

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE
13th DAY OF August 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, Scott Rogers, and Mike Thomas. Staff present at the meeting were Aaron Fukuda, General Manager; Kathi Artis, Controller and Treasurer; Beth Holmes, Senior Administrator and Assessor-Collector; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; and Jeremy Barroll, Assistant Engineer. Also present at the meeting was Mike Lane, Johnny Gailey; and Don Wright representing Water Wright's. 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:

Mike Thomas reported that The Fresno Bee and the Tulare Advance Register had both recently published articles concerning California renewable energy being solar and air; however, hydropower was not included.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 9, 2019, had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. Two changes were observed and by the motion of Director Borges and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the July 9, 2019, meeting were thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations - Mr. Crenshaw began his report by noting Terminus Reservoir total inflow was 334 CFS, and that the entire storage at Terminus Reservoir for the current day was 65,932 AF. He then reported that the total daily release from Terminus Reservoir was 1,688 CFS. He lastly stated that total diversions into the District for the day were 960 CFS with approximately 165 users receiving water.

Mr. Crenshaw continued his report by indicating there was approximately 14,014 AF in Terminus Reservoir assigned to TID, which includes Wutchumna storage at Terminus Reservoir in the amount of 1,424 AF. The projected January to December 2019 cumulative diversions to TID was estimated to be 326,615 AF.

Mr. Crenshaw thereupon reported that the District diverted 61,904 AF in June, which included 984 AF to the City of Visalia. Totaling 19% recharge deliveries to the City of Visalia, 59% of the diversions were delivered to turnouts, and 23% of the diversions were delivered to District's basins.

Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw provided an estimated current water supply status for the District noting CVP supplies of 3,336 AF and 14,014 AF in Kaweah supplies, totaling 17,350 AF in total quantities to date. He then indicated that based upon Friant and Kaweah supplies and demand, he anticipated that Monday, August 19, 2019, would be the last day to place an order for water and that he

will begin cutting back on diversions to the District on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. Mr. Crenshaw estimated shutting off surface water diversions on approximately Thursday, August 22, 2019.

Water Management Activities and Issues - Mr. Fukuda mentioned signing a San Joaquin River Restoration Recirculation agreement.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work and Construction Projects - Mr. Fox reported on the maintenance activities undertaken during the past month. Mr. Fox highlighted herbicide spraying applications, copper sulfate applications, shop repairs and vehicle maintenance, and work at Cordeniz basin.

Mr. Fox then reported on construction activities within the District, noting that construction on the Cordeniz Basin project continues.

Director Rogers brought the Boards attention to what looks to be a homeless man living in his car on or near the Northside of No. 8 Basin. Superintendent Fox mentioned notifying the Tulare County Sheriff's Department.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis then presented the financial statements for July 2019 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for January through June 2019 was \$7,643,361, which was approximately 59.94% of the preliminary budget. Ms. Artis next presented the expenses, highlighting several items, and reporting expenses from January to July 2019 totaling \$6,724,020, which was approximately 56.81% 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 \$11,125,658. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities were at \$11,695,291, and the Total Equity in the District stood at \$38,668,710. She thereupon cited investment returns for the District's several holding accounts, those being 2.14% with the Tulare County Pooled Fund and 2.428% with the state LAIF. Ms. Artis also noted that there were sufficient funds for six months of expenses.

Approval of Bill Payments - Ms. Artis presented the list of bills submitted for ratification and approval by the Board. Highlighting two payments to the US Bureau of Reclamation one in the amount of \$292,433.76 for July Water and \$72,135.96 for Unreleased Restoration Flows totaling \$364,569.72; and Friant Water Authority in the amount of \$36,825.31 for SLDMWA July 2019. After further 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. 51182 through 51268 totaling \$1,685,137.13 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

2018 Financial Statements & Audit - Ms. Artis indicated that half the audit materials had been completed due to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) and the District should receive a report in October.

Engineering Report:

Update on Engineering Activities - Mr. Barroll indicated there were no new Engineering Activities to report.

