

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE
13th DAY OF DECEMBER 2016 AT THE HOUR OF 9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order:

Directors present at the meeting held at the date and time above designated were President David Bixler, Vice President Rick Borges, Mike Thomas, Scott Rogers and Dave Martin. Staff present at the meeting were J. Paul Hendrix, General Manager and Secretary; Beth Holmes, Assessor-Collector; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Aaron Fukuda, Engineer; and Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster. Also present were Scott Kuney, District Special Counsel (via teleconference) and Don Wright, a representative of the Renewable Resources Group. The meeting was called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

Director Thomas announced that Jonathan Bixler, son of Director Bixler, has been hired as the Deputy of Standards and Quarantine at the Agricultural Commissioner's office for Tulare County.

Oath of Office:

Ms. Holmes proceeded to instruct the incumbents for Divisions 3, 4 and 5 of the District, being the only board member candidates for said divisions, to recite the oath of office. Directors Rogers (Division 3), Borges (Division 4) and Bixler (Division 5) did so and were thus each sworn in for another four-year term as a director of the District.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 8, 2016 had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. There being none, by the motion of Director Thomas and second by Director Martin, unanimously carried by all board members present, the minutes of the meeting were thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations - Mr. Crenshaw reported that Lake Kaweah is holding 15,000 AF and that the lake level hasn't fluctuated much recently. He noted that the District holds about 1,600 AF in supply, mostly Kaweah River water. Depending on future storm activity and releases from upstream power reservoirs, he also said that Class 2 water may be made available from USBR in January. Mr. Crenshaw then reviewed rain and snowpack data, presenting tabular and graphical depictions of recent trends.

Water Management Activities - Mr. Hendrix indicated that the District has been allocated about 300 AF of Unreleased Restoration Flow water in Millerton Lake, and that small quantities of Friant water reside in San Luis Reservoir from earlier Restoration releases this year.

Groundwater Level Survey - Mr. Crenshaw presented a contour map and data depicting changes in depth to groundwater over the past year. He indicated that, as an average across the District, levels have risen about 2 ft since the fall of last year. Discussions and questions followed in regards to the trends depicted on the map as provided.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work, Outside Work and Construction Projects - Mr. Fox reported on the maintenance activities undertaken during the past month in the delivery system and within upstream diversion channels. He said that half the crew is working on ditch bank grading and mowing, herbicide applications, turnout gate rebuilding and leak repairs, and canal bank reinforcements. He added that the other half of the crew is devoted to the Cordeniz Basin construction project.

Closed Session:

The Board thereupon adjourned to closed session per Govt. Code §54956.9(a). Upon return to open session, it was reported that no action was taken in closed session.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Mr. Hendrix then presented the financial statements for the month of November 2016 for the Board's review and consideration. He called out some of the income and expense totals to-date as compared to amounts budgeted, in particular where significant differences were apparent. Mr. Hendrix next presented the statement of cash flows, statement of net assets and investment data for perusal by the Board.

Approval of Bill Payments - Mr. Hendrix next presented the list of bills submitted for ratification and approval by the Board. It was asked where the various parcels were located for which the District owes county property taxes. Mr. Hendrix noted that a map of such parcels is in the making. By the motion of Director Borges, second by Director Thomas and unanimously carried by all board members present, the Board accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 47907 through 48018 totaling \$350,615.23 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Management Staff Reports:

Mid-Kaweah GSA - Mr. Hendrix reported that several GSAs in the Tulare Lake regional area are now holding regular board meetings. A territory overlap issue is pending as between the Greater Kaweah and East Kaweah groups, as the latter may file to be a GSA and claim some lands already considered as part of the Greater Kaweah jurisdictional area. Mr. Hendrix also noted that the work of GEI on behalf of the Mid-Kaweah GSA is to be presented to the Greater Kaweah board and potentially to the East Kaweah board in the near future. He also mentioned that Tulare County is developing a groundwater well ordinance.

Cordeniz Basin Project - Mr. Fukuda summarized the construction progress underway at the basin site, highlighting the piping of the Serpa Ditch adjacent the new basin, headworks construction, and compaction testing along the pipe right of way. He presented pictures of this work. Mr. Fukuda then described the companion effort to complete a basin characterization study of existing sites, also being partially funded by the same USBR grant. He noted that this study's purpose is to assess the feasibility of undertaking basin rehabilitation steps and modifying routine O&M at basin sites to maximize infiltration rates. A hydrogeologic firm specializing in this type of work has been retained for this purpose and has been taken soil samples out of several basins to enable a better assessment of their recharge potential. Mr. Fukuda also noted that he and the

Watermaster have visited recharge operations in Orange and Santa Clara counties to learn of proven methods to enhance and sustain recharge rates in their respective basins.

Landowner Meeting - Mr. Hendrix stated that the meeting is set for the morning of January 11th, and referred the Board to a flyer announcing the town hall meeting.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

No action items were brought before the Board.

Board Member Report of Meetings:

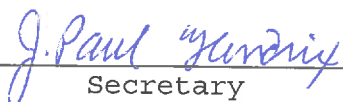
Director Bixler asked if any of the Directors have reports on meetings they attended or wished to discuss at this time.

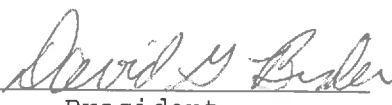
Director Borges reviewed the highlights of the Friant WA meeting held on December 9th. He indicated that Hills Valley WD and Madera ID are joining the Authority, and made note of a general member call for funds, review of the strategic plan, and dewatering and maintenance schedule for the Friant-Kern Canal. He also noted that David Murillo, USBR Regional Director, provided an overview of pertinent water supply topics.

Director Martin then reviewed the agenda before the December 8th meeting of the K&SJRA, stating that Terminus operations were reviewed, including repairs at the USCE tower. He also made mention of the Association's efforts to comply with SB 88, the state's latest the water measurement and reporting mandates. Director Martin then summarized the KBWQA meeting held the same day, citing grower workshops, certifications and fines as topics of discussion.

Director Thomas then summarized the substance of the Wutchumna WC meeting held on November 9th, whereat a \$250 assessment was levied on all shareholders. He also summarized a discussion of the storm water discharge pumps at Bravo Lake, noting that there is currently no operating agreement with the City of Woodlake and that the City has been awarded state grant funds to repair the system.

There being no other items to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was then adjourned.


Secretary


President

