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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE**

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Ryan Campbell, *Second District*

Anaiah Kirk, *Third District*
Jaron Brandon, *Fifth District*

**Water Policy Advisory Committee - Minutes
Thursday January 27, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m.**

1. Zoom Meeting called to order @ 2:02 by Supervisor Brandon
 - Voting Members present
 - Tuolumne County of Tuolumne
 - Supervisor Haff
 - Supervisor Brandon
 - Sonora City Council
 - TUD
 - Don Perkins – General Manager
 - Twain Harte CSD
 - Lewis Giambruno
 - Groveland Community Services District
 - Pete Kampa
 - Lake Don Pedro Community Services District
 - Patrick McGowan
 - Non-Voting
 - Stanislaus National Forest
 - Tuolumne County Farm Bureau
 - Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce
 - Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians
 - Diana Beasley
 - Chicken Ranch Band of Me-Wuk Indians
 - At-Large Members
 - Staff Present – Dore Bietz (OES)
 - Public present
2. Motion to approve meeting minutes from October 28, 2021
 - a. Motioned by Supervisor Haff, seconded by Don Perkins. No nays or abstentions. Motioned passed.
3. Public Forum
 - a. Pete Kampa wanted the group to be aware of a report summarizing the 2021

infrastructure federal budget package.

- b. Supervisor Brandon updated on legislative proposals.

4. Committee Business

- a. Staff Reports and recommendations

- i. OES – introduced new Admin Analyst Tracey McKnight and also GIS staff Sam Zabell who is available to provide mapping as needed.

5. Discussion Items

- a. TUD Presentation and update on Water Rights Acquisition – lots of dialogue with PG&E and consultants. Not a lot to report out as they are still in negotiations. TUD has begun a community outreach program with a consultant Raftelis. Committee members emphasized some long-term opportunities and the importance of discussing water rights within this committee. Supervisor Brandon asked about what role the County could play in a future role. Is there any part of the process that needs County approval? Don stated consultants are still trying to figure out what the costs would be to operate. TUD Board is still deliberating where the costs to operate will come from. TUD may need county approval depending on route TUD board takes.

- i. Public Comment

1. John Buckley commented that he doesn't approve of a rate payer dollar use for an action like public engagement.

- b. Committee make-up discussion of process to change – presented the current make up of the committee member. Supervisor Brandon wanted to include Jamestown Sanitation district but agreed after committee members recommending Tuolumne Sanitation as well. Discussed also changing advisory to Water Agency versus Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Haff would like more information and county counsel to weigh in on. Supervisor Haff stated that we need to get our act together and ideas. Does not feel we should be inviting others in until we have identified our goals and purpose.

- i. Public Comment

1. Ron Ringen asked if the group has decided what to do within committee.

- c. Goals for 2022 discussion – TUD spoke about historical aspects. Staff spoke to 2014 Tuolumne Water Action Plan and possibility of updating. Supervisor Brandon emphasized opportunity for members to bring projects to the advisory committee for support. Also due to only have a quarterly meeting it is difficult to have substantial project work of the committee. Committee is more of a listening space.

1. Ron Ringen spoke of the history of Water Agency and formation or development of.
2. Pete Kampa spoke of county role of development but maybe we look at CDD side of development or the area outside of TUD or GCSO that are approved for development that will require water.
3. Ron Ringen also spoke to “where is the water to come from” and who is going to protect what we do have? What he envisions this committee doing is being an advocate for water access or water rights. Not projects but larger scale water policy.
4. Supervisor Brandon suggested each agency identify what your projects are and what do you see this group working on. If the BOS develops a legislative agenda or priorities, they can use those identified as county wide priorities or at least help support.
5. Don Perkins spoke about high level and simplistic. Maybe use one of

TUD's "Diverse county water supply"

6. Rin Ringen suggested we contact Lyndsey and Carolyn of IRWM to get their input as they have already do a lot of work. Staff will reach out to both of them.
7. Abby Parcon asked about designating a new CDBG consultant, Supervisor Brandon updated on a new CDBG consultant recommended
8. Staff will circulate the 2013 objectives for input from the group.

ii. Public Comment

6. Adjourned meeting @ 3:28pm

a. 2022 Meeting dates

- i. April 28, 2022
- ii. July 28, 2022
- iii. October 27, 2022

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