

**TIMBER COVE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**October 8, 2016**  
**Fort Ross School-Multi Purpose Room**  
**1pm – 2:37pm**

**PRESENT:** Bob Ferguson (BF), John Rea (JR), John Howland (JH), Fred Lief (FL), Lorrie Uribe (LU), (K.Stillman)

**GUESTS:** Kris Kilgore (KK), Dennis Koci (DK), Scott Black (SB), Gordan Uhlman (GU).

**1. Called to Order, at 1:03 pm**

**2. Approval of the Agenda:** (JH) moved to approve agenda; (FL) second the motion. All ayes.

**3. President's report:** (BF) TCCWD does not have the resources to complete many important tasks. Such as, maintenance and administrative tasks undone due to lack of personnel. For example, due to regulations the State has required new water tests to be done, this has caused TCCWD to flush its lines more frequently, that not only increases costs but decreases capacity to service costumers. This has come to the attention of the regulators, which has made them question whether we have the capacity to fulfill the demands of the users. Maintenance required to clean up the reservoir is expensive. We are required by necessity to raise water rates.

**4. Announcements:**

No Announcements

**5. Correspondence:**

No correspondence

**6. Minutes of Previous Meeting** – minutes tabled until next meeting.

**7. Committee Reports:**

**7.1 Treasurer's Report:** (JH) Water rate if we did not have a cap would have been 8.5 cents per gallon, because of the cap TCCWD took a loss.

**7.2 Payment of Bills:** Discussion of BRCE invoice. (KK) Recommends that TCCWD directs BRCE to suspend Upper Koftinow Project. (JH) moved to pay bills, (LU) second, all ayes.

**7.3 Operators Report:** No Operators Report

**8. Old Business**

**8.1 Project Manager Report:** General Managers report: (KK) All projects are stalled, except for the design stage of the TP1 project is nearly finished. As for the Amanita Circle Pipeline Project, TCCWD has the final comments from the State Engineers, all that is needed is the audit and addendum. George Chien has included changes that need to be made in the addendum regarding culverts. In regards to the Source Capacity Study, George Chien requested a map that details everyone in TCCWD that has a meter. (KK) created a map that details all of the water meters in the TCCWD. General discussion regarding details of the map (KK) produced. Source Capacity Study was submitted on time and all comments have been addressed. BRCE didn't use 1982 water stream data, BRCE used Noyo Creek data in Source Capacity Study, George Chien does not approve of Noyo Creek data, until this is resolved TCCWD is still under threat of a moratorium. George Chien will not sign off on coastal permits until Source Capacity Study is complete. George Chien is not going to stop TCCWD from installing meter for a customer on Umland Circle. Board approves that the meter to be installed on Umland Circle. General discussion about water stream data, coastal permits and new meters to be installed. If the results of Median Income Survey show that the median income of full time Timber Cove resident is low enough some of the loans TCCWD will apply for will be received as grants.

**8.2 Website Progress:** (JH) There is a bad internet connection at the Water Plant, looking into different sources of Internet. Poor internet connectivity is holding up computer and AMI systems.

**8.3 Fire Abatement:** (BF) Every property has been inspected and 68 letters have been mailed in regards to fire abatement. There has been a good response from owners of high risk lots acknowledging the need to clean up their property. (JR) TCCWD missed the opportunity to receive a grant due to time restrictions. (KK) General discussion about the status of the audit.

**9. New Business:**

**9.1 Public Hearing:** (BF) Previously stated in Presidents Report.

(KK) Margaret Graham an assistant manager for the Timber Cove Resort (TCR) requested a meeting. (KK) sent back an e-mail

setting up the meeting for the end of October. (KK) has asked for the decision about whether the (TCR) is going to be using TCCWD water for laundry as it impacts the Source Impact Study.

**Public Comment**

(KK) Has not yet received a notice about the public hearing, suggests there is not enough information to change rates and that the board have more involvement in content of notices. (KK) also suggests that the board review its policy in regards to expenditures for special projects and have more control over budgetary concerns. (SB) Introduced himself, he is Merin McCabe’s husband and discussed the condition of his property in regards to fire abatement and clearing their lot. General discussion in regards to contacts with Native American archeologists and grant writers. General discussion in regards to fire abatement. (GU) Asks that water rates be raised high enough that water is available and of good quality. (BF) Discusses the cost of equipment for maintenance, and how other water companies in this district are going bankrupt. (KK) Suggest that there be an investigation into TCCWD costs in regards to contactors and projects. (DK) Asks who is in charge of management. (GU) Asks how much would it cost to make all necessary repairs. (BF) General discussion about the cost of maintaining TCCWD, and financing possibilities. (JH) TCCWD is currently in the process of completing a Master Plan Study, but preliminary numbers are it will cost \$21,000,000 to renovate the entire water system, where TCCWD would be able to facilitate the entire subdivision. General discussion about financing and phased water system upgrades. TCCWD is looking to hire a general manager. (KK) Expert has stated that with some upgrades TCCWD will continue to be a viable water plant, TCCWD is going to install an Ultra Filtration System that will do an excellent job treating water and will replace parts that would continue to have needed to be replaced. TCCWD has water rates that are nearly double any western Sonoma County water treatment plant, TCCWD needs financing so that it does not raise water rates to 10 cents per gallon. (KK) Suggests that TCCWD board investigate costs and present it as a report to the public. (JH) Report was presented at the last public hearing regarding raising water rates. (BF) TCCWD supplied half its water to (TCR), when (TCR) started using wells, the TCCWD’s costs doubled, along with customers reducing their water usage has resulted in TCCWD having higher cost per gallon to supply water. General discussion about water costs.

**10. Setting of Agenda, Time & Place for Next Meeting:** The Agenda for next meeting is set. The next meeting will November 12, 2016 at 1:00pm at Fort Ross School, Jenner

**ADJOURNMENT:** (JH) moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by (FL). All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

Approved December 10, 2016

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_