

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE  
8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015 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, Scott Rogers and Dave Martin. Director Mike Thomas was absent. Staff present at the meeting were J. Paul Hendrix, General Manager and Secretary; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Aaron Fukuda, Engineer; and Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster. Members of the public in attendance were Richard Zack, local historian. The meeting was called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

There were no comments brought before the Board from those members of the public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 11, 2015 had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. There being none, by the motion of Director Borges, second by Director Martin and unanimously carried by all board members present, the minutes of that meeting were thereupon approved as presented.

Management Staff Reports:

TID History Book - Mr. Zack briefed the Board on the selected pictures for the manuscript and their authentication. He also reminded the Board of the need to obtain their photographs as well. He and Mr. Hendrix then summarized the ongoing peer reviews of the final draft and the completed professional editing process. Mr. Hendrix then made note of the extra work being done by Mr. Zack during this editing and publishing phase of the project, and that additional remuneration for this work is justifiable.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations - Mr. Crenshaw said Lake Kaweah storage now stands at 22,000 AF. Kaweah River water being transferred to Wutchumna WC continues to be pumped into the Friant-Kern Canal under a transfer program approved by the K&SJRA Watermaster. He then noted that a total of 7,059 AF has been transferred to LSID this year under the exchange agreement therewith. Mr. Crenshaw then reviewed total water supplies for the years 2012-2014, making comparisons with this year's quantities.

Terminus Hydropower Operations - Discussion ensued regarding the energy generation this year and the associated revenues anticipated. Staffing levels at KRPA were brought up as well.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work, Outside Work, Construction Projects - Mr. Fox reported on the maintenance activities undertaken during the past month in the delivery system and within upstream diversion channels. He began with making mention of the system-wide inspection underway, dozing canal inverts, bank grading, mowing, and gate repairs, all to prepare for fall rains should such materialize. He also mentioned spot weed

spraying and farm wash-in repairs along various ditch banks. He added that District forces are working with KDWCD in rehabilitating the Anderson Basin near the westerly edge of the District. He wrapped up with summarizing continuing work for the City of Tulare and installation of turnouts for several landowners. Concerning equipment acquisitions, Mr. Fox made note of the change in direction with respect to purchasing tires for the John Deere tractor, this in response to the manufacturer's advice to not mix tire brands on this piece of equipment.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - In the absence of the Controller, Mr. Hendrix then presented the financial statements for the month of August 2015 for the Board's review and consideration. He pointed out a few highlights of the revenue-expense statement, and referred the Board to the balance of the report for their scrutiny. He cited the investment yields of the several sources of District cash reserves, and made reference to the amortization schedule for the Banc of America loan and the recent semi-annual payment thereon.

Approval of Bill Payments - Mr. Hendrix next presented the list of bills submitted for ratification and approval by the Board. He called out payments made on USBR reconciliation billings and the 9(d) contract loan installment. By the motion of Director Borges, second by Director Rogers and unanimously carried by all board members present, the Board accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 46473 through 46546 totaling \$862,695.23 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Selection of Auditor - Mr. Hendrix reminded the Board that the three-year contract with Cuttone & Mastro concluded with its audit report for 2014. He sought input from the Board as to seeking an auditor for the next several years. Upon some discussion of the matter, the Board advised staff to obtain bids for future years for reference purposes; however, they expressed satisfaction with the services as provided by Cuttone & Mastro in the past and were not opposed to retaining their services for the future.

Management Staff Reports: (cont.)

AB 935 - Mr. Hendrix summarized the purpose of the AB 935 (Salas) to fund the construction of an interconnector facility between the lower San Joaquin River and the CVP Delta Mendota Canal. He noted a key purpose of the project being to provide a mechanism to convey Restoration Flows from the river to west-side delivery systems for subsequent direct or exchange deliveries to the Friant service area. Mr. Hendrix went on to say that there appears to be wide-spread interest among Friant districts in pursuing this project; however, there is some concern that the state funding bill may compete with local IWRMP projects. Director Borges expressed support for the project given today's limited federal supply circumstances. While the Board indicated general support for the project, Director Martin urged that any state funding for it ideally not compete for funds earmarked for already-identified IWRMP projects.

2015 Christmas Dinner - Mr. Hendrix noted that interest was expressed in having the holiday dinner at the District shop facility as an alternative to a restaurant. He indicated that staff has looked into the costs to hold the function in the shop building, including arranging for tables, chairs, etc. He said that the estimated cost was not much different than what has been spent at local restaurants in the recent past. The Board then indicated a desire to continue with past practice; however, there was preference to find a local Tulare restaurant to hold the dinner party.

Governor's Drought Task Force Meeting - Mr. Hendrix stated that media coverage of subsidence in the San Joaquin Valley has resulted in a series of state official meetings with local representatives to discuss the situation. He indicated that he has been asked to attend such a state official meeting. He noted that the current drought-driven overdraft rates, coupled with more advanced techniques to measure subsidence, have played a role in this renewed interest. Mr. Hendrix presented a subsidence map to the Board, which indicates that subsidence is starting to appear in the Tulare area and that it becomes more significant in the southwesterly direction.

Well/Pump Educational Workshop - Mr. Hendrix next briefed the Board on the status of planning arrangements for a local workshop on well and pump technologies. He noted that the American Groundwater Trust will provide the speakers, but will need about \$2,000 to cover its expenses to stage the event. In addition, the District will need to make arrangements for a suitable location and food for the one-day event. Upon discussion of the potential workshop, the Board advised staff to proceed, provided there appears to be sufficient interest from landowners. The Board also confirmed that no attendance fee should be charged to landowners.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

Board of Equalization - Director Bixler thereupon called the Equalization Board to order. Mr. Hendrix indicated that no written comments have been received regarding the assessment and related valuations for 2016 and it was acknowledged that no members of the public were present before the Board of Equalization presiding today. He further informed the Board that they will remain seated in this capacity for ten days to collect written comments on the relevant subject matters pertaining to the levy of District assessments for next year.

Personnel Policy Nos. 1240, 1226 - These matters were tabled until the October regular meeting.

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 first summarized the most recent Friant WA board meetings held on August 27<sup>th</sup>. He made mention of the introduction of the new O&M Superintendent, Mr. Chris Hinkernell. He also added that the DWR/USBR coordination agreement is now under review, ACWA committee nominations have been submitted, and that the new Calif. "Fix It" Delta facility and its implications on the CVP were discussed.

He next summarized the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meetings of the K&SJRA and KBWQA. The Association meeting was short, and it was noted that the water year runoff at 21% of average was the lowest on record. A status report was given on SGMA and KDWCD's role in the way of compliance. As to the KBWQA meeting, Director Borges summarized the membership composition, and noted that the Wutchumna spill and Goshen Ditch sampling points have been moved to other sites.

Director Martin then added to the content at the KBWQA meeting, mentioning that the monitoring equipment costs are 30% over budget and that a consulting firm is assisting with landowner compliance form completions.

Finally, Director Rogers made note of the potential involvement of TID

staff in the design and installation of a new measuring device downstream of Bravo Lake as discussed at Wutchumna WC's September 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

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

J. Paul Hendrix  
Secretary

David M. Butler  
President