MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE ON THE 9TH DAY OF February 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 TID Board members and TID Staff attended this meeting remotely. There was no physical location for this meeting. 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; Beth Holmes, Senior Administrator and Assessor-Collector; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; and Jeremy Barroll, Assistant Engineer. Also present via Zoom teleconference roll call were Scott Kuney, District Legal Counsel; Don Wright representing Water Wrights; Geoff Vanden Heuvel; Alan Becker, RRG; Doug Reynolds, Santa Fe Aggregates; Lora Carpenter, Fieldman Rolapp & Associates; Robert Porr, Fieldman Rolapp & Associates; and Johnny Gailey, Delta View Water Association. 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 provided.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 12, 2021 had been distributed and asked if there were any errors or omissions noted therein. By the motion of Director Borges and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the January 12, 2021 meeting was thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations/Water Supply Outlook – Mr. Crenshaw began his report by noting Terminus Reservoir total inflow for the day was 143 CFS, and the storage at Terminus Reservoir for the previous day was 17,527 AF. He then reported that the daily release from Terminus Reservoir was 3 CFS.

Thereupon Mr. Crenshaw mentioned that the Millerton Lake total inflow was 74 CFS and that the entire storage at Millerton Lake was 159,701 AF. He reported that the total daily release from Millerton was 646 CFS.

Mr. Crenshaw thereupon provided a 2001-2021 Kaweah River Snow Water Content Chart, which showed the watershed was currently at 52% of the February 8th Average and 35% of the April 1st Average. He then provided a 1991-2021 San Joaquin River Sensors Snow Water Content Chart, which showed the watershed was currently at 80% of the February 8th Average and 54% of the April 1st Average.

Mr. Crenshaw presented for discussion the Average SST Anomalies for January 10, 2021 – February 6, 2021. He also provided for discussion the SST Anomalies charts for September, October, November, and December 2020. Mr. Crenshaw stated the "Blob" had dissipated, and at best, it was a

50%/50% chance that it will remain dry or turn out wetter from here on out.

Mr. Crenshaw continued with his report by indicating that the District's current water supply stood at 1,792 AF. The projected January 2021 to February 2021 cumulative diversions to TID was estimated to be 1,755 AF. Mr. Crenshaw thereupon reported that the District diverted 922 AF in January with 50% recharged in District basins, 14% recharged in District canals, and 36% diverted to farm turnouts.

Management Activities and Issues - Mr. Fukuda reported on the San Joaquin River Restoration Program URF Exchange Program, which would like to carry over 2020 water supplies to 2021 (March 2021) to ensure the San Joaquin River does not go dry. Mr. Fukuda noted that 12,950 AF of Class 1 water would be carried over to 2021, and TID will get about 120 AF at an estimated carryover cost of $80 per AF.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work - Mr. Fox thereupon reported the maintenance activities undertaken during the past month in the delivery system and within upstream diversion channels. He cited dredging work, spreading sand, rock-work at Road 100, yard work, maintenance projects, construction projects mentioning Cordeniz Basin, water truck work, pre-emergent herbicide applications between rains, and maintenance of District vehicles and construction equipment. He then noted that a 90-day period vehicle inspection had been completed.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis presented the financial statements for January 2021 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for January 2021 was $64,951, which was approximately 0.77% of the revised budget. Ms. Artis next presented the expenses, highlighting several items and reporting expenses from January totaling $674,346, which was approximately 6.49% 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 $8,438,077. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities were at $13,293,479, and the Total Equity in the District stood at $36,098,973. She lastly cited investment return for the District's several holding accounts, those being 1.483% with the Tulare County Pooled Investment Fund, 0.458% with the State LAIF, and 0.350% 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 Thomas and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 52561 through 52664 totaling $437,892.09 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Management Staff Reports:

COV1D-19 District Plan - Update - Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on the COVID-19 District Response Plan, reporting that the District had seven employees quarantined during January. He thereupon said that no TID employees were on quarantine as of February 5, 2021.

SGMA Matters - Mr. Fukuda summarized recent activities concerning the Kaweah Subbasin. Mr. Fukuda first updated the Board on the Kaweah Subbasin Manager's activities including continued discussions of the Data Management System search and discussions regarding the Kaweah Subbasin MODFLOW model.

