

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE
10TH DAY OF March 2020 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 were Edward Henry, Mike Lane, Jonafhan Meeker, and Don Wright representing Water Wrights. 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:

Mr. Wright thanked the Board for providing breakfast.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 18, 2020, had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. By the motion of Director Borges and seconded by Director Martin, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting was thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations/Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw began his report by indicating that unless things change, he anticipated that there would not be a summer irrigation run, and 100% of our 2020 surface water supplies would be sent to the Lindsay Strathmore Irrigation District, per our long-standing agreement.

Next, Mr. Crenshaw reported that the Lake Kaweah total inflow for the day was 182 CFS and that the storage at Lake Kaweah for the current day was 31,720 AF. He then reported that the daily release from Lake Kaweah was 42 CFS. Lastly, Mr. Crenshaw stated that total diversions into the District for the day was 12 CFS.

Mr. Crenshaw next provided a 2001-2020 Kaweah River Snow Water Content Chart, which showed the watershed was currently at 37% of March 9th average and 34% of April 1st average. He then provided a 1990-2012 San Joaquin River Sensors Snow Water Content Chart, which showed the watershed was currently at 28% of March 9th average and 27% of April 1st average.

Mr. Crenshaw continued with his report by indicating that the current water supply for the District stood at 2,100 AF. The projected January 2020 to March 2020 cumulative diversions to TID was estimated to be 20,947 AF. Mr. Crenshaw thereupon reported that the District diverted 5,545 AF in February with 24% recharged in District basins, 26% recharged in District canals, and 50% diverted to Farm turnouts.

Mr. Crenshaw then reported on rainfall for the area and noted that the accumulated rainfall at the District office was 3.71" compared to the average of 7.14".

Winter Water Rate - Mr. Fukuda stated that there was nothing to report.

Spring 2020 Depth to Groundwater Report: Thereupon, Mr. Fukuda and Mr. Crenshaw provided a Spring 2020 Depth to Groundwater Report presenting a Depth to Groundwater Contour map for Spring 2020. Mr. Crenshaw reported that the average depth to groundwater across the district was 135 feet, which was up 17 feet from the previous year. Next, Mr. Fukuda presented Groundwater Elevations above MSL (ft) Charts. Mr. Fukuda stated that for some monitoring wells, the groundwater levels in the deeper aquifers had risen to the levels of the higher aquifers and mentioned the need to understand water seepage from above the Corcoran Clay to below the clay. Mr. Fukuda explained to the Board the sub clay layers are confined and subject to head pressure. Mr. Fukuda also stated that the current Groundwater levels are similar to 2013, noting that Mr. Barroll conducts every two weeks monitoring of depth to groundwater levels, measuring and reporting on a dozen wells within the District.

Mr. Fukuda stated that Stanford University is looking to partner with the District to install real-time depth to groundwater sensors in approximately five dedicated monitoring wells.

Management Activities and Issues:

Mr. Fukuda provided a report and requested the Board consider approval of two water supply agreements with Westside Mutual Water Company. The first agreement water the San Joaquin River Restoration Flow Recapture/Recirculation Exchange and Purchase Agreement with Westside Mutual Water Company, LLC. Mr. Fukuda explained the terms and conditions. The second agreement was the Water Exchange and Water Transfer Program Agreement with Westside Mutual Water Company, LLC. Mr. Fukuda explained the terms of the agreement to the Board. He also noted the only revision from the prior agreements was the addition of a statement regarding coordination if a Water Quality Mitigation program is developed on the Friant-Kern Canal, which was changed in both agreements.

By the motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Borges, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Board approved the San Joaquin River Restoration Flow Recapture/Recirculation Exchange and Purchase Agreement and the Water Exchange and Water Transfer Program Agreement.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work, Construction Projects - Mr. Fox announced the newly fabricated Spray Truck had been completed and was parked outside for the Board and the public to view. Next, he provided an update on operations and maintenance activities highlighting the application of preemergent herbicides, placement of sand on canal banks across the District. Lastly, Mr. Fox reported Tulare Irrigation Company (TIC) and Evans Ditch Company (EDC) had been sprayed and work at Cordeniz Basin Continues.

