

# NORTH TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER ALLIANCE

(A Joint Powers Agency between the County of Tulare, Sultana Community Services District and East Orosi Community Services District)

## Board of Directors Meeting

This meeting is open to the public and the public is invited to participate

**Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Place: Cutler Orosi Unified School District Board Room**

**12623 Avenue 416**

**Orosi, CA.**

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment (limited to items not on the agenda, public comment on listed agenda items will occur as the items are taken up by the Board)
4. Consent Items (Action)
  - a. Approval of minutes of August 8, 2018 meeting
5. Status of Planning Grant Application to SWRCB (Discussion)
  - a. Authorization to contact Cutler and Orosi PUDs to determine willingness to participate in JPA (Action).
  - b. Authorization to contact Cutler and Orosi PUDs regarding their cooperation in the planning process (Action).
  - c. Adopt Resolution designating the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the NTCWRA as the Authorized Representative for the NTCWRA Planning Project (Action).
6. Receive an update on the letter to Alta ID requesting documents pertaining to provision of surface water (Discussion, Action)
7. Determine Agenda Items for next meeting – November 14, 2018
  - a. Other?
8. Adjournment

Notes: 1. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, requests for special assistance to attend or participate in this meeting should be made to Denise England, County of Tulare (559-636-5000) at least 48 hours in advance of the public meeting to enable the Center to make reasonable accommodations.

2. Public records relating to an agenda item are available for public review, after posting of the agenda, at the Tulare County Clerk of the Board, 2800 West Burrel Avenue, Visalia, CA during regular business hours.

# **Minutes of the NORTH TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER ALLIANCE Board of Directors Meeting**

**Date: Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

**Place: Cutler Orosi Unified School District Board Room**

**Board Members Attending:** Steven Worthley, Tulare County, Michael Prado Sr., Sultana CSD; Katie Icho, East Orosi CSD

## **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Worthley.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

On a motion by Vice Chair Prado and second by Director Icho the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

## **3. Public Comment**

Superintendent Yolanda Valdez acknowledged the importance of a safe water supply for the school district. Chair Worthley encouraged school districts to participate in regional water planning efforts.

## **4. Consent Items**

On a motion by Vice Chair Prado and second by Director Icho the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 11, 2018 meeting of the Board.

## **5. Final Draft Scoping Report for Identification of Alternatives**

Ryan Jensen, Community Water Center, explained that the purpose of scoping study is to identify alternatives to be studied and to get community input. Community meetings were held prior and after the July Board meeting. The last community meeting had about 50 people representing all Northern Tulare County communities. General feedback on regional collaboration was received rather than more specific comments on alternatives.

Ryan and Paul Boyer (Self Help Enterprises) reported on contacts with city of Dinuba. They are willing to cooperate and provide information to the Alternatives Analysis. They do not want to make any commitments at this time. They seem more interested in groundwater and are working with Alta Irrigation District on a possible recharge project. Chair Worthley suggested that with possible increasing contamination of groundwater and potential obligations under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act they will see benefit in cooperating on a regional project.

Regarding the city of Orange Cove, no contacts yet, but they are looking at groundwater to meet needs when surface water is not available.

Ryan reported on some initial contacts with Cutler and Orosi. They may try to form a JPA to pursue a surface water treatment plant using USDA grant funding. It is unclear how far along they are. This leaves a possibility for a collaborative project.

Chair Worthley said the SWRCB sent a SB 88 letter to Orosi notifying them of a potential forced consolidation.

Vice Chair Prado noted that abandoned wells cannot be reused. We will revise the report to rename them deactivated/standby/back-up wells.

On a motion by Vice Chair Prado and second by Director Icho the Board unanimously approved the Public Scoping Report for Identification of Alternatives.

## **6. Status SWRCB Planning Grant Application**

Paul Boyer distributed the application form for a SWRCB planning grant. He reviewed some of the requirements. They are gearing up to work on submitting the application now that the scoping report is done. He will work with County staff to get a Tax ID and DUNS number. SHE has existing SWRCB funding to

contract with Provost & Prichard to develop a cost estimate for the alternatives study.

## **7. Completion of CWC Staffing Services**

At the January 2018 meeting of the Alliance, the Board approved the Community Water Center to work on identification of alternatives for the Alternatives Report and obtaining public input. SWRCB funding to complete scoping and public meetings will expire at the end of September and CWC has completed work. As part of that work plan, CWC was providing staffing services to the Alliance. Someone else will have to fill the staffing role going forward. Staffing services is not in the approved SHE work plan. Chair Worthley and County staff will discuss staffing services.

