MINUTES OF ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
HELD AT 6826 AVENUE 240,
TULARE, CALIFORNIA 93274
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE ON THE
7th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023 AT THE HOUR OF 9:00 A.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

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; Beth Holmes Assessor-Collector; Diana Zegarra, Assistant Water Resources Engineer; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; Wayne Fox, Superintendent; James Fisher, Water Resources Engineer; and Jorge Munoz, Assistant Engineer. Present via Zoom teleconference roll call Don Wright, Waterwrights. 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 Comments.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2023 were distributed and asked if any errors or omissions were noted therein. By the motion of Director Rogers and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2023, were thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations – Mr. Crenshaw reported on Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations/Water Supply Outlook – Mr. Crenshaw reported the Terminus Reservoir total inflow as of November 6, 2023, was 124 CFS, and the storage at Terminus Reservoir for the previous day was 20,831 AF. He then reported that the daily release from Terminus was 40 CFS; Three-Rivers: 110 CFS; and Dry Creek: 0 CFS.

Next, Mr. Crenshaw reported on Millerton Lake reporting total inflow as of November 5, 2023, was 957 CFS; Millerton Release – Madera Canal: 569 CFS; San Joaquin River: 425 CFS; and Millerton Storage: 140,691 AF.

Water Supply Outlook: Mr. Crenshaw continued his report by indicating that the TID's current water supply stood at 6,519 AF. The January to

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October 2023 cumulative diversions to TID were 416,207 AF. The 2023 CVP Supply Contract totaled: 4,802 AF.

Mr. Crenshaw continued with his report by indicating that TID's diversions for October stood at 1,775 AF. The October 2023 spill from TID was 169 AF. Recharge for Exchange with City of Visalia: 0 AF; Water Delivered to Farm Turnouts: 1,064; District Groundwater Recharge: 542 AF. He also indicated that 60% of the diversions were delivered to farm turnouts, diversions spilled was 9.5% and diversions delivered to other districts was 0%.

Lastly, Mr. Crenshaw cited precipitation amounts to date at the district yard totaling 0.83 as of November 6, 2023. Mr. Crenshaw stating October rain was double the average for October.

Water Management Activities and Issues:

Statewide and Local Conditions – No Update was given. Mr. Fukuda only commented on the Seasonal Precipitation Outlook.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work - Mr. Fox reported on the maintenance activities undertaken during the past month in the delivery system and within the upstream diversion channels. Mr. Fox cited the following: Wutchumna/Ketchum Ditch/Crocker Cut/Evans Ditch grader work; Mowing; Dredging Creamline Basin; Main Canal bank erosion control; weed control and pre-emergent application.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements – Ms. Artis presented the financial statements for October 2023 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for October 2023 was $12,058,462, which was approximately 67.21% of the revised budget. She next presented the expenses, highlighting several items and reporting expenses from January totaling $9,736,636, which was approximately 80.18% of the revised budget. She then went on to present the statements of cash flows and net assets, stating that the current cash standing was at $7,986,344 Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows were at $11,685,053. and the Total Equity in the District stood at $34,681,907. She thereupon cited investment return for the district's eight holding accounts, those being: (1) Local Agency Investment Funds (CA) 3.534%; (2) Tulare County Investment Pool 2.930%; (3) Blupeak Credit Union 5.750%; (4) California Credit Union 5.600% (5) First Foundation Bank 5.300%; (6) Dort Financial Credit Union 5.600%; (7) US Treasury Bills 5,400%; and (8) Citizen's Money Market Fund 0.100%. Lastly, Ms. Artis reported

that the district has six months of funds to support operations.

Then, Ms. Artis reported on the following Designated Funds: Water Sale Rate Stabilization, Groundwater Replenishment, and CVP Environmental Charges.

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. 55245 through 55342 totaling $1,465,634.72 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Engineer Report:

Update on Engineering Activities – No Update

Management Staff Report:

Sustainable Groundwater Management ACT (SGMA) Matters – Mr. Fukuda gave a report on recent activities concerning the Kaweah Subbasin. Mr. Fukuda reported on Kaweah Subbasin Technical Team, reporting on the following: (1) Continued work on setting Minimum Thresholds – Testing levels against number and cost of mitigation wells; (2) Tulare Lake Subbasin – Probation Notice; (3) October 12, 2023 - Tulare Lake Subbasin was notified of Probation Hearing; (4) Due Date: April 16, 2024 at 9:30 AM; (5) Virtual Workshop November 3, 2023; and (6) In-Person Workshop (Hanford) November 8, 2023.

Then, Mr. Fukuda reported on the Staff Report Released with Probation Notice, reporting the following: (1) Staff Report recommends putting the Subbasin on Probation; (2) No area within the subbasin is recommended for the "good actor" clause in SGMA; (3) Wells that pump greater than 500 AF must install a qualified meter; (4) No clear path to get out of Probation; (5) Staff report cites DWR deficiencies but also goes into several other authorities and requirements beyond DWR comments and beyond SGMA; and (5) GSA is not afforded a presentation or public presentation – assumed to be included in the same path as any individual landowner.

Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA) - Mr. Fukuda presented an update on the MKGSA. Mr. Fukuda mentioned the MKGSA Mitigation Plan – working on details of the Plan, and looking at the financing plan.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda provided the Board with an update on Friant Activities. Mr. Fukuda reported on the Middle Reach Project: (1) Most of the earthwork has been completed; (2) 4 siphons have been completed; (3) 84% of the work has been completed; and (4) Change

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Orders at $4.6 million or 2.6% of Contract.

McKay Point Reservoir/Seaborn Reservoir – Mr. Fukuda stated no update on the Seaborn Reservoir and the McKay Point Reservoir.

Legislation – Mr. Fukuda stated no update on legislation.

General Manager Report:

General Manager Fukuda reported on the following upcoming Seven events: (1) Ag Mar Conference Keynote – Groundwater Recharge on November 7th; (2) Friant Board Retreat – November 14-16, 2023; (3) ACWA – November 27-30, 2023; (4) Almond Board Conference – Incentives (Groundwater Recharge) on December 6th; (5) TID Christmas Dinner on December 7th; (6) Request to join the Sustainable Conservation San Joaquin Valley Regional Committee. Lastly Mr. Fukuda discussed a request to sponsor the water competition for California FFA. By a motion of Director Borges, Seconded by Director Martin and unanimously carried by all directors present, it was approved to provide the Water Competition Sponsorship in the amount of $300 and the FFA Scholarship Program $200.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

Resolution No. 23-14 – Resolution for the Retirement of the District's Assessor Collector Elizabeth Ann Holmes. By the motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all Directors present, approving Resolution No. 23-14 as presented expressing sincere thanks and appreciation to Ms. Holmes for her faithful 37+ years of service to the district.

Visser Property Pipeline Quote Results – Mr. Fukuda and Mr. Munoz presented for Board consideration Visser Property Pipeline quote results. Mr. Fukuda reported the following: (1) Visser Turn-out Jobsite: Avenue 264 and Mooney; (2) Visser Turn-out Job Description: Dig and install 18" Pipeline for Canal Turnout; (3) Three Quotes: Cal West Rain: $91,266.00; Avidwater: $100,309.22; and Streamline: $121,346.93. After a lengthy conversation concerning Material and Labor cost, by motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously approved by all Board members present, accepting the quote provided by Cal West Rain.

Tulare Irrigation District Internet and Phone Proposal – Mr. Fukuda reported the need to replace the district's outdated Internet and phone system. Mr. Munoz presented a comparison of the following companies: (1) Sebastian High Speed Internet;(2) Unwired Broadband – Fast & Reliable Rural Internet; and (3) Vast Networks – 100% Fiber Connection. Mr. Fukuda and Mr. Munoz recommend utilizing Vast for internet and phone service. After a lengthy conversation concerning plans, pricing, and Fiber Connection, by motion of Director Rogers, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously approved by all Board members present, approving Vast Networks, as presented for intenet and

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phone service.

Western Farmland LLC Quitclaim – No action - postponed to December Board Meeting.

District Vacation Accrual Temporary Program – Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on issues concerning employee's maximum vacation accrual and employees' inability to take vacation time off during 2023. Mr. Fukuda reported that during the year, employees rarely took time off and vacation accruals began to increase to the maximum (1.5 times vacation leave); Mr. Fukuda recommends temporarily lifting the maximum leave so employees can accrue to higher amounts rather than losing the vacation accruals. To be re-evaluated December 2024. By motion of Director Thomas, seconded by Director Borges and unanimously approved by all Board members present, approving the District Vacation Accrual Temporary Program allowing for additional Maximum Vacation Accrual through December 31, 2023.

Consulting Services for Seaborn Reservoirs Basin Feasibility Study –

Mr. Fukuda presented for Board consideration a Provost & Pritchard (P&P) Consulting Group proposal for Consulting Services for the Seaborn Reservoir Basin Feasibility Study. Mr. Fukuda reported the District is looking for opportunities to secure funding to further study and develop the Seabourn Reservoir Project. The effort for this proposal will encompass (1) a feasibility study of the infrastructure diverting water from the Kaweah River to the Seaborn Property; (2) the development of a reservoir area with native habitat buffer areas; and (3) a return facility that will allow the district and its partners to return water back to the Kaweah River above McKays Point in above average water years. Next, Mr. Fukuda highlighted performing the feasibility study also allows Tulare Irrigation District to be prepared for Grant opportunities. After a lengthy conversation, by motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously approved by all Board members present, approving P&P Consulting Group's Seaborn Reservoir Basin Feasibility Study, pending funding.

Board Member Reports of Meetings:

Director Bixler asked if any of the Directors have reports on meetings they attended or wished to discuss at this time.

No reports of meetings were given.

Director Bixler then moved the meeting to Closed Session.

Closed Session:

The Board thereupon adjourned 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.

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Upon return to open session, Mr. Bixler reported no action was taken in closed session.

There being no other items to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was then adjourned to the next regular board meeting reported to be on December 12, 2023.

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