

TULARE COUNTY WATER COMMISSION
Monday, August 18, 2014

Joint Meeting with APAC

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm.

2. Public Comment Period

Chairman Ishida stated that Carole Clum submitted a public comment submitted to him in regards to the Three Rivers well at the library.

3. Discussion on the CA Water Bond

Denise England, Administrative Analyst, provided everyone with a handout that details what is currently on the ballot for the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014.

Commissioner Schafer added up costs and mentioned that the public will see in the ballot a 7.45 billion dollar bond proposal.

Chairman Allen Ishida shared that he was disappointed with the amount of allocated funds under the Water Shed Fire Protection Bond. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy only received 25 million dollars for water shed restoration and it provides sixty percent of service water for the state of California. In contrast, Coachella Valley got 10 million dollars in water shed restoration. He believed the bond was slightly skewed in favor of Southern California.

Commissioner De Anda shared that they are happy to see that over 500 million dollars are targeted to disadvantaged communities as it related to the drinking water infrastructure and also waste water infrastructure.

4. Discussion regarding pending legislation- AB 793, AB 1739, SB 1168

Denise England stated that this item was discussed at the last Water Commission meeting. As she understands, there will most likely be one more round or revisions before approval.

Commissioner Larsen mentioned it is still in progress and there could be some behind the scene work being done.

Chairman Ishida recently attended a Rural County Representatives of California meeting and they still have an opposing position unless amended. He asked Denise England to place an item on the next Board of Supervisors agenda with the options to oppose, support, or remain neutral. He feels the legislature will approve something and not allow time for response unless the County responds now. Discussion followed.

5. Discussion on Groundwater Workshop

6. Discussion on CV SALTS

7. Update on Tulare Lake Basin Disadvantage Community Water Study

8. Subcommittee Reports

9. Staff Reports

10. Commissioners Comments

11. Next meeting – Monday, October 13, 2014, 3:00 p.m. – Board of Supervisors Chambers

12. Adjourn

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