

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
HELD AT 6826 AVENUE 240,  
TULARE, CALIFORNIA 93274**

**VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE ON THE  
8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2023 AT THE HOUR OF 9:00 A.M.**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Directors present at the meeting held at the date and time above designated were President David Bixler, Rick Borges, Dave Martin, and Mike Thomas. Absent from the meeting was Director Scott Rogers. Staff present at the meeting were Aaron Fukuda, General Manager; Kathi Artis, Controller, Beth Holmes Assessor-Collector; Diana Zegarra, Assistant Water Resources Engineer; James Fisher, Water Resources Engineer; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; Wayne Fox, Superintendent; Jorge Munoz, Assistant Engineer; Anna Rioux, Summer Intern; and Legal Counsel Alan Doud, Young Wooldridge, LLP. Public in attendance Nicole Bonna, Manulife Investment; Stacie Ann Silva, Altum Aqua Logic; and Johnny Gailey, Delta View Water Association. Present via Zoom teleconference roll call Don Wright, Waterwrights. Mr. Bixler thanked everyone for attending and announced that there was a full quorum of the Board of Directors present. President Bixler asked if there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the agenda, of which Mr. Fukuda reported there were none. The meeting was thereupon called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

Mr. Fukuda commented that the meeting would be moved into Closed Session at the beginning of the board meeting. No other comments to come before the board.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2023 were distributed and asked if any errors or omissions were noted therein. By the motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2023, were thereupon approved.

Director Bixler then moved the meeting to Closed Session.

Closed Session:

The Board thereupon adjourned into closed session under \$54956.8, \$54956.9(a)), \$54956.9(b)), \$54956.9(c)), \$54957.6, \$54957, and \$4956.95 of the Government Code.

Upon return to open session, it was reported that no reportable actions were made by the board.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations - Mr. Crenshaw began his report by presenting a Daily Water Summary as of August 7, 2023. Mr. Crenshaw reported the following: 3-Rivers: 660 CFS; Dry Creek: 6 CFS; Terminus Inflow: 674 CFS; Terminus Release: 2,112 CFS; Terminus Storage: 141,837 AF; TID Entitlement Shares per day: 100 AF; Diversion to TID: C.V.P. Parshall: 365 CFS; Wutchumna: 281 CFS; Rocky Ford: 0 CFS; Crocker Cut: 77 CFS; TIC to TID Main Canal: 37 CFS; Peoples into Main Canal 0 CFS; Packwood Creek: 145 CFS; Peoples into Cameron: 0 CFS; TIC Linda Loma Spill: 0 CFS; Deep Creek Spill: 3 CFS; Visalia Treatment Plant: 15 CFS; Total Diversions to TID: 923 CFS; Number of Turnouts on: 165; and Total Spills: 11 CFS.

Next, Mr. Crenshaw reported on Lake Kaweah Storage and

Operations/Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw reported the Terminus Reservoir total inflow as of August 7, 2023, was 674 CFS, and the storage at Terminus Reservoir for the previous day was 141,837 AF. He then reported that the daily release from Terminus was 2,112 CFS; Three-Rivers: 660 CFS; and Dry Creek: 6 CFS.

Thereupon, Mr. Crenshaw mentioned that the Millerton Lake total inflow was 2,716 CFS and the entire storage at Millerton Lake was 475,222 AF. He reported that the total daily release from Madera and Friant Canals was 5,227 CFS; and Saint Johns River 350 CFS.

Mr. Crenshaw provided for Board discussion two charts: October - July Combined Diversion to TID Acre-Feet 1950-2023; and October-July Deliveries to TID Farmers Acre-Feet 1970-2023. Highlighting 2017 as the perfect year.

Water Supply Outlook: Mr. Crenshaw continued his report by indicating that the TID's current water supply stood at 85,195 AF. The January to July 2023 cumulative diversions to TID were 318,681 AF. 2023 CVP Supply Contract totaled: 34,746 AF. Mr. Crenshaw estimated 85,000 AF was still to be generated and future entitlement.

