



**ACTION MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TULARE**

April 20, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Tulare Public Library and Council Chamber located at 491 North M Street.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ray Fonseca, Thomas Griesbach, Renee Soto, Tony Sozinho, Blake Wilbur

STAFF PRESENT: Marc Mondell, Megan Dodd, Trisha Whitfield, Michael Miller, Diego Ibanez, Tim Doyle, Andrew Bettencourt, Eric Furtado, Branlee Vath, Maegan Peton

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Fonseca called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW BOARD MEMBER

Deputy City Clerk/Records Coordinator Maegan Peton administered the oath of office to Blake Wilbur.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Commissioner Griesbach led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Soto gave the invocation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Commissioner Sozinho, seconded by Commissioner Griesbach, and unanimously carried those items on the Consent Calendar be approved as presented.

6.1 Regular meeting minutes of March 16, 2023.

Recommended Action: Approve as submitted. [M. Peton]

6.2 March 2023 Performance Reports.

Recommended Action: Receive the Public Works performance reports for March 2023. [A. Bettencourt]

6.3 Monthly Investments Report.

Recommended Action: Accept the monthly investments report for March 2023.
[D. Ibanez]

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Member Selection.

Recommended Action: Discussion and selection for recommendation to City Council, the Board of Public Utilities Commissioner(s) to serve as board member and alternate board member on the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board. [T. Whitfield]

Public Works Director provided a report for the Board’s consideration. Dennis Mederos provided public comment. Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Griesbach, seconded by Commissioner Sozinho, and unanimously carried to select Commissioner Wilbur to serve as board member for the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and for City Manager Marc, or his designee, to serve as an alternate board member.

8. ITEMS OF INTEREST AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items of interest were discussed amongst the Board and staff.

9. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

9.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Name of Case: Central Valley Resource Recovery, LLC v. City of Tulare
Case Number: VCU282595

Vice President Fonseca recessed to closed session at 4:18 p.m.

10. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Fonseca reconvened from closed session at 4:30 p.m.

11. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Vice President Fonseca advised there was no reportable action.

12. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Fonseca adjourned the regular meeting at 4:30 p.m.

President of the Board of Public Utilities
Commissioners of the City of Tulare

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board of Public Utilities
Commissioners