MINUTES OF 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 12th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 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; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; Wayne Fox, Superintendent; and Emily Sarantopulos, Summer Intern. Present via Zoom teleconference roll call Don Wright, Waterwrights; Johnny Gailey; and Paul de Jong. 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:

Don Wright commented on his Annual BBQ California Women for Agriculture Scholarship Fundraiser to be held Saturday, September 30, 2023 at this home is Clovis.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2023 were distributed and asked if any errors or omissions were noted therein. By the motion of Director Martin and seconded by Director Thomas, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2023, were thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations – Mr. Crenshaw began his report by presenting a Daily Water Summary as of September 11, 2023. Mr. Crenshaw reported the following: 3-Rivers: 332 CFS; Dry Creek: 0 CFS; Terminus Inflow: 263 CFS; Terminus Release: 1,232 CFS; Terminus Storage: 69,120 AF; TID Entitlement Shares per day: 35 AF; Diversion to TID: C.V.P. Parshall: 215 CFS; Wutchumna: 116 CFS; Rocky Ford: 243 CFS; Crocker Cut: 58 CFS; TIC to TID Main Canal: 56 CFS; Peoples into Main Canal 0 CFS; Packwood Creek: 0 CFS; Peoples into Cameron: 0 CFS; TIC Linda Loma Spill: 12 CFS; Deep Creek Spill: 0 CFS; Visalia Treatment Plant: 15 CFS; Total Diversions to TID: 715 CFS; Number of Turnouts on: 98; and Total Spills: 5 CFS.

Next, Mr. Crenshaw reported on Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations/Water Supply Outlook – Mr. Crenshaw reported the Terminus Reservoir total inflow as of September 11, 2023, was 263 CFS, and the storage at Terminus Reservoir for the previous day was 69,120 AF. He then reported that the daily release from Terminus was 1,232 CFS; Three-Rivers: 332 CFS; and Dry Creek: 0 CFS.

Next, Mr. Crenshaw reported on Daily Precipitation, providing October 2022 through August 2023 data. Within his report, Mr. Crenshaw reported for the month of August 2023 the following rainfall data: Total 0.59; Average: 0.02; Monthly %: 2950%; Cumulative: 15.98”; Accu. Average: 8.60”; and Total %: 186%.

Mr. Crenshaw provided for Board discussion two charts: January – August Combined Diversion to TID Acre-Feet 1950-2023; and October-August Deliveries to TID Farmers Acre-Feet 1970-2023. Mr. Crenshaw announced both charts showed 2023 had the highest diversions on

record.

Water Supply Outlook: Mr. Crenshaw continued his report by indicating that the TID's current water supply stood at 35,730 AF. The January to August 2023 cumulative diversions to TID were 371,109 AF. 2023 CVP Supply Contract totaled: 9,819 AF.

Mr. Crenshaw continued with his report by indicating that TID's diversions for August stood at 52,428 AF. The August 2023 spill from TID was 833 AF. Recharge for Exchange with City of Visalia: 547 AF; Water Delivered to Farm Turnouts: 29,638; District Groundwater Recharge: 21,421 AF. He also indicated that 57% of the diversions were delivered to farm turnouts, diversions spilled was 1.6% and diversions delivered to other districts was 1%.

Water Management Activities and Issues:

Statewide and Local Conditions - Mr. Fukuda first presented for board discussion the current California reservoir operations. Mr. Fukuda updated the board on the following: (1) Friant Allocations: Class 1 (100%); (2) Uncontrolled Season ended July 29, 2023; and (3) Class 2 (Residual After UCS): 15%.

Mr. Fukuda next reported on the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Current Water Reservoir Conditions reporting on Shasta Reservoir and Millerton Lake.

Mr. Fukuda reported that the Friant-Kern Canal would be going out of service for maintenance on November 1st.

Next, Mr. Fukuda reported on Tulare Basin Precipitation: 6-Station Index, September 8, 2023 comparing: 1968-1969 Daily Precipitation (Wettest) 56.3 inches; 1982-1983 Precipitation (2nd Wettest) 56.2; Precipitation Percent of Average: 193%.

