MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE ON THE 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 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 Tulare Irrigation District (TID) Board members met at the District Office (6826 Avenue 240, Tulare, CA 93274) under social distancing guidelines. There was no physical location for this meeting for the public. 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; James Fisher, Water Resources Engineer; Wayne Fox, O&M Superintendent; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; and Jeremy Barroll, Assistant Engineer. Also present via Zoom teleconference roll call were Don Wright of Water Wrights, Doug Reynolds of Santa Fe Aggregates, Johnny Gailey with the Delta View Water Association, Rhett Anderson with the City of Visalia, and Geoff Vanden Heuvel. 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:

Mike Thomas commented on Fresno Bee's Skytem article.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2021 were distributed and asked if any errors or omissions were noted therein. By the motion of Director Rogers and seconded by Director Martin, unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting was thereupon approved.

Watermaster Report:

Lake Kaweah Storage and Operations/Water Supply Outlook - Mr. Crenshaw began his report by reporting on the operations of Lake Kaweah and Millerton Lake. He noted that Lake Kaweah was at approximately 24,786 AF of storage, and Millerton Lake was at approximately 242,604 AF of storage.

Mr. Crenshaw presented for discussion the Average SST Anomalies for September 6, 2020 - September 4, 2021. Mr. Crenshaw stated the mass of warm water had dissipated, and there was a 50%/50% chance that it would remain dry or turn wet for the upcoming water year.

Next, Mr. Crenshaw provided an update on District supplies noting that the District had no Friant water available and only 6 AF in Lake Kaweah. Lastly, Mr. Crenshaw provided an update on diversions and deliveries through the month of August.

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

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work - Mr. Fox reported on the maintenance activities undertaken during the past month. Mr. Fox highlighted work on the Sand Ditch culvert, mowing operations, grading operations, weed control activities, the hauling of rip-rap, erosion control placement, gate inspection and repair activities, tree trimming/removal, and the daily service and repair on equipment and vehicles.

Next, Mr. Fox mentioned two full-time employees have returned from working for Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District at the Hannah South Project.

Equipment Committee - Heavy-Haul Truck Purchase - Mr. Fox expressed his need to replace the 2007 Kenworth low-bed Truck, which would be out of compliance on January 1, 2023 with the California Air Resources Control Board. Mr. Fox presented three options for the Board's consideration and approval.

Upon the motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Martin and unanimously approved by all Directors present, District staff was directed to lease to purchase the Peterson International HX-620 Heavy Haul Truck.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Ms. Artis presented the financial statements for August 2021 for the Board's review and consideration. She addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for August 2021 was $1,774,850, which was approximately 35.36% of the revised budget. Ms. Artis next presented the expenses, highlighting several items and reporting expenses from August totaling $4,473,342, which was approximately 57.06% 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 $11,007,671. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Ms. Artis reported that Total Liabilities were at $12,987,206, and the Total Equity in the District stood at $34,652,863. She lastly cited investment return for the District's several holding accounts, those being 1.310% with the Tulare County Pooled Investment Fund, 0.221% 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 Borges and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 53226 through 53298 totaling $1,454,999.31 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

2020 Audit - Status Update - Ms. Artis indicated that the audit materials were finished and the review process had begun.

Long-Range Financial Plan and Proposition 2018 Process - Update: Mr. Fukuda presented a step-by-Step Long-Range Financial Plan Model highlighting the goal of finding an average assessment that would sustain our finances and allow for a healthy reserve. The proposed Assessment Range included: Worst Case Scenario $92 - $125; Realtime Hydrology Scenario $86 - $114; and Average Scenario $83 - $102.

Proposition 2018 Update Team: Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on the process to evaluate and prepare for a Prop 218 election in 2022. Mr. Fukuda noted that a team of consultants and legal counsel would be advising the District Staff and Board of Directors on the process as it moves along.

Lastly, Mr. Fukuda reviewed the Prop 218 Draft Schedule and highlighted the 2022 Assessment would not change.

Engineering Report:

Update on Engineering Activities - Mr. Barroll provided an update on engineering activities highlighting several ongoing projects in the

District that impacted District facilities. Mr. Barroll reported on the following three projects: 1) Comcast: Crossing Main Canal at Pratt Street; 2) Freitas at Avenue 264 Common Use Agreement; 3) Westside Ditch Repair reporting AT&T line bored through Railroad Ditch at West St. and Oakland Ave.

Management Staff Reports:

Kaweah Subbasin Update - Mr. Fukuda reported on the Legislative Trailer Budget Bill and the Kaweah Subbasin MODFLOW Model. Mr. Fukuda mentioned GSA Managers are meeting weekly to discuss water allocation/groundwater pumping cap.

MKGSA Update - Mr. Fukuda reported on the MKGSA New Projects and Management Actions process that was adopted to provide a dynamic and publically available list of projects and management actions adopted by the MKGSA and incorporated within the MKGSA GSP. Thereupon, Mr. Fukuda noted that MKGSA Board would receive a presentation on an emergency groundwater allocation and pumping cap proposal later in the day.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda provided a report on Friant Activities, beginning with a report on the activities of the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach project. Mr. Fukuda also commented on the following: External Affairs; FWA Strategic Plan revisions; and FWA Water Resource Team.

Legislation - Mr. Fukuda provided an update on Senate Bill 559. Mr. Fukuda mentioned SB 559 was moved to a 2-year bill by Senator Hurtado, and the Friant Kern Canal Middle Rech project and other conveyance systems were provided $100 million via the Budget Trailer Bill.

Next, Mr. Fukuda updated the Board on the McKay Point Reservoir, noting that ten of the EIR Chapters have been completed, and District staff was coordinating with Tulare County for an administrative review of the chapter. Mr. Fukuda then pointed out that a Draft Reclamation Plan had been reviewed. Next, Mr. Fukuda reported that discussions with hydrogeologist Ian Hutchings were taking place to provide designs of the slurry wall to go around the project. Lastly, it was stated that District staff will begin working with Nancy Lockwood on our Outreach Program.

Mr. Fukuda reported on the Seaborn Reservoir project beginning with a report that Provost and Pritchard had completed a biological review of the site and had prepared a technical memo. Mr. Fukuda indicated that early discussions are to develop a reservoir with a habitat zone along the edges.

General Manager Report - Mr. Fukuda reported the administration office well was replaced with a new 60 horsepower pump and motor. Next, Mr. Fukuda said the Ttem unit was taken out for testing and damaged. Noting Ttem parts will be sent back to Denmark for repairs and calibration.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action

Establish Board of Equalization - Mr. Fukuda summarized the role of the Board of Equalization, its purpose related to the District assessments levied. Mr. Fukuda reported the District had not received any comments or concerns regarding the assessment or valuations and that the