

MINUTES

**TEHACHAPI-CUMMINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
December 30, 2022, 10:00 A.M.
22901 Banducci Road, Tehachapi, CA 93561**

CALIFORNIA DPH RECOMMENDS ALL PERSONS CONTINUE WEARING MASKS INDOORS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS

- Item 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
Directors Present: Hall, Sasia, Schultz, Zanutto
Legal Counsel: Robert Kuhs via Zoom
Staff in Attendance: Catherine Adams, Jon Curry, Tom Neisler
- 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 Hall moved to approve the agenda. Director Sasia seconded the motion, and it was carried on the following vote: Ayes: Hall, Sasia, Schultz, Zanutto; 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**
 There were none.
- Item 6. Accept Resignation of Delbert Jones, Division 3 Director**
 Mr. Neisler stated at the December 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, Director Jones, the newly sworn in Director for Division 3 verbally resigned from his position. Since the resignation was done in public, December 14th was the official resignation date and Mr. Jones provided a written letter of resignation dated December 23, 2022 and a copy is included in the Staff Report.
- Subsequent to this resignation, Mr. Neisler notified the Kern County Clerk of the vacancy by an official letter (Attachment B). This had to be done within 15 days of the resignation date. This item is for the Board to formally accept the resignation by motion.
- Director Hall moved that the Board of Directors accept the resignation of Delbert Jones, Division 3 Director, effective December 14, 2022. Director Sasia seconded the motion, and it was carried on the following vote: Ayes: Hall, Sasia, Schultz, Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion passed.
- Item 7. Choose Method to Fill Board Vacancy**
 Mr. Neisler stated Government Code Section 1780 provides for several methods to fill a vacancy. The Board may fill the vacancy by appointment or by calling an election and Mr. Neisler explained how these two options would be carried out as detailed in the Staff Report. He attached the Government Code Section 1780 that outlines the requirements for both options and the Division Boundary Map of the District. To be eligible for the seat, a candidate must reside within the Division 3 boundaries.

The Board discussed the options with regard to costs, timing and quality of candidates. They discussed what the timeline of events would look like if they chose to appoint a candidate and asked Mr. Neisler for input on how much time it would take for various Staff tasks.

President Schultz moved that the Board fill the vacancy by appointment, leave the application period open until January 27th, fill the seat by the 2024 General Election, and hold a Special Board Meeting on February 3rd at 3:00 p.m. to vote on this (appointing a candidate). Director Zanutto seconded the motion, and it was carried on the following vote: Ayes: Hall, Sasia, Schultz, Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion passed.

Item 8. Board of Directors Comments

President Schultz commented he is loving all this rain and just wished we had more reservoirs all over the state to capture it.

Item 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. on a motion made by President Schultz, seconded by Director Sasia, and carried on the following vote: Ayes: Hall, Sasia, Schultz, Zanutto; Noes: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None. Motion passed.



Robert W. Schultz, Board President



Catherine Adams, Board Secretary