Mr. Fukuda recommended ending diversions to the District the last week of September for the following reasons: Kaweah River supplies will be depleted; CVP supplies will be depleted except for some carryover water; and fall maintenance is needed. The Board of Directors concurred with Mr. Fukuda and Mr. Fukuda noted that a notice would be going out to growers soon.

Mr. Fukuda provided for Board discussion November 2022 – August 2023 two Summer Groundwater Levels charts.

Then, Mr. Fukuda presented TID Mid-Summer Depth to Groundwater Readings for the following: Northwest Quadrant – Average increase 25.5 feet; Northeast Quadrant – Average increase 21 feet; Southwest Quadrant – Average increase 18.5 feet; and Southeast Quadrant – Average increase in feet (No Information provided).

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: weed control; Roundup and Lifeline herbicide application noting high costs; maintenance of ditch trucks, dump trucks, and the excavator; and the need for rental equipment.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements – Ms. Artis presented the financial statements for August 2023 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for August 2023 was $10,765,781, which was approximately 60.00% of the revised budget. She next presented the expenses, highlighting several items and reporting expenses from

January totaling $5,415,456, which was approximately 44.59% 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 $10,034,165 Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows were at $11,745,268 and the Total Equity in the District stood at $37,710,406. She thereupon cited investment return for the district's several holding accounts, those being 2.760% with the Tulare County Pooled Investment Fund, 3.434% with the State LAIF, and 0.100% with Citizen's Money Market Fund. 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 Borges and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 55108 through 55198 totaling $1,216,554.89 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Investment Fund Portfolio Options: Mr. Fukuda and Ms. Artis presented for Board consideration and approval a $500,000 Investment Fund Portfolio reporting the following recommendations: Option (1): King Capital Advisors – Mark Edleman $250,000: $100,000 Bluepeak Credit Union (CA) 5.75%, one year time-period; $100,000 CME Federal Credit Union 5.50%, two year time-period; and $50,000 Bremer Bank NA 5.25%, one year time-period; and Option; (2): $250,000: $150,000 Umassfive College Fund Credit Union and $100,000 6-month Treasury Bill. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Director Borges, seconded by Director Thomas, and unanimously carried by all Board Members present, the Investments Fund Investment Portfolio was approved as presented.

Engineer Report:

Update on Engineering Activities - Mr. Fukuda provided an update on engineering activities, reporting on several projects that would impact the district. Mr. Fukuda reported on the following two projects: the Paige Avenue Interchange Project and the KCOK DR Horton Development Project.

Management Staff Report:

Sustainable Groundwater Management ACT (SGMA) Matters – Mr. Fukuda gave a lengthy report on recent activities concerning the Kaweah Subbasin. Mr. Fukuda reported on continued work on setting Sustainable Management Criteria (SMCs), mentioning the following: (1) Groundwater Levels – testing the Well Susceptibility analysis against current well logs to determine how many wells will go dry; (2) Based on the number, we can evaluate the potential costs to mitigate dry wells and set SMCs based on that value; (3) Subsidence – looking at canals and pipelines that may have issues with capacity and increase pressure due to subsidence.

Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA) - Mr. Fukuda presented an update on the MKGSA. Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on the Emergency Ordinance, reporting the following: (1) Approximately 69% of invoices unpaid, but 60% of revenue paid ($957,000 of $1.5 million); (2) Late Payment policy being proposed: 10% penalty and 1% interest per month, non-payment results in loss of allocation and eventually cease and desist order; (3) Carryover analysis done by MKGSA Staff showing healthy carryover credits at approximately 3.5 AF/acre; (4) Water Year 2024 allocations; and (5)Well Mitigation Plan.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda provided the Board with an update on

Friant Activities. Mr. Fukuda reported on the following: (1) General Membership Budget Approved: $2,668,898 for FY 2024, noting an increase in the amount of $184,000.

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

Legislation – Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on the following legislation: Water Bond discussion for November 2024.

General Manager Report:

General Manager Fukuda reported on the following upcoming events: (1) Metropolitan Water District Board and Membership tour (September 10th) at Harris Ranch – Presentation of SGMA and Tulare Lake; (2) PPIC Panel and farmland transitions – September 20th; (3) Sustainable Conservation: Recharge workshop October 17th; (4) Environmental Law Conference – October panel discussion on recharge and the legal issues surrounding the practice; (5) Ag Mar Forum – Keynote Speaker on November 7th.

Mr. Fukuda and Ms. Sarantopulos presented a Swall Basin Recharge Analysis - Double Ring Infiltrated System (Bare and Sediment) data chart. The amount of Infiltrated (Swall Basin – Northwest Cell) Bare and Sediment chart showed removing the sediment would improve recharge.

Then, Ms. Sarantopulos presented Recharge Basin Improvement Options: (Option 1): Mowing the basin floor as part of a maintenance procedure for overgrown plants; (Option 2): Scrape the bottom to remove accumulated sediments and then deep rip; (Option 3): Make the basin floor sloped for sediment accumulation in a defined area, allowing for easier removal of sediment; (Option 4): Create sediment traps upstream or within basins to restrict fine sediments from getting into basins; (Option 5): Planting crops in the dry years, such as safflower, to break up the soil profile for better infiltration; and (Option 6): Add dry wells filled with rocks or permeable material in the basin floor to penetrate below any confining layers. Lastly, Ms. Sarantopulos compared options used by various Water District reporting Tulare Irrigation District is currently using Options 2: Scrape/Rip and Option 3: Sloped Floor.

2023/24 Benefit Assessment Update: Mr. Fukuda announced each year the District would evaluate the current finances and future budget in October to set the potential assessment for the coming year. Providing time, Mr. Fukuda presented for discussion and consideration the following: Engineer's Report; Adopt the Western US Cities Average at the time the CPI Index is determined at the district level, which is in July of each year; 2024 proposed Assessment Increase to be adjusted annually for ongoing inflation; and 2024 Budget. Mr. Fukuda highlighted on October 10, 2023, the Board of Directors will meet and make an evaluation and determine the 2024 Special Benefit Assessment to be levied on November 1, 2023.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

Consider Vanir Task Order #2 – West Paige Avenue Logistics Park Project. Mr. Fukuda presented Vanir – Task Order #2 for Board consideration and approval. Mr. Fukuda reported the West Paige Avenue Logistic Center would include the construction of three culvert crossings, one cast-in-place extension of a culvert under Paige Avenue, and two new precast culverts to access the new commercial development. Timing is critical to ensure the project is completed and the Main Canal is ready by mid-December. Mr. Fukuda recommended that the Board approve a Vanir Time and Material Contract not to exceed $23,230 for a three-month period. Mr. Fukuda highlighted the Vanir Inspector will be training TID Assistant Engineer Jorge Munoz. After a lengthy board conversation, by the motion of Director Thomas, seconded by Director Rogers and unanimously approved by all Directors

present, the Vanir Task Order #2 – West Paige Avenue Logistics Park Project was approved as presented.

Consider Provost & Pritchard (P&P) Scope of Work for 2023 Water Smart Grant Application – Okieville Highland Acres Backup Well, Tank, Booster, and Generator Project and Basin No. 8 Recharge Enhancement Project. Mr. Fukuda presented for Board consideration and approval Provost & Pritchard's Scope of Work for the 2023 Water Smart Grant Application for the Okieville Highland Acres Backup Well, Thank, Booster, and Generator Project and Basin No. 8 Recharge Enhancement Project. Mr. Fukuda reported the following: $10 Million per project with 5% cost share; Looking at Backup Well, Tank, Booster, and Generator along with Basin No. 8 Recharge and diversion enhancement; Grant is due October 31, 2023; Cost Estimate is $20,000. Partnership with Okieville Highland Acres Community Service District, assisted by Self Help Enterprises; Cost share 50/50 on grant application. After a lengthy conversation, by motion of Director Rogers, seconded by Director Borges and unanimously approved by all Board members present, approval was granted to execute the grant development agreement with P&P.

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.

Director Borges reporting attending the Kaweah & St. Johns Rivers Association meeting held on September 7, 2023. Kaweah Water Foundation Board Meeting held August 28, 2023.

Director Thomas reported attending the Wutchumna Board meeting on August 9, 2023.

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.

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 October 10, 2023.

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President