCo
Ross Miller, RMA

Members of the Public Present:

Richard Garcia	John Gailey
Michael Prado Sr.	Jeremy Barroll
Michael Prado Jr.	

1. Call to Order
Chairman Vander Poel called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.
2. Public Comment Period
There was no public comment.
3. Approve July 13, 2020 minutes
On a motion made by Commissioner Flores and seconded Commissioner Lane, the minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Tulare County Flood Control Preparations,
Ross Miller, Tulare County RMA, provided an update on Flood Control District activities. He described the County's role in Flood Control as three pronged. First, the County is the FEMA-designated Flood Plan Manager and responsible for locally administering the National Flood Insurance Program. Second, the County also has a Flood Control District, which is a dependent flood special district created by state law. The District does projects throughout the County to improve flood control. There is a Flood Control Commission which advises on project priority, and the Board of Supervisors of the County serves as the governing board for the Flood Control District. Third, the County's public works group provides emergency operations and flood response. This includes coordinating with Fire Department, the Sheriff, and Office of Emergency Services, as well as other interested parties.

Mr. Miller shared that for the Water Year 2020, reservoir storage statewide is near average. He shared that weather predictions indicate that the upcoming water year has a nearly equal chance of being above, at, or below average. He explained that the Flood Control District's response and main concern for this Water Year is the aftermath of the SQF Complex fire. RMA staff is working to identify risks in impacted mountain communities and the Tule River watershed. He went on to say the primary concern is ash and other contaminated runoff, especially for the Springville Water System and debris flows that may impede that system's ability to deliver potable water. He also indicated staff is concerned with bridges and culverts in that area. Staff is working on a remote sensor network to monitor during the rainy season and flood response period. They are partnering with the National Weather Service. They currently have one portable weather

station positioned in the Pier Fire burn scar and are hoping to place a second in the SQF Complex Fire area to best monitor what is happening in real time relative to weather. He also said staff will perform manual checks during the rainy season to avoid other disasters and major concerns.

Commissioner Boyer expressed concerns of silt and mud flows in areas that fire has burned and asked if there are any estimates to know where those will be. Mr. Miller responded that staff is working on that now and trying to identify what can be addressed prior to precipitation events.

Commissioner Boyer asked about the current storage in reservoirs, silting of incoming flows, and inquired about the facilities' capacity relative to those risks. Mr. Miller responded that those risks and capacities are beyond RMA's scope, but staff will be looking at those challenges with irrigation districts and the Corps and will support as needed.

Mr. Miller indicated he will return in the near future to discuss the 2020 Water Year forecasts and told the Commission that RMA had just received those reports.

5. Legislative Update (Discussion, Possible Action)

- a. AB 3256 (Garcia)
- b. SB 974 (Hurtado; Support)
- c. SB 45 (Allen; Support)
- d. SB 559 (Hurtado; Support)

Denise England provided a status update on the bills. Discussion regarding how to get the Central Valley's needs to the Governor ensued. No action was taken.

6. Staff Reports

a. Tulare-Kern DACII Program

Denise England reported the Program is on schedule with the exception of the DAC Education and Engagement and Project Development tasks. The delays are due to COVID 19 and the consultant not being able to complete in-person activities. It is anticipated the funding agreement will be extended beyond the April 2021 end date. She indicated it most likely will not go beyond June 30, 2020 and a formal extension to the grant agreement will be requested in early 2021.

b. SGMA Implementation

Ms England reported the Eastern tule adopted their fees recently and that the East Kaweah currently has Prop 218 ballots out now and due back October 26th. Commissioner Quinley reported that the Pixley GSA successfully passed their Prop 218 last week.

7. Commissioners Comments

There were no Commissioner comments.

8. Future Agenda Topics-

Sending the San Joaquin Valley Blue Print to the Governor in response to his Water Resiliency Portfolio.

9. Next meeting – Monday, November 9, 2020 3:00 PM

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.

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2020 Tulare County Water Commission Priorities

- Consolidating Small Water and Sewer Systems
 - Streamlining process for local entity formation for water and sewer systems
 - Funding for ongoing operation and maintenance
 - Funding for extension of service to properties with private domestic wells
 - Evaluate Administrator role
- Funding to address subsidence effects in Tulare County
 - State match for Friant Kern Canal fix
- Implementation of SGMA
- Regular meetings of the Water Legislation Subcommittee
- Support legislation for emergency funding for sewer emergencies