

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE
14th DAY OF AUGUST 2018 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, Dave Martin, Scott Rogers and Mike Thomas. Staff present at the meeting were Aaron Fukuda, General Manager; Kathi Artis, Controller; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; Bill Sario, District Engineer; and Jeremy Barroll, Assistant Engineer. Also present at the meeting was Don Wright, representing Water Wrights and Luke Parriera, representing Oak Valley Farms. President Bixler asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the Agenda, of which Mr. Fukuda reported there were none. The meeting thereupon was called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

During public comment, Director Thomas described a recent incident on a District canal whereby a local congressional candidate trespassed on adjacent property to film a commercial. It was reported that Mr. Crenshaw notified the Sherriff who handled the situation.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2018 had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. There being none, by the motion of Director Borges and second by Director Rogers, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the meeting were thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations - Mr. Crenshaw noted that storage at Terminus Reservoir as of the day prior was at approximately 19,257 AF. He then pointed out that the total inflow to the Terminus Reservoir for the prior day was 49 CFS and the entire release from the reservoir was 86 CFS. Mr. Crenshaw indicated that the majority of the summer irrigation run on the Kaweah River system had ended and only a few upper-system units were taking water.

Water Supply Outlook - With the summer irrigation run complete, Mr. Crenshaw reported that the District had a -13 AF of CVP supply and 1,276 AF of Kaweah River supply. He then stated that the District delivered 101,962 AF from February through July with 54% of the deliveries being diverted to irrigation turnouts.

Terminus Power Operations - Mr. Fukuda reported that prior reported revenue projections had been revised and the projected revenue for the year was \$2.6 million. He then reported on a recent discussion about the power revenues and expenses for the current operations of the plant, highlighting the current market may not be ideal for the continued operation of the plant.

Water Management Activities - Mr. Fukuda reported that San Joaquin River recapture/recirculation water had been allocated from March to June for Friant Contractors based upon a Class 1 impact.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work - Mr. Fox reported that District maintenance began in

earnest on August 1, 2018. He highlighted operations to haul rock to upstream locations, maintenance projects on the northwest quadrant of the District to prepare for the delivery of tertiary water from the City of Visalia, and the initiation of mowing operations.

Mr. Fox provided an update on herbicide operations, indicating that two employees were kept on spray operations at all times, with the infusion of a third operator as required. Thereupon he updated the Board on the fabrication of a new spray truck, which will be outfitted with a 300-gallon tank, allowing for a more efficient spray operation.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis then presented the financial statements for July 2018 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for January through July 2018 was \$5,013,934, which was approximately 50.88% of the revised budget. Ms. Artis next presented the expenses, highlighting several items but reporting expenses from January to July 2018 totaling \$5,672,747, which was approximately 63.36% of the revised budget. She then went on with presenting the statements of cash flows and net assets, stating that the current cash standing was at \$11,519,306. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities were at \$11,986,317 and the Total Equity in the District stood at \$37,468,718. She thereupon cited investment returns for the District's several holding accounts, those being 1.80% with the Tulare County Pooled Fund, 1.94% with the state LAIF, and 2.09% with CalTRUST.

Approval of Bill Payments - Ms. Artis next presented the list of bills submitted for ratification and approval by the Board. After further scrutiny of particular bills, the Board, by the motion of Director Borges, second by Director Martin and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 49880 through 49980 totaling \$515,809.79 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Audit Update - Ms. Artis indicated that the field work for the audit had been completed and the Board could expect an audit report in the upcoming months.

Management Staff Reports:

Introduction of District Engineer and Assistant Engineer - Mr. Fukuda introduced Bill Sario as the new District Engineer and Jeremy Barroll as the new Assistant Engineer.

Mid-Kaweah GSA - Mr. Fukuda indicated that there were no recent activities at the Kaweah Subbasin level. He thereupon reported on events at the Mid-Kaweah GSA level, highlighting the pending decision to support a Sustainability Plan Cooperative Statement, the sharing of data with GEI, and ongoing meetings.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda began his report on Friant activities with an update on Temperance Flat activities, highlighting the recent decision by the California Water Commission to provide the \$171 million in funding, but no early pre-construction funding, and the current events of the MOA group to begin preparing a JPA to represent the project. Thereupon, Mr. Fukuda provided a report on recent activities to correct the subsidence issues on the Friant-Kern Canal, the USBR response to the SWRCB lower San Joaquin River flow requirements, the establishment of a Prop 3 advisory committee and the

Friant Board Retreat.

Legislation - Mr. Fukuda reported that a renewed effort was being pursued on the taxation of water. He indicated that the language was being proposed to provide homeowners with the option to pay a voluntary fee, and the tax on fertilizers and dairies would remain.

Closed Session:

The Board thereupon entered into closed session under §54956.8 and §54956.9(a) of the Government Code. Upon returning to open session, it was reported that there were no actions taken in closed session.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action

SCE Easement - Mr. Fukuda presented a request from Southern California Edison for a 5'x8' easement on the Main Canal. By a motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously approved by all board members present, an easement was granted to SCE.

Establishment of Board of Equalization - Mr. Fukuda summarized the role of the Board of Equalization, its purposes related to District assessment levied, and its members consisting of the District's Board of Directors. By the motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Rogers, the Board was established as a Board of Equalization, which board will sit for a ten-day period beginning on September 11, 2018, to hear any objections made to the valuation, acreage, or any other matters pertaining to the levy of assessments.

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 Martin reported on the activities of the Friant Water Authority Board Meeting, which took place on July 26th highlighting the activities regarding subsidence, Prop 3, and a new logo for the organization. He then reported on the activities of the KSJRA and KBWQA, which took place on August 9th. He indicated that Eric Osterling was announced as the new manager of the GKGSA and there was a request to participate in the ASO program.

Director Thomas reported on activities of the Wutchumna Water Company meeting of July 11th and August 8th, which had assessments of \$275 and \$225 respectively. He also stated that several construction projects were approved to be built after the irrigation run.

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



Secretary



President

