

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE ON THE
10th DAY OF AUGUST 2021 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 at the District Office (6826 Avenue 240, Tulare, CA 93274) 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, Dave Martin, Scott Rogers, and Mike Thomas. Staff present at the meeting were Aaron Fukuda, General Manager; Kathi Artis, Controller and Treasurer; James Fisher, Water Resources Engineer; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; and Jeremy Barroll, Assistant Engineer. Also present via Zoom teleconference roll call were Don Wright of Water Wrights, Johnny Gailey with the Delta View Water Association, Rhett Anderson with the City of Visalia, and Geoff Vanden Heuvel. 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:

No Public Comments were received.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 13, 2021 were distributed and asked if any errors or omissions were noted therein. Director Rogers indicated that his name was absent from the attendance list. By the motion of Director Rogers and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting was thereupon approved with the noted change.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations/Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw began his report by reporting on the operations of Lake Kaweah and Millerton Lake. He noted that Lake Kaweah was at approximately 29,300 AF of storage, and Millerton Lake was at approximately 224,800 AF of storage.

Next, Mr. Crenshaw provided an update on District supplies noting that the District had no Friant water available and only 6 AF in Lake Kaweah. Lastly, Mr. Crenshaw provided an update on Diversions and deliveries through the month of July.

Water Management Activities and Issues:

Mr. Fukuda began his report by indicating the levels of storage in reservoirs throughout California. He next reported that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) had initiated curtailment orders on the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers in an attempt to stop illegal diversions. He thereupon provided the Board with a statement issued by Friant Water Authority, and he emphasized that the FWA was supportive of the actions taken by the SWRCB to curb illegal diversions in the Delta.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work - No Report

Quarter 2 O&M Report - Mr. Fox provided a written report to the Board of Directors on the activities that took place during the second quarter of 2022. Mr. Fox highlighted ongoing O&M work, construction activities, vehicle maintenance, and herbicide applications.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis presented the financial statements for July 2021 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for July 2021 was \$1,621,917, which was approximately 32.32% of the revised budget. Ms. Artis next presented the expenses, highlighting several items and reporting expenses from July totaling \$3,854,759, which was approximately 49.17% 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 \$11,797,036. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities were at \$13,169,280, and the Total Equity in the District stood at \$34,916,963. She lastly cited investment return for the District's several holding accounts, those being 1.590% with the Tulare County Pooled Investment Fund, 0.221% with the State LAIF, and 0.314% with Citizen's Money Market Fund.

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 Borges and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 53143 through 53225 totaling \$513,437.68 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 highlighting several ongoing projects in the District that impacted District facilities. Next, Mr. Barroll provided several groundwater elevation charts for monitoring wells that are being measured monthly. Lastly, Mr. Barroll reported that the Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Committee was holding a meeting on August 11, 2021, to review the project schedule, outreach, and existing markets.

Management Staff Reports:

Kaweah Subbasin Update - Mr. Fukuda began his report by noting that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA) had completed an agreement for the Prop 68 Implementation Grant. Next, he noted that the GSA managers were discussing groundwater allocations with the goal of having a framework done by September or October 2021. Lastly, Mr. Fukuda reported that the Kaweah Subbasin Management Committee would receive a report on the Kaweah Subbasin MODFLOW Model on August 18, 2021.

MKGSA Update - Mr. Fukuda reported that the MKGSA Board meeting in July was canceled. Next, he noted that the MKGSA was working on the Representative Monitoring Well Network and preparing to review DWR's assessment on four GSPs.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda provided a report on Friant Activities, beginning with a report on the activities of the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Rech project. He noted that land acquisitions continue with the approval of several Findings of Necessity that pursue eminent domain actions. He then stated that FWA and the Bureau of Reclamation had reached an agreement on a Repayment Agreement that secured the long-term repayment of

funds at 1.375% over a 30-year term.

Thereupon, Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on FWA not requesting the 4th Quarter General Membership call for funds due to being well below budget. Lastly, Mr. Fukuda reported on activities of the FWA External Affairs team, noting that canal repairs were awarded \$100 million under the State Budget.

Legislation - Mr. Fukuda provided a report on SB/AB 129, which provides approximately \$764 million to DWR and \$1.385 billion to the SWRCB for water-related projects.

General Manager Report - Mr. Fukuda reported on a meeting with the College of the Sequoias to support their Ag Irrigation Academy. He noted that there are opportunities to provide work experience and educational programs. The Board of Directors indicated their support for working with the college. Lastly, Mr. Fukuda reported that the District had secured new internet services.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action

Establish Board of Equalization - Mr. Fukuda summarized the role of the Board of Equalization, its purpose related to District assessments levied, and its members consisting of the Districts' Board of Directors. By the motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Martin, and unanimously carried by all Board members present, the Board was established as the Board of Equalization, which board will sit for a ten-day period beginning on September 14, 2021, to hear any objections made to the valuation, acreage, or any matters pertaining to the levy of assessments.

Resolution No. 21-07 SJVAPCD Charge Up Grant - Mr. Fukuda presented Resolution No. 21-07 and provide details regarding the ability to secure grant funds to install an electric vehicle charging station. By a motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Rogers, and unanimously carried by all directors present, Resolution No. 21-07 was approved.

Board Member Report of Meetings:

Director Borges gave reports on the Kaweah & St. Johns Rivers Association, Kaweah Water Foundation, and the Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association.

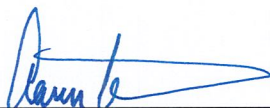
Director Thomas reported on the Wutchmna Water Co. Board of Directors meeting.

Closed Session:

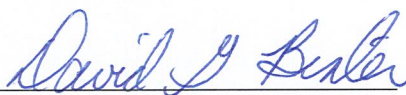
Thereupon, Mr. Fukuda noted that the Board of Directors was going into Closed Session.

Upon returning from Closed Session, Director Bixler 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 to the Regular TID Board Meeting scheduled for September 14, 2021.



Secretary



President