

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE  
9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April 2019 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, and Mike Thomas. Absent from the meeting was Director Scott Rogers. 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, of Water Wrights, Mike Lake, Ed Henry, and Johnny Gailey. President Bixler asked if there were any changes, additions or deletions to the Agenda, which Mr. Fukuda reported that there we no changes. The meeting thereupon was called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

Mr. Zack reported to the Board that he is still working on securing safes to house the District historical documents.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2019, had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. By the motion of Director Borges and second by Director Martin, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the meeting were thereupon approved as corrected.

Watermaster Report:

Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw began his report by noting that the total storage at Terminus Reservoir for the prior day was 44,218 AF and the total release from the reservoir was 14 CFS. He then reported that total diversions into the District for the day was 701 CFS with approximately 100 users receiving water. Mr. Crenshaw next provided storage operation charts for Terminus Reservoir and Millerton Reservoir.

Thereupon, Mr. Crenshaw provided charts of the snow water content in the Kaweah Watershed and the San Joaquin Watershed, noting that the Kaweah Watershed was at approximately 160% of the April 1<sup>st</sup> average and the San Joaquin was about 160% of the April 1<sup>st</sup> average. He also pointed out that the percent of the April-July runoff was 164% and 157% for the Kaweah and San Joaquin watersheds respectively.

Next, Mr. Crenshaw provided an estimated current water supply status for the District noting CVP supplies of 102,570AF and 11,326 AF in Kaweah supplies, totaling 1113,896 AF in total quantities to date.

Thereupon, Mr. Crenshaw updated the Board on current was supplies being diverted to the District. He first noted that based upon Friant Uncontrolled Season supplies and demand, he anticipated shutting off on April 17<sup>t</sup> and would not receive any future supplies until May 1<sup>st</sup>. He then discussed potentially running more CVP Class 2 water after April 17<sup>th</sup>, which was supported by the Board.

Lastly, Mr. Crenshaw reported that the District diverted 44,000 AF in March, which included some on-farm recharge, recharge deliveries to the City of Visalia, and 35% of the diversions being delivered to

turnouts.

Water Management Activities - Mr. Fukuda began his report by updating the Board on a recent meeting with various agencies and entities on the Kaweah River system to coordinate operations and look for ways to increase surface water imports. He reported that the meeting highlighted several hinderances to importing water supplies and the need to address these hinderances ahead of compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Mr. Fukuda then updated the board on various water exchange agreements and transfer requests.

O&M Superintendent Report:

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter O&M Report - Mr. Fox reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter O&M report and highlighted several activities performed by the staff. Mr. Fox noted district safety meetings that took place, maintenance operations, vehicle maintenance, herbicide application and construction projects. During the discussion several Directors asked Mr. Fox to look into aerial application of herbicides in basins to save money and more effectively combat weeds. Lastly, the Directors reminded Mr. Fox to have staff reduce their speed while on canal embankments.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis then presented the financial statements for March 2019 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for January through March 2019 was \$819,100, which was approximately 9.47% of the preliminary budget. Ms. Artis next presented the expenses, highlighting several items, including a payment to Friant Water Authority for approximately \$66,000 to provide a reserve for pump motor rewinds at the San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority, but reporting expenses from January to March 2019 totaling \$2,454,251, which was approximately 22.98% of the preliminary budget. She then went on with presenting the statements of cash flows and net assets, stating that the current cash standing was at \$9,614,679. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities were at \$12,193,195 and the Total Equity in the District stood at \$35,665,987. She thereupon cited investment returns for the District's several holding accounts, those being 2.08% with the Tulare County Pooled Fund and 2.39% with the state LAIF. Ms. Artis also noted that there were sufficient funds for six months of expenses.

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 Thomas, second by Director Borges and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 50656 through 50808 totaling \$395,783.46 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Engineering Report:

Update on Engineering Activities - Mr. Barroll provided an update on engineering activities within the District. Mr. Barroll began with an update on the Cordeniz Basin project, noting that construction of the basin inlet structures had begun and that dirt hauling had resumed. Lastly, Mr. Barroll reported that the 2019 On-Farm Recharge program had a total of 2,256 AF recharged over 725 acres and 7 private ponds.

## Management Staff Reports:

Mid-Kaweah GSA - Mr. Fukuda began by providing an update on the Kaweah Sub-Basin Basin Setting. He reported that the Basin Setting had undergone five significant revisions and the estimated overdraft for the Current Period (1997-2017) was 77,591 AF per year. He then noted that the next steps would include allocated water per the agreed upon Water Budget Allocations, the development of a Coordination Agreement and the development and running of groundwater model simulations.

Next, Mr. Fukuda provided an update on the schedule for the MKGSA GSP, noting that several draft chapters were under review and would be presented to the Board in the future. He then noted that the Advisory Committee was also reviewing chapters. Lastly, Mr. Fukuda reported that modeling budgets at the GSA level had been moved to the Sub Basin level and two initial runs would be made.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda began his report by noting that the FWA had approved deferring the 2019 drawdown for repairs until 2020. He then reported on recent activities to update the OM&R Cost Recovery methodology to include newly used classes of water (due to SJR Settlement) and the inclusion of Extraordinary Maintenance, such as the canal capacity correction project on the FKC.

Thereupon, Mr. Fukuda provided an update on the "Grand Bargain" and reported that a combination of actions will help reduce the call on Friant supplies to meet the Exchange Contractor demands. To achieve these goals, there will be a fee of \$6 per AF on water delivered to the Exchange Contracts. Lastly we receive an improvement in certainty of SJR Settlement recapture flows.

Mr. Fukuda then noted that the FWA was still working on Title Transfer of the Friant system to the FWA. The process was moving slowly, and soon growers will need to determine if the transfer is within the interest of growers.

Lastly, Mr. Fukuda reported on the Subsidence Fix to the FKC. He noted that Stantec is recommending Alternative 5, which is a parallel canal, but there still remains a question as to the capacity for design purposes.

Legislation - Mr. Fukuda presented a brief legislative update on SB 487, SB 559 and AB 417

## Matters for Consideration of Board Action

License Agreement w/KDWCD for McKay Point Property - Mr. Fukuda presented a License Agreement with KDWCD for the placement of material removed from the Kaweah South Project. By a motion of Director Martin, Seconded by Director Borges and approved by all Directors present, the License Agreement with KDWCD for the McKay Point Property was approved.

Approval of Support for SB559 - Mr. Fukuda provided a written report on SB 559, which is sponsored by Senator Hurtado and provide \$400 million to the FWA for reestablishing the capacity of the FKC that has been reduced by subsidence. By a motion of Director Martin, Seconded by Director Borges and unanimously approved by all directors present, it was approved to support SB 559 and send a support letter.

Cultivate California Request - Mr. Fukuda provided a written report that highlighted prior contributions to the Cultivate California initiative. The report highlighted prior year accomplishments and upcoming year goals. By a motion of Director Borges, seconded by

Director Martin, and unanimously approved by all Directors present, it was approved to contribute \$5,000 to the Cultivate California initiative.

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.

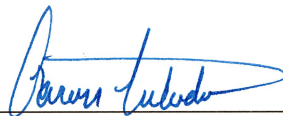
The Directors noted that no new information needed to be reported.

Closed Session:

The Board thereupon entered into closed session under §54956.8, §54956.9(a) and §54957 of the Government Code.

Upon returning to open session, it was reported that there were no actions taken in closed session.

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



Secretary



President