Proposition 68 Implementation Grant - Mr. Fukuda provided an update on Proposition 68 Implementation Grant. He noted that the Proposition 68

Round 1 Implementation Grant was submitted and hopes to announce the news on the grant by March 2021. He then stated that members of the Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA) were already starting Round 2 project discussions.

Mr. Fukuda thereupon reported on the newly formed Kaweah Water Foundation, noting that the Foundation was up and running and working on an Early Action Plan, which is due on March 8, 2021.

Then Mr. Fukuda mentioned attending the first Kaweah Interbasin Coordination meeting noting representatives: Tulare Lake Basin, El Rico GSA, South Fork Kings GSA, Kings County Water District, and Tri-County Water Authority. Mr. Fukuda stated it was a successful first meeting.

Treasurer Reports:

Thereupon Mr. Fukuda introduced Ms. Lora Carpenter and Mr. Robert Porr, who both work for Fieldman Rolapp & Associates. Ms. Carpenter presented for discussion a 2021-2031 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) Model that was being developed to look at past, current, and future expenses and revenues, and allow the District to provide scenarios for identifying funding that would provide the necessary revenue to meet expenses in the future. Delivered to the Board was a proposal from Fieldman Rolapp to assist the District with preparing a Long-Range Financial Plan. It was moved by Director Borges, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried by all Board members present, duly put and carried, to approve Fieldman Rolapp & Associates LTFP Proposal as presented.

Engineering Report:

Update on Engineering Activities - Mr. Barroll provided an update on engineering activities within the District. Mr. Barroll first reported that Serpa Headworks is being upgraded to increase the capacity from 20 cfs to 40 cfs.

Mr. Barroll reported on Misc. Crossings and Parcel reviews. Mr. Barroll reported the following: 1) Prosperity at W. Laspina Street a developer submitted a common use agreement for various utilities crossing the Kaweah Pipeline, 2) N. Bardsley Avenue at W. West Street a developer provided a design for piping the Westside Ditch and replacing a culvert under the intersection of Bardsley Avenue and West Street.

Mr. Barroll updated the Board on the District's Internet, discussing tower/dish improvements with Brian Dukes, Nova Storm Systems, for more speed and reliability. Mr. Barroll stated no word from Comcast.

Mr. Barroll reported TTEM had been acquired from Denmark, and it was in the shop. He noted that he would assemble and conduct training virtually with Stanford/Aarhus University and obtain a utility task vehicle (UTV) and storage trailer.

Mr. Barroll presented for Board discussion and consideration the Olson, Inc. Professional Services Agreement - Liberty Culvert Design under Union Pacific Railroad Replacement (UPRR). Mr. Barroll provided a history and need for the project. It was moved by Director Rogers, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried by all Board members present, duly put and carried, to approve Olson, Inc. Professional Services Agreement - Liberty Culvert Design under Union Pacific Railroad Replacement ($59,000 - Design only) as presented.

Next, Mr. Barroll briefed the Board on Kaweah Subbasin Water Marketing Strategy Committee. Mr. Barroll provided a list of Committee members and stated the first Committee meeting would be held on February 19, 2021 to introduce the project, choose a Chairman, and finalize Request for Proposal for a water market consultant.

Thereupon President Bixler moved the meeting to Closed Session.

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.

Upon returning to open session, it was reported by Mr. Fukuda that by a motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Rogers, and duly put to a vote and unanimously approved by all Board members present, the Board acted to approve the MKGSA Proposal for Management Services Plan as presented.

Return to Management Staff Reports:

Mr. Fukuda continued with his report on the activities of the MKGSA. He first addressed the need for an MKGSA General Manager, mentioning the alternative management plan was approved. Then Mr. Fukuda reported working with Valerie Kincaid, MKGSA Legal Counsel, on MKGSA's Policy Review Plan. Lastly Mr. Fukuda reported on the 2021 MKGSA priorities, which included groundwater modeling, the Water Accounting Framework, monitoring wells, projects, and management actions.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda began his report by noting that the Friant Water Authority (FWA) had executed a Voluntary Emissions Reduction Agreement with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD). He then noted that the Friant-Kern Canal (FKC) Middle Reach Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bureau was approved regarding the replacement of existing pump stations.