Summer 2020 Maintenance Program and Staffing Levels - Mr. Fukuda emphasized that due to the dry conditions this year, District staff anticipated that there would not be an irrigation run this summer. Mr. Fukuda presented to the Board a 2020 Maintenance Project list that detailed a priority list of 40+ projects with an estimated 280 working days needed to complete the projects.

Mr. Fukuda presented to the Board a plan to address staffing levels and workload during the summer. The program included the following: 1) the need to fill a full-time position by the end of March, 2) sending two full-time employees to the KDWCD Hannah South Project, 3) loan Equipment (JD and Icon Scraper) to KDWCD with a negotiated estimated rental rate of \$11,000 per month, 4) assist City of Tulare and City of Visalia with man-power during TID's Summer Maintenance Season, and 5) hire a temporary intern to help in the Engineering/Water Department, while Mr. Mello is out on injury. Mr. Fukuda gave credit to Mr. Crenshaw and Mr. Fox for developing the Summer 2020 Maintenance Program. Mr. Fukuda emphasized the 10-month program cost savings to the District budget would be approximately \$225,000. Mr. Fukuda expressed the desire for Board direction and feedback. After a somewhat lengthy conversation, the Board gave Mr. Fukuda approval regarding the maintenance program and staffing required.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis presented the financial statements for February 2020 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for February 2020 was \$194,159, which was approximately 2.31% of the revised budget. Ms. Artis next presented the expenses, highlighting several items and reporting expenses from February totaling \$1,527,938, which was approximately 14.19% 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 \$10,448,622. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities were at \$13,192,094, and the Total Equity in the District stood at \$35,957,693. She thereupon cited investment returns for the District's several holding accounts, those being 2.360% with the Tulare County Pooled Fund and 1.967% with the state LAIF. Ms. Artis also noted that there were sufficient funds for six months of expenses. Next, Ms. Artis presented to the Board the Banc of America Leasing & Capital Money Lease Amortization Schedule as of March 1, 2020, showing a balance of \$6,103,338.25.

Approval of Bill Payments - Ms. Artis presented the list of bills submitted for ratification and approval by the Board. She noted payments to the US Bureau of Reclamation for February Water in the amount of \$95,573.42. After further scrutiny of particular bills, the Board, by the motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Rogers and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 51748 through 51781 totaling \$179,647.03 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Ratification of Investment Policy - Ms. Artis thereupon presented the Tulare Irrigation District Statement of Investment Policy. Upon the Motion of Director Thomas and seconded by Director Rogers and unanimously carried by all board members present, the Statement of Investment Policy was approved as presented.

Engineering Report:

Update on Engineering Activities - Mr. Barroll provided an update on engineering activities within the District. He first reported on the progress at Cordeniz Basin and the Serpa Ditch Realignment project. He stated that District's crews had placed a slab for the overflow structure in North Basin; have completed moving excess material and equipment from the site; Completed fine grading basin bottoms, have been ripping; Completed grading/installing rip-rap at outlets; have been fine grading basin banks; and Crews have sized boxes for grates/lids.

Mr. Fukuda mentioned scheduling two events in April or May: A Cordeniz Basin Ribbon Cutting, which he would invite the United States Bureau of Reclamation, and a Lagomarsino Safe dedication.

Management Staff Reports:

Kaweah Subbasin Update - Mr. Fukuda summarized recent activities and top priorities concerning the Kaweah Subbasin reporting on the Water Accounting Framework mentioning the need to true up numbers; Water Metering; Well location/registration; Subsidence-Stanford NASA grant; Advisory Committee Appointment; Approval of Kaweah Subbasin Coordination Agreement; Provost & Pritchard received a contract for to consult with the Greater Kaweah GSA; and the 70-day comment period on the GSP continues.

Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Update - Mr. Fukuda first reported that J. Paul Hendrix, Mid-Kaweah's General Manager, submitted a notice of his impending retirement on April 1, 2020. A Management Committee is in the recruitment process regarding a replacement for the position of Mid-Kaweah GSA Manager. Mr. Fukuda stated that Mr. Hendrix expressed an interest in working part-time approximately 20 hours a week. Lastly, Mr. Fukuda addressed the need for Tulare Irrigation District to begin developing a budget and establish the potential need for a Prop 218 process.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda summarized the recent activities reporting first on the latest efforts by Friant Water Authority (FWA) to invite non-FWA members to participate in the decision making process at the FWA Board meetings. He noted that FWA had asked non-FWA members to provide a director to sit at the table during board meetings, and their vote would be recorded in the minutes, however not be officially registered, but it would state their position.

Mr. Fukuda gave an update on the Temperance Flat Reservoir (TFR) Project Update that included a summary of the MOU Group Technical Modeling (Stantec) Study and findings. Mr. Fukuda reported that the MOU group included all Friant Division contractors, the Exchange Contractors, San Luis & Mendota Water Authority, and several South-of-Delta CVP Contractors. Mr. Fukuda stated that the results from 12 separate account operations were combined to represent the combined operation of the TFR project. A series of sensitivity valuations (What-if analyses) were run to identify how the performance of the TFR Project would change under different demands, supplies available for storage, or supply from the Delta.

Friant-Kern Canal Fix - Mr. Fukuda first reported that the Friant-Kern Canal Fix is right on schedule and that FWA has allocated \$50 Million for the Friant-Kern Canal fix. Next, Mr. Fukuda addressed the various funding options available for the project, including a Bureau of Reclamation Repayment Contract, Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Loan, and potential bonds. Mr. Fukuda stated that borrowing plus interest would be paid by FWA Members through Operation/Maintenance and Restoration (OM&R) Rates.

Title Transfer - Mr. Fukuda reported on FWA's AECOM Transfer of Title Assessment Study detailing the process, benefits, requirements, costs, and outcomes associated with Friant-Kern Canal Ownership Title being transferred to the FWA. Mr. Fukuda stated that the transferrer would include: FWA and all facilities; Lands adjoining FKC and easements; Office buildings; maintenance yard; plus, two residences; and Recreational facilities as Lake Woollomes Park.

Legislation - No report provided.

Strategic Plan Update - No report provided.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

Resolution No. 20-04 LAFCO Case No. 1547-T-166 and No 1549-T-1676 Annexation/Detachment Consideration. Mr. Fukuda presented the subject resolution and described the details of the LAFCO annexation/detachment. Resolution No. 20-04 was adopted by the motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Rogers, and duly put to a vote and unanimously carried by all board members present.

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 Martin reported on attending the Kaweah & St. Johns River Association Meeting on March 5th reporting on Kaweah Water Rights, Riparian Process and Criteria, membership rate set at \$1,500, and the Kaweah River Power Authority 1982 Agreement for Water Use is in the process of being amended.

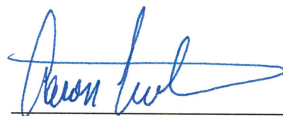
Director Martin reported attending the March 5th Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association meeting, noting that sixty-nine memberships were revoked for non-payment, and a number of those individuals have shown interest in renewing their membership but have requested a waiver of the penalty of late fees, which has been denied.

Closed Session:

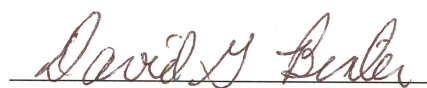
The Board thereupon entered into closed session under §54956.8, §54956.9(a), §54956.9(b)), §54956.9(c)), §54957.6, §54957, and 54956.95 of the Government Code.

Mr. Fukuda noted that the next Board Meeting would be held on April 14, 2020.

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



Secretary



President