

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD ON THE
8th DAY OF OCTOBER 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; Beth Holmes, Senior Administrator and Assessor-Collector; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; and Jeremy Barroll, Assistant Engineer. Absent from the meeting was Kathi Artis, Controller and Treasurer. Also present at the meeting was Mike Lane, Ed Henry, Matt Girewal and Ikaika Ramos. 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:

Ed Henry brought to the Board's attention water quality concerns and the implications on the region's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act compliance.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 10, 2019, had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. By the motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Borges, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the meeting was thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations - Mr. Crenshaw began his report by noting Terminus Reservoir total inflow was 77 CFS, and that the entire storage at Terminus Reservoir for the current day was 15,077 AF. He then reported that the daily release from Terminus Reservoir was 97 CFS. He lastly stated that total diversions into the District for the day were 0 CFS with only 1 Irrigator who was taking Tertiary Treated water from the City of Visalia.

He then stated TID's current water supply stood at 4,343 AF. The projected January to December 2019 cumulative diversions to TID was estimated to be 326,151 AF.

Mr. Crenshaw thereupon reported that the District diverted 934 AF in September. He indicated that 30% of the diversions were delivered to turnouts, and 44% of the diversions were delivered to District's basins.

Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw indicated that there was nothing to report at this time.

Water Management Activities and Issues - Mr. Fukuda noted that there was nothing to report at the time.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work and Construction Projects - Mr. Fox presented the

2019 Third Quarter Report on maintenance activities. He first reported on the TID Safety Program, stating that safety meetings were held on Getting Off and On Equipment; Industrial Ergonomics; PPE Safety; Safety Data Sheets and Sexual Harassment Training.

Next Mr. Fox reported on major maintenance projects by highlighting dredging of sand in Cameron Creek; removal of trees and brush from canal banks; discing of recharge basin bottoms for weed removal; inspection of turnouts and headgates; mowing of weeds in canals and ditches; grading of slopes and banks of channels; maintenance of rock and concrete rip-rap at ditch structures and crossings; and ongoing maintenance of the TID administration facility.

Then Mr. Fox discussed TID's vehicle and construction equipment Maintenance Program, which included maintenance and repairs to the District fleet; 90-day D.O.T. inspections; installation of a mower on a rental tractor; shop building inspections and maintenance; and servicing and repairs to equipment at Cordeniz Basin.

Mr. Fox reported on TID's Herbicide Application Program detailing various chemicals applied to TID and Evans Ditch Company canal embankments.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Mr. Fukuda then presented the financial statements for September 2019 for the Board's review and consideration. He addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for January through September 2019 was \$9,738,847, which was approximately 76.37% of the revised budget. Mr. Fukuda next presented the expenses, highlighting several items and reporting expenses from January to September 2019 totaling \$10,029,199, which was approximately 84.74% of the revised budget. He then went on with presenting the statements of cash flows and net assets, stating that the current cash standing was at \$11,284,766. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Mr. Fukuda reported that Total Liabilities were at \$11,576,821, and the Total Equity in the District stood at \$38,032,215. He thereupon cited investment returns for the District's several holding accounts, those being 2.30% with the Tulare County Pooled Fund and 2.341% with the state LAIF. Mr. Fukuda also noted that there were sufficient funds for six months of expenses.

Approval of Bill Payments - Mr. Fukuda presented the list of bills submitted for ratification and approval by the Board. He noted a payment to the US Bureau of Reclamation in the amount of \$899,378.69 for water diverted by the District from March to September. He then discussed payments to Innovative Controls Inc. totaling \$181,645.27 for the two SCADA grant projects. After further scrutiny of particular bills, the Board, by the motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 51269 through 51349 totaling \$1,335,344.41 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

2018 Financial Statements & Audit - Mr. Fukuda indicated that Joseph Mastro & Company had a smooth field visit and that the Audit should be completed in November.

Engineering Report:

Update on Engineering Activities - Mr. Barroll provided an update on engineering activities within the District. He first noted the Cordeniz Basin and Serpa Ditch realignment project, stating that our

crew continued rough grading banks, stockpiling dirt, and earthmoving activities.

Next, Mr. Barroll gave details on a culvert crossing at Kansas Ave and Rd. 56 noting that CMP Pipe needs to be replaced from turnout on Cameron Creek to farmer lift pump across the intersection.

Lastly, Mr. Barroll gave an update on #3 Basin Drought Grant, USBR WaterSMART Drought Response Program (Drought Resiliency Projects for FY 2020), which entails Redesign #3 Basin so that water running from Evans Ditch to Northwest Ditch, Southwest Ditch can be bypassed around the West Cell.

