

MINUTES

**TEHACHAPI-CUMMINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 27, 2026, 1:00 P.M.
22901 Banducci Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561**

- Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m.
Directors Present: Ables, Davis, Hall, Sasia, Schultz
Legal Counsel Present: Counsel joined via Zoom for Closed Session
Staff Present: Catherine Adams, Jon Curry, Tom Neisler, Crystal Sampson
- Item 2. Announcement**
 President Schultz announced this meeting is being audio recorded, including all Board, Staff, and Public comments.
- Item 3. Flag Salute**
 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Schultz.
- Item 4. Approval of Agenda**
 Director Sasia moved to approve the agenda. Director Ables seconded the motion, and it was carried on the following vote: Ayes: Ables, Davis, Hall, Sasia, Schultz; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion passed.
- Item 5. Comments by any Party on Items of Interest and Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Legislative Body**
 None
- Item 6. Receive and File Report on Well Investigations**
 Curry stated he would like to update the Board on two of the District’s Tehachapi Basin extraction wells. The Benz and Nunes wells were started up on March 6th and have developed operational problems. The average production of the Benz well has been 650 gpm and it ran as expected the first few days and then the well motor shaft seized. Bakersfield Well and Pump has been scheduled to come pull the well and perform an inspection next week.
- The Nunes well average production has been 350 gpm and upon start up, the production was low, around 100 gpm. The backflow assembly was checked and it was fine. When the atmospheric valve was opened the production increased so the issue could be a bad pump impeller downhole. This well is scheduled to be pulled April 3rd.
- The quotes for pulling the two wells are \$36,500 for the Benz well and \$20,750 for the Nunes well. Director Ables asked when the last time these wells operated and Curry stated last season, about 8 or 9 months ago. Director Ables shared that he has seen wells, mostly domestic, have issues running when they sit too long without operating. Director Davis asked, besides these two wells, how many other District wells are operating. Curry answered the Pump Plant 5 well is operating at about 750 gpm and the Dennison well is operating at about 950 gpm. President Schultz asked when the last time these wells were pulled and unfortunately Staff does not have that information. Neisler stated it would have to be decades ago because the Benz well is roughly 70 years old. President Schultz asked further questions on the oil dripper and Curry confirmed all those things were checked. Director Sasia shared his recollection of those two wells during his time working at the District.

Curry also provided a quick update on the Superior Tank inspections this week and reported that Golden Mussels were found on the interior of the manhole at the Pump Plant 2 tank but there were no signs of mussels in the tanks at Pump Plant 4. Staff still has not received absolute confirmation from the mussel testing from CDFW.

Item 7. Board of Directors Comments

President Schultz commented may God bless our troops this weekend.

Item 8. Adjourn to Closed Session

President to reference Closed Session items as presented on Agenda, then Board to adjourn to Closed Session.

- a. In Accordance with Exhibit A Attached hereto, TCCWD v. City of Tehachapi *Et al.*
- b. In Accordance with Exhibit B Attached hereto, Potential Litigation (one case)

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 1:10 p.m.

Item 9. Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:15 p.m.

Report Action Taken in Closed Session:

- a. No reportable action
- b. No reportable action

Item 10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. on a motion made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Sasia and carried on the following vote: Ayes: Ales, Davis, Hall, Sasia, Schultz; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion passed.


Robert W. Schultz, Board President


Catherine Adams, Board Secretary



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(Gov. Code § 54954.5)

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Description of Property: _____
Proposed District Negotiator: _____
Negotiating Parties: _____
Subject of Conference: _____

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (Gov. Code § 54956.9.)

1. Existing Litigation Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1): County of Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2022-80003892
Name of Case: Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District v. City of Tehachapi *Et al.*

2. Anticipated Litigation: _____
Gov. Code § 54956.9 (d)(2): _____
Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) (4): _____

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