

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD AT 6826 AVEUE 240,
TULARE, CALIFORNIA 93274
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE ON THE
8th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2022 AT THE HOUR OF 9: 00 A.M.**

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mr. Fukuda reported due to the Governor's Executive Order (N-29-20) and the declared state of emergency, including current social distancing directives as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 virus, the Tulare Irrigation District (TID) Board Members met in person at the Tulare Irrigation District Administration Office, under social distancing guidelines. There was no physical location for this meeting for the public. Members of the public and other officials participated in the Open Session portion of the meeting remotely via Zoom teleconference.

Directors present at the meeting held at the date and time above designated were President David Bixler, Rick Borges, Scott Rogers, and Dave Martin. Absent was Director Mike Thomas. Staff present at the meeting were Aaron Fukuda, General Manager; Beth Holmes, Senior Administrator and Assessor-Collector; James Fisher, Water Resources Engineer; Wayne Fox, Superintendent, Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; Wayne Fox; and Jeremy Barroll, Assistant Engineer. Present via Zoom teleconference were Kathi Artis, Controller and Treasurer; Don Wright, Water Wrights; Johnny Gailey, Delta View Water Association; Geoff Vanden Heuvel; Jerry Avalos, Vice President/Area Manager Vanir Construction Management, and Matt Klinchuch, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group. 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 was none. The meeting was thereupon called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

There was one public comment to come before the Board. Don Wright thanked the Board for its help in establishing equity in Water rights in regards to State Water Resources Control Board.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022 were distributed and asked if any errors or omissions were noted therein. By the motion of Director Borges and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022, were both thereupon approved as presented.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations: Mr. Crenshaw reported on Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations/Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw began his report by noting Terminus Reservoir total inflow as of November 7th was 43 CFS, and the storage at Terminus Reservoir for the previous day was 10,688 AF. He then reported that the daily release from Terminus Reservoir was 22 CFS.

Thereupon, Mr. Crenshaw mentioned that the Millerton Lake total inflow was 304 CFS and the entire storage at Millerton Lake was 318,994 AF. He reported that the total daily release from Millerton was 506 CFS.

Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw continued his report by indicating that the district's current water supply stood at 5,384 AF. The January 2022 to October 2022 cumulative diversions to TID were 27,878 AF. The 2022 Central Valley Project (CVP) Supply Contract totaled:

5,132 AF.

Water Management Activities and Issues - Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on California Reservoir Operations, reporting on the following: Friant New Water Year; Friant is tracking conditions for next year, reporting conditions same as last year at this time; and a 5-Day Quantitative precipitation Forecast.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work - Mr. Fox reported on the maintenance activities undertaken during the past month. Mr. Fox highlighted the following work: excavating silt, grading slopes, discing, replacement of road crossing near Evans Ditch, dealing with homeless encampments, and a 90 Day equipment and vehicles inspection.

Mr. Fox also reported that the district yard had two brake-ins reporting vandalism of two catalytic converters.

Lastly, Mr. Fox reported Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District (DEID) heavy equipment operator project finished mentioning Tulare Irrigation District would be reimbursement for labor and equipment costs.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis presented the financial statements for October 2022 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for October 2022 was \$7,500,399 which was approximately 86.41% of the revised budget. She next presented the expenses, highlighting several items and reporting expenses from October totaling \$9,100,794 which was approximately 83.70% 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 \$7,920,652. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities were at \$13,509,957, and the Total Equity in the District stood at 31,744,556. She lastly cited investment return for the district's several holding accounts, those being 1.400% with the Tulare County Pooled Investment Fund, 1.772% with the State LAIF, and 0.100% with Citizen's Money Market Fund.

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 Borges, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 54310 through 54398 totaling \$472,874.89 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

District Investment Policy - Discussion. Mr. Fukuda brought to the Board attention back-in 2013 the TID board set the investment term limit to one year. Mr. Fukuda informed the Board of Directors that interest rates have improved and governmental law provides for allowable investments term limits up to 5 years. Mr. Fukuda reported: Higher interest money market options and Higher interest long-term investments.

Then, Mr. Fukuda presented for discussion a chart titled: Allowable Investment Instruments Per State Government Code (As of January 1, 2022) Applicable to all local agencies. The chart showed Investments types; maximum maturity; Maximum specified % of portfolio; minimum quality requirements; and Government Code Sections. After a lengthy discussion the Board directed Mr. Fukuda to present a new investment package to consider at the December 2022 Board meeting that would

include an Ad Hoc Investment committee to oversee safe and secure investment options allowing the best turn on invested funds. At that time the Board would consider changing the District Statement of Investment Policy. Mr. Fukuda recommended addressing a revised Investment Policy at the December board meeting.

Engineer Report:

Update on Engineering Activities: Mr. Barroll provided an update on engineering, highlighting several ongoing projects that would impact the district. Mr. Barroll reported on the following six (6) projects: (1) Self-Help Enterprises Olema/West Street development project; (2) Liberty Hill Bardsley/West Street development project; (3) Hillman/Corvina Steet projects; (4) the Paige/I Street industrial development project; (5) Darrel's Mini/Storage SE Mooney/Ave 264 project; and (6) Caltrans Packwood/99 Bridge project.

Management Staff Report:

Sustainable Groundwater Management ACT (SGMA) Matters - Mr. Fukuda summarized recent activities concerning the Kaweah Subbasin. Mr. Fukuda reporting on the following: Kaweah Subbasin Management Committee Meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022; and SGM Implementation Round 2 Grants.

Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA): Mr. Fukuda presented an update on the MKGSA Emergency Ordinance. Mr. Fukuda reported: Moving towards invoicing - targeting early December; Late 2022 invoice will be coordinated so that 2023 invoice will come at a different period; Discussing with growers regarding 2022 growing season and upcoming 2023; Emergency Ordinance Early Results; and MKGSA 2021-2022 (Monthly ET (AF/Acre) Average Irrigated APN Usage: Pre- and Post- Allocation Chart.

Friant Matters: Mr. Fukuda provided the Board with an update on Friant Activities. Mr. Fukuda reported on the following: IntelliSite/EPIC IO Contract - executed a new contract with EPIC IO; Associate Membership Agreements with DEID; Exeter; Ivanhoe; Pixley, Stone Corral, and Shafter Wasco ID; CVP Reserved Works Support Letter; Systemwide Capacity Correction Reconnaissance Study; Full restoration to be upwards to \$860 million; Cost-share framework being discussions; and FKC Middle Reach Project.

McKay Point Reservoir/Seaborn Reservoir - Mr. Fukuda provided the Board with an update on the McKay Point Reservoir/Seaborn Reservoir Project. Mr. Fukuda first reported on the Seaborn Reservoir Project, reporting the following: Meeting with Congressman Valadao's staff to share the project; Santa Fe Aggregates has approached the Owners for options on their approximately 40 acres still owned at the northeast corner; Working on submission of BRIC grant - unclear if submission is going to be worth the effort; and working on materials to promote the project;

Next, Mr. Fukuda reported on McKay Point Reservoir. Mr. Fukuda reported on the following: Air Quality Chapter was revised by SESPE and submitted to Tulare County; Large shift in California Legislature coming (Term Limits); and Proposal forthcoming to MKGSA to participate in the California Groundwater Coalition.

Legislation - Mr. Fukuda presented an update on Legislation: State budget actuals are showing lower than forecasts; Large shift in California Legislature coming (Term Limits); and Proposal forthcoming to MKGSA to participate in the California Groundwater Coalition.

General Manager Report:

General Manager Fukuda reported the focus has been on the following: Being appointed to Cal Poly BRAE Industry Advisory Committee and meeting with the City of Tulare Operations Committee topic of

discussion: History of relationship; Future Projects; and Future Assessment.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

Resolution No. 22-20 - Virtual Meeting Resolution. A Resolution of the Board of Directors to the Tulare Irrigation District proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by the California Governor's Executive Order N-15-21 and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of Tulare Irrigation District Board of Directors for the period November 8, 2022 to December 8, 2022 pursuant to Brown Act provisions. By the motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Borges, unanimously carried by all Directors present, Resolution No. 22-20 was thereupon approved as presented.

Master Services Agreement Between Tulare Irrigation District and Vanir Construction Management, Inc. Mr. Fukuda presented for Board consideration a Master Services Agreement between Tulare Irrigation District and Vanir Construction Management, Inc. Mr. Fukuda welcomed and introduced Jerry Avalos, Vanir Construction Management, Inc. Construction Manager to the board. Together Mr. Fukuda and Mr. Avalos presented the benefits of having an experience management team, with government project experience, overseeing capital improvement projects. Mr. Fukuda addressed the over-all need for agreement. By the motion of Director Borges and seconded by Director Martin, unanimously carried by all Directors present, approving the Master Services Agreement with Vanir Construction Management, Inc. as presented.

Bid Documents - Contract Documents and Specifications for the Okieville Basin Project and Design Drawing. Mr. Fukuda and Mr. Fisher presented the bid for Okieville Basin Project and Design Drawing for Board review. By the motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the bid documents with authorization to go to bid and contract documents were approved as presented.

Stantec Professional Services Agreement - Water Marketing Strategy Extension. Mr. Fukuda presented the Stantec Professional Services Agreement for Board review and consideration. By the motion of Director Borges and seconded by Director Rogers, unanimously carried by all Directors present, approving the Stantec Professional Services Agreement extension out to December 31, 2023 as presented.

Vanir - Task Order No. 1: Sequoia Gateway Inspection Services. Mr. Fukuda presented Vanir - Task Order No. 1 for Board consideration. Mr. Fukuda reported issues with the construction of the Sequoia Gateway project. After a lengthy board conversation addressing the extension failed compaction report and questionable installation method of the covered pipe. Tulare Irrigation District manages the Evans Ditch Company (EDC) and the project affects the EDC pipe near Caldwell Avenue and Highway 99. By the motion of Director Borges and seconded by Director Rogers, unanimously carried by all Directors present, approving Vanir Construction Management, Inc. Task Order No. 1 - Sequoia Gateway Inspection Services.

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 reported attending the Kaweah Basin Water Foundation (KBWF) Board Meeting, Kaweah Basin Water questionable Quality Association (KBWQA) Board meeting and the Kaweah & St. Johns River Association (KSJRA).

Director Thomas reported attending both the Evan's Ditch Company Board meeting and the Tulare Irrigation Company Board meeting held on October 11, 2022. He also reported attending the Wutchumna Water

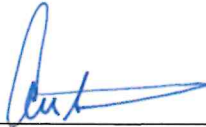
Company Board meeting on October 12, 2022.

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 §54956.95 of the Government Code.

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

There being no other items to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was then adjourned to December 13, 2022 regular Board of Directors Meeting.



Secretary



President