Management Staff Reports:

Mid-Kaweah GSA - Mr. Fukuda presented and announced that the Mid-Kaweah GSA has released the public review draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan for a 45-day public review period starting July 31, 2019. The draft Plan and its related appendices are housed at the Tulare County Library, 200 W. Oak Ave., Visalia; the City of Tulare Library, 475 N. M St., Tulare; and Tulare Irrigation District, 6826 Avenue 240, Tulare. Written comments on the Plan will be accepted until 11:59 p.m., September 16, 2019. He reviewed and answered questions for approximately 2 hours the following:

Section 1 Introduction - A definition of who the MKGSA is, the geographic location of the MKGSA, governance and land use planning.

Section 2 Basin Setting - A description of what our aquifer looks like and behaves, including a Kaweah subbasin water budget and MKGSA water budget.

Section 3 - Sustainability Goal and Undesirable Results - A description of the collective goals of the Kaweah Subbasin, including a discussion of the undesirable results and measurable objectives of the MKGSA.

Section 4 Monitoring Network - A discussion of the monitoring network used to measure groundwater levels, groundwater storage, water quality, and subsidence.

Section 5 - Sustainable Management Criteria, Minimum Thresholds, and Measurable Objectives - A description of how the MKGSA established the Sustainable Management Criteria, Minimum Thresholds, and Measurable Objectives for groundwater levels, groundwater storage, water quality, and subsidence.

Section 6 Water Supply Accounting - A discussion of the groundwater belonging, based on California case law to the MKGSA.

Section 7 Projects and Management Actions - A list of projects and management actions proposed to be implemented by the MKGSA to increase groundwater supplies such that groundwater levels will be sustainable in the future, along with sustainable water storage, water quality, and subsidence.

Section 8 DWR Reporting - The annual and 5-year reporting requirements.

Mr. Fukuda announced to support outreach and a means for a collaborative discussion on the GSP the District will host a series of 12 roundtable discussions for up to 12 participants each between August 14th and August 27th. These meetings will review the SGMA, provide an overview of the MKGSA GSP, and receive comments and input on the MKGSA Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Friant Matters - No report provided.

Legislation - No report provided.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

Establishment of Board of Equalization - Mr. Fukuda summarized the role of the Board of Equalization, its purpose related to District assessment levied, and its members consisting of the District' Board of Directors. By motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously approved by all board members present, the Board was established as a Board of Equalization, which board will sit for a ten-day period beginning on September 10, 2019, to hear any

objections made to the valuation, acreage, or any other matters pertaining to the levy of assessments.

Resolution No. 19-06 - Mr. Fukuda described the subject resolution as being required by the Kaweah Subbasin, which is to authorize and support the Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy. Mr. Fukuda provided details of the Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy. Mr. Fukuda expressed board approval. By a motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Borges, and unanimously approved by the Board members present, Resolution No. 19-06 was adopted.

Closed Session:

The Board thereupon entered into closed session under §54956.8, §54956.9(a)), §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.

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 thereupon summarized the content of the July 17th meeting of the Kaweah River Power Authority. He then reported that the DWR Bulletin 120 showed April- July figures will be around 170%. He then mentioned that KRPA Power Plant is not currently operating and no maintenance is being performed. Also, he summarized the Terminus Hydro-Electric Plant O & M Enlargement Projected Cost. He stated that cost will increase 200%, due to Corps Tower repairs. Therefore, KRPA is looking at O & M Cost totaling \$750,000, over the next four years. He announced that KRPA is looking at a 5-10 year contract and cost to decommission the power plant.

Director Bixler mentioned that Terry Stafford had been let go and that Tony Ramos is back.

Director Borges then reviewed the KBWQA meeting held August 8th, making note that the new replacement water fill station was under construction and Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District will be an added cost to be insured.

Director Borges reported that the Tulare Irrigation Company had met on July 15th and approved an assessment of \$75 per share.

Director Martin reported that Evans Ditch Company meeting was held on July 15th, and the water stock assessment rate was set at \$40.00 per share.

Director Thomas reported on activities of the Wutchumna Water Company meeting on July 10, 2019. He stated the water stock assessment rate was set at \$325.00 per share. He mentioned WWC paying up to \$7,000 for Department of Water Resources Dam fees.

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



Secretary



President