Thereupon Mr. Fukuda reported on the Proposed Operation, Maintenance and Repair (OM&R) Billing for Phase 1 of the FKC Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project letter that FWA submitted. Mr. Fukuda started with providing a background of the Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project and the costs associated with Phase 1. Next Mr. Fukuda presented FKC Middle Reach OM&R Billing available Funding reporting $87.5 million - Bureau non-reimbursable; $50 million - Bureau funds available for project, but reimbursable under a yet to be approved Reimbursement Agreement (estimated to be a 40-year loan at just over 1%); $125-$200 million - Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA) Mitigation Funds; and $50 million - FWA OM&R payments based upon already approved funding level.

Lastly, Mr. Fukuda presented for discussion FKC Middle Reach OM&R Billing to Tulare Irrigation District (August 2021 - November 2022), totaling $3,100,000. He noted the amount is subject to change depending on actual construction cost, the timing, and amount of GSA mitigation funds. The Board of directors discussed the various financial aspects and directed Mr. Fukuda to convey to FWA that the District supports the funding of the $50 million to be distributed based upon the OM&R cost structure, and that the District would be providing payments based upon the schedule provided.

McKay Point Reservoir Project (MPRP) - Mr. Fukuda reported on the MPRP noting continued progress on Environmental Impact Reports (EIR). Mentioning a paleontologist site visit, a completed air analysis, a completed noise analysis, water resources work underway, and that the Draft EIR schedule was being refined.

Legislation - Mr. Fukuda presented legislation being proposed by U.S. Congressman David G. Valadao to renew WINN Act.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

Repayment Agreement for Recapture of Restoration Flows in Lower San Joaquin River - Mr. Fukuda provided the Board with an outline of the Repayment Agreement for Recapture of Restoration Flows in the Lower San Joaquin River. By the motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Rogers and unanimously approved by all Board members present, the Repayment Agreement for Recapture of Restoration Flows in Lower San Joaquin River was approved as presented.

Resolution No. 20-02 – Execution of Contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for Purchase of Section 215 Water – Mr. Fukuda presented the subject resolution and described the details of the resolution. Resolution No. 20-02 was adopted by the motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Thomas, 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 Borges reported on the Kaweah and St. Johns River Association (KSJRA) Board of Directors meeting held February 4, 2021 mentioning the following: Water Report; Snow Pillow at Wolverton is now working, Snow Report 48% as of April 1st; Required Riparian agreement; and Hot Spot Ag Scada System noting cost shares between Riparian 33.3%/KDWCD 33.3%/KSJRA Units 33.3%.

Director Borges also reported attending the Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association (KBWQA) Board of Directors meeting held on February 4, 2021. Commenting on the following: Financial Status, Membership Status; February 12, 2021 Growers online workshops/training; Replacement Water Fill Stations; Bottled Water Delivery; and Grower's March 1st Farm Evaluation and INNAP deadline.

Director Martin also attended the KBWQA Board meeting held February 4, 2021 reporting assessments can now be paid with a new electronic payment processing system.

Director Martin reported attending the MKGSA Board meeting held on January 12, 2021, reporting on MKGSA Advisory Committee Member changes.

Director Thomas mentioned attending the Wutchumna Water Company (WWC) Board meeting on January 13, 2021, reporting the recent assessment was set at $1,000 per share, mentioning WWC purchased a dump truck in the amount of $60,000. Director Bixler also attended and reported Scott Edwards has fully retired and Craig Wallace is now the Board Chairman.

Lastly, Director Borges reported attending the newly formed Kaweah Water Foundation (KWF) (CV-Salts Issue) meeting on January 8, 2021. Reporting on the following: Discussing deliverables; State Board March 8, 2021 Early Action Plan deadline; Administrator/Manager position; and working on draft letter addressing Timeline/Schedule/Cost, hoping to get others to join the foundation.

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

Secretary

David G Bixler
President