

**MINUTES OF THE TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting of Wednesday, April 17, 2024; 9:00 a.m.
North Valley Agricultural Services 4936 Bell Road, Chico, CA 95973**

TUSCAN WATER DISTRICT (TWD) REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Rich McGowan
2. Roll Call
 - a. Board members present: Rich McGowan, Steve Koehnen, Rayme Antonowich, James Paiva, Craig Knight, Todd Turley, Brian Mori, Ed McLaughlin, Andrew Mendonca
 - b. Public present: Steve Lucas, Joe Hughes, Joanne Parsley, Colleen Cecil, Emily Alma, Tovey Giezentanner

ACTION ITEMS

4. Minutes Approved 7-0. Koehnen motion. Turley second. McLaughlin and Paiva abstained.
5. Finance Ad Hoc Committee Report
 - a. Board engaged in a discussion regarding the Finance Ad Hoc Committee Report.
 - b. Motion to accept proposed near-term funding as described by ad hoc funding report approved, 9-0. Mendonca motion. Mori second.
 - c. Board discussed that invoices should go to TWD for approval, then forwarded to AGUBC for payment; and to include a Finance item in future Agendas.
 - d. Directed Finance Ad Hoc to meet again to discuss a policy to allow landowners within the district to voluntarily contribute financially to the district's needs ahead of a successful assessment vote or other established long-term funding mechanism.
6. Management Ad Hoc Committee Report
 - a. Board engaged in a discussion regarding the Management Ad Hoc Committee Report.
 - b. Motion to engage Joe Hughes approved, 9-0. Antonowich Motion. Knight second. Board directed Joe to provide legal services agreement for review and approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.
 - c. Motion to engage Tovey Giezentanner pursuant to the Workslope identified in the [TWD Staff Support Contract Solicitation](#), approved, 9-0.
 - d. Directed Management Ad Hoc to meet again to interview Prop 218 consultants.
 - e. Board discussed that Joe participating by Zoom for future meetings is fine.
7. LAFCO Conditions
 - a. Staff provided a report on Conditions 6b, 9, 12 and 13.
 - b. Board directed staff to prepare information on LAFCO Conditions 6b, 9, 12, and 13 for Board review/approval.
 - c. Staff directed to send the draft area/division map from 2021 to the Board.

REPORT ITEMS

8. Butte County SWEEP & Healthy Soils presentation.
 - a. Colleen Cecil, President, Butte County Farm Bureau, provided an update on the Butte County SWEEP and Butte County Healthy Soil grant programs.
 - b. Public Comment on Item 8a:
 - i. Emily Alma:
 1. Would either grant program support the Butte County Recharge Action Plan? Response – implementation will lead to water savings, which helps with groundwater sustainability.
 2. Would either grant program incentivize crop shifting? Response – these programs don't deal specifically with crop shifting.
 3. Are new and small farmers eligible? Response: Yes.
9. Requests of the Board of Directors for future agenda topics. None suggested.
10. Communications received.
 - a. Information received from the Vina GSA regarding a possible website vendor. Staff will bring an item to the June or July Board meeting to potentially upgrade the website.
 - b. Information received from the CSU Farm regarding the potential for using Room 104 as a future permanent meeting location.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Joe Hughes and Craig Knight provided comments and a quick update on probational hearings occurring in the San Joaquin Valley.

ADJOURN – 10:55 a.m.