Management Staff Reports:

Mid-Kaweah GSA - Status Report - Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on various Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) reviews, highlighting the differences between the Mid-Kaweah GSA, the Greater Kaweah GSA, and the East Kaweah GSA GSPs. He explained that Mid-Kaweah was ahead in the process. He reported that all three GSPs must be combined into one submission to DWR by January 31, 2019. Mr. Fukuda then proceeded to provide a quick review of adjacent GSPs (Tulare Lake Subbasin and Eastern Tule GSP).

Ed Henry commented on his concerns with water quality and mentioned GEI's Hydrographs. After a lengthy conversation, it was noted that Self-Help Enterprises effectively identifies funding and solutions for disadvantaged communities and agencies such as the Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association to assist with water quality concerns in the area.

Friant Update - Mr. Fukuda first reported on Temperance Flat, indicating that FWA has approved the six Operating Principles. He noted the FWA 2020 budget was approved at \$14.9 Million, and the 2021 budget was approved at \$19.6 Million. Mr. Fukuda addresses concerns over impacts on bonding capacity due to future liability costs to fix the canal.

Mr. Fukuda reported on the Valley Blueprint effort stating momentum is growing, and they have collected close to \$300,000.

Next, Mr. Fukuda gave the board an update on Friant Kern Canal Subsidence Fix, stating that \$22 Million funds were secured and will last through 2020. He then mentioned that future funding is in flux, and existing funds will be spent by the first quarter of 2021. Friant will be pursuing a \$357 Million max capacity fix.

Legislation - Mr. Fukuda provided an update on Senate Bill 559 - Friant Kern Canal Subsidence Fix; Senate Bill 487; and Senate Bill 1.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

Sustainable Conservation Subscription Service - Mr. Fukuda informed the Board that to continue to have access to the GRAT tool, a subscription fee of \$10,000 would be required. He stated the GRAT tool was included in the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency - Groundwater Sustainability Plan. He proceeded to mention the tool would be used to update crop survey information and possibly add SkyTem and TowTem data. By a motion of Director Borges, Seconded by Director Rogers, and unanimously approved by all board members present, it was agreed to pay the subscription fee of \$10,000 to Sustainable Conservation.

TowTEM Proposal - Mr. Fukuda announced that Stanford University had proposed to build upon our recent investments in SkyTEM flights by partnering to purchase a TowTEM unit. Mr. Fukuda stated that TowTem is a shallow investigation with higher resolution. He pointed out the differences between SkyTEM and TowTEM. By a motion of Director Thomas,

Seconded by Director Martin, and unanimously approved by all board members present, it was approved to provide a cost-share of up to \$75,000 for the purchase of a TowTEM unit and supporting equipment.

Resolutions No. 19-07 - Mr. Fukuda presented the established form of resolution to levy the annual assessment to partially fund CVP water purchases in 2019 and for groundwater recharge operations. It was moved by Director Martin and seconded by Director Rogers, duly put and carried, that Resolution No. 19-07 levying an assessment of 0.8% of the District assessed valuation on all lands within the District, be approved and adopted.

Resolutions No. 19-08 - Mr. Fukuda presented the established form of resolution to fix the annual charge for 2019 to defray the costs to the District of the USBR imposed Friant surcharge and environmental restoration fees. It was moved by Director Borges, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried by all board members present, duly put and carried, that Resolution No. 19-08, fixing a charge of \$16 per acre on all lands within the District, be approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 19-09 - Support for ACWA JPIA Safety Grant. Mr. Fukuda presented a grant opportunity to fund security safety features that were being implemented at the District Administration Facility. It was moved by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Rogers, and unanimously carried by all board members present, duly put and carried, that Resolution No. 19-09 be approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 19-10 - USBR Grant Support. Mr. Fukuda presented an opportunity to apply for grant funds from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to provide funding for improvements to Basin #3. It was moved by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Rogers, and unanimously carried by all board members present, duly put and carried, that Resolution No. 19-10 be approved and adopted.

Resolution No. 19-11 - Retirement Honor for Roger Horton. It was moved by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Rogers, and unanimously carried by all board members present, duly put and carried, that Resolution No. 19-11 be approved and adopted.

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 stated that the KBWQA meeting was held on October 3, 2019 reporting on the budget and that the assessment remained the same, but that there were more acres. He also stated that there were 66 violations. Director Borges also reported that the next KBWQA meeting would be held, Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Wyndham, in Visalia.

Director Borges reported attending the Kaweah and St. Johns River Association meeting held September 18, 2019, and he mentioned the water report, DWR, snow level sensors, and Sun world's request form.

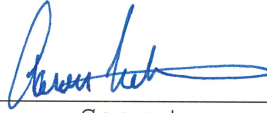
Next Director Borges reported attending KRPA meeting held on September 18, 2019, mentioning newly issued insurance quotes that covered less than 50% of the risks, Matt Barn's purchase power 2020 date, and a proposal to purchase Power Plant.

Director Thomas reported on activities of the Wutchumna Water Company meeting on September 11, 2019. He stated the water stock assessment rate was set at \$325.00 per share.

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.

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



Secretary



President