Mr. Crenshaw continued with his report by indicating that TID's diversions for July stood at 61,548 AF. The July 2023 spill from TID was 750 AF. Recharge for Exchange with City of Visalia: 1,456 AF; Water Delivered to Farm Turnouts: 36,493; District Groundwater Recharge: 22,849 AF. He also indicated that 59% of the diversions were delivered to farm turnouts, diversions spilled was 1.2% and diversions delivered to other districts was 2%.

Water Management Activities and Issues:

Statewide and Local Conditions - Mr. Fukuda first presented for board discussion the current California reservoir operations. Mr. Fukuda updated the board on the following: (1) Friant Allocations: Class 1 (100%); (2) Uncontrolled Season ended July 29, 2023; and (3) Class 2 (Residual After UCS): 15%.

Mr. Fukuda next reported on the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Current Water Reservoir Conditions reporting on Shasta Reservoir and Millerton Lake. He highlights that both are reaching maximum capacity.

Next, Mr. Fukuda reported on Tulare Basin Precipitation: 6-Station Index, August 5, 2023 comparing: 1968-1969 Daily Precipitation (Wettest) 56.3 inches; 1982-1983 Precipitation (2<sup>nd</sup> Wettest) 56.2; Precipitation Percent of Average: 183%.

Mr. Fukuda presented for discussion a California Snow Water Content chart as of July 31, 2023 comparing: 1982-2023.

Summer Irrigation Rate - Mr. Fukuda reported that the rate currently sat at \$52 per AF, which was set at the May Board Meeting. Mr. Fukuda stated he sees no reason to change the Summer Irrigation Rate.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work - Mr. Fox reported on the maintenance activities undertaken during the past month in the delivery system and within the upstream diversion channels. Mr. Fox cited the following: high costs to repair the Diesel Spray Truck due to a major oil leak; ongoing canal embankment erosion and washout issues; dump truck work; hauling materials; and Roundup and Lifeline herbicide applications throughout the District.

Lastly, Mr. Fox brought to the board's attention major leaks within Area 21 due to the DR Horton subdivision located near Morrison Street and Prosperity Avenue.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis presented the financial statements for July 2023 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for July 2023 was \$9,161,234, which was approximately 51.06% of the revised budget. She next presented the expenses, highlighting several items and reporting expenses from January totaling \$4,285,075, which was approximately 35.28% of the revised budget. She then went on to present the statements of cash flows and net assets, stating that the current cash standing was at \$9,771,104. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows were at \$11,975,440 and the Total Equity in the District stood at \$37,236,240. She thereupon cited investment return for the district's several holding accounts, those being 2.720% with the Tulare County Pooled Investment Fund, 3.296% with the State LAIF, and 0.100% with Citizen's Money Market Fund. Lastly, Ms. Artis reported that the district has six months of funds to support operations.

Then, Ms. Artis reported on the following Designated Funds: Water Sale Rate Stabilization, Groundwater Replenishment, and CVP Environmental Charges.

Approval of Bill Payments - Ms. Artis presented the list of bills submitted for ratification and approval by the Board. After scrutiny of particular bills, the Board, by the motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 55026 through 55107 totaling \$880,069.61 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Engineer Report:

Update on Engineering Activities - Mr. Fukuda provided an update on engineering activities, reporting on several projects that would impact the district. Mr. Fukuda reported on the following two projects: the City of Visalia Basin F project and the Pleasant Oak No. 8 project.

Management Staff Report:

Sustainable Groundwater Management ACT (SGMA) Matters - Mr. Fukuda gave a lengthy report on recent activities concerning the Kaweah Subbasin. Mr. Fukuda reported on the following: (1) California State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) July 27, 2023 meeting; (2) Kaweah Subbasin Technical team did an excellent job organizing and presenting; (3) Kaweah Subbasin Dry Well Susceptibility Analysis - Upper Aquifer Process; (4) Old Minimum Thresholds as a water level surface; (5) Average Annual Subsidence Rate from June 13, 2015 to March 1, 2023; (6) Projected Subsidence from January 2020 to January 2040 - Identify locations with greatest subsidence; (7) Normalize subsidence in the Subbasin to achieve no more than 9 feet of subsidence at a maximum; (8) MKGSA and Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GKGS) Critical Infrastructure; (9) Overlay Critical Infrastructure or Maximum Allowable Subsidence; (10) Example Change in Slope along Saint Johns River and Cross Creek based on Normalized Maximum 9 feet Subsidence between 2020 - 2040; (11) Examples Canal Capacity Assessment; and (12) MKGSA Well Mitigation Plan.

Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA) - Mr. Fukuda presented an update on the MKGSA. Mr. Fukuda briefed the Board on the following: Call-For-Funds: \$540,000 (costs went back several months and paybacks to TID); Emergency Ordinance Policies; Visalia Country Club - MKGSA Jurisdiction; Water Credit Accounting - credit is to the land; Sub - APN Accounting; Irrigation Efficiency - 90% in winter and 75% in summer goes to groundwater credit; and Cost Share Agreement Approved - for the Data Management System and Modflow Model.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda provided the Board with an update on Friant Activities. Mr. Fukuda reported on the following: (1) Certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Cooperative Agreement for Water Quality Guidelines; (2) Friant Kern Canal (FKC) Middle Reach is working nights to get paving machines working; (3) O&M Activities this Fall; and (4) Friant Board Retreat November 14-16, 2023.

McKay Point Reservoir/Seaborn Reservoir - Mr. Fukuda provided the Board with an update the Seaborn Reservoir, reporting the following: Seaborn Property Site was visited by Assemblyman Fong. Mr. Fukuda stated it was a good visit with recommendations for funding opportunities.

No update was given on the McKay Point Reservoir.

Legislation - Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on the following four pieces of legislation: Assembly Bill 460 (Bauer-Kahan); Assembly Bill 1337 (Wicks); Assembly Bill 389; and Assembly Bill 1205. Then, Mr. Fukuda highlighted Water Bond discussion is ongoing. He will be participating in different venues including ACWA and CAP.

General Manager Report:

General Manager Fukuda reported on the California Adaption Forum - panel discussion with River Partners and Stanford University. Mr. Fukuda reported that it was a very good discussion with a different audience that was mainly interested in how an irrigation district works with cities. Also, Mr. Fukuda presented the science of SkyTem and Ttem work with Stanford University.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

Resolution No. 23-10 - A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Tulare Irrigation District approving the Cooperative Agreement for Implementation of the Guidelines for Accepting Water into the Friant-Kern Canal. By motion of Director Martin, Seconded by Director Borges and unanimously approved by all Directors present, the Cooperative Agreement was approved as presented.

Purchase of Survey Equipment for District. Mr. Fukuda and Mr. Fisher requested and recommended replacing the District's Trimble R8 survey equipment with new Leica Geosystems survey equipment. Equipment costs and technology comparison were discussed, by a motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously approved by all Board members present, approval was granted to purchase the Leica Geosystem survey equipment.

Board Member Reports 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 reporting attending the Tulare Irrigation Company Board meeting on July 26, 2023.

Director Martin reported attending both the Evans Ditch Company Board meeting and the Tulare Irrigation Company Board meeting held on July 26, 2023.

Director Thomas reported attending the Wutchumna Board meeting on July 26, 2023.

Director Bixler then moved the meeting to Closed Session.

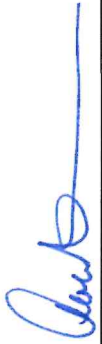
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Upon return to open session, Mr. Bixler reported no action was taken in closed session.

There being no other items to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was then adjourned to the next regular board meeting reported to be on September 12, 2023.



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Secretary



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President