## **8. Insurance Update**

On a motion by Vice Chair Prado and second by Director Icho the Board unanimously approved the recommendation that no insurance is needed at this time.

## **9. Letter to Alta Irrigation District**

Staff recommended the following letter be sent to Alta Irrigation District.

Dear President Brandt:

During the Governance Study for the Northern Tulare County (NTC) area, representatives of Alta Irrigation District (AID) stated that the AID Board has pledged to provide a surface water supply to a potential surface water treatment plant serving the NTC area.

The Board of Directors of the Alliance requests that AID provide documentation of the pledge so that it can be included in an Alternatives Study that will consider various drinking water supply options, including a surface water treatment plant. We understand that a full commitment of a water supply will require a formal contact between the Alliance and AID.

Thank you.

On a motion by Vice Chair Prado and second by Director Icho the Board unanimously approved sending the letter authorizing Ryan Jensen to sign the letter on behalf of Chair Worthley.

#### **10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Paul Boyer will be setting up a meeting with SHE, CWC and Provost & Pritchard regarding scoping of the Alternative Report. He will give dates to Board members to see if they want to participate.

On a motion by Vice Chair Prado and second by Director Icho the Board unanimously approved cancelling the September meeting. The next meeting will be October 10.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

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Katie Icho, Secretary

Northern Tulare County Regional Water Alliance

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE**

RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert appropriate findings)

RESOLVED BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE  
(insert name of Governing Board of the Entity)

\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Entity"), AS FOLLOWS:  
(insert Entity name)

The \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Authorized Representative") or designee is  
(insert Title of Authorized Representative)

hereby authorized and directed to sign and file, for and on behalf of the Entity, a Financial Assistance Application for a financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the planning and/or design of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Project").  
(insert Project Name)

This Authorized Representative, or his/her designee, is designated to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the financial assistance application, including executing a financial assistance agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board and any amendments or changes thereto.

The Authorized Representative, or his/her designee, is designated to represent the Entity in carrying out the Entity's responsibilities under the financing agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the Entity and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

**CERTIFICATION**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_ held  
(insert name of Governing Board of the Entity)

on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Signature, and Seal of the Clerk or Authorized Record Keeper of the Governing Board of the Agency)

## Agenda Item 6

### NORTHERN TULARE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER ALLIANCE

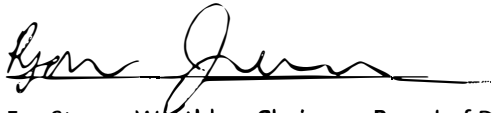
Jack Brandt, President  
Alta Irrigation District  
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Dinuba, CA 93618

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Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Worthley", written over a horizontal line.

For Steven Worthley, Chairman Board of Directors



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September 9, 2018

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C/O Tulare County Board of Supervisor  
2800 West Burrel Avenue  
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Subject: Governance Study

Dear Chairman Worthley:

This letter is in response to a request from the Northern Tulare County Regional Water Alliance (“Alliance”), received by Alta Irrigation District (“District”) on August 13, 2018, seeking documentation regarding a pledge to provide a surface water supply to a potential surface water treatment plant serving the northern Tulare County area.

Attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, is documentation the District located addressing the pledge referenced in the Alliances’ letter. As was mentioned by the Alliance in its request, the commitment of water supply by the District requires execution of a “formal contract” by the Alliance to purchase said supply. The District will also need to conduct any appropriate environmental review of such a contract.

Should you have any questions about this response, please contact me at (559) 591-0800.

Sincerely,

Alta Irrigation District

Chad Wegley,  
General Manager

Enclosure: 1 – Excerpt from Board Minutes

c: File  
David Okita  
Ryan Jensen



Exhibit "A"

Excerpt from the approved meeting minutes of Alta Irrigation District's Board of Director's meeting on November 14, 2013:

CDPH Surface Water Study: Consulting Engineer, Jim Wegley, reviewed the CDPH Surface Water Study with the Board. The initial report addresses water availability and must be approved by the State. Alta Irrigation District will need to commit to a firm water supply between 2,000-2,300 acre-feet each year, (including the possibility of more water in wet years) and the Utility would need to commit to purchase that same amount of water each year, prior to State approval of the initial water study. Well water is cheaper, but the communities need to secure a secondary water supply. The plant will be designed for possible future expansion. It was M/S/C by Astiasuain/Brandt to accept the engineer's CDPH Surface Water Study and commit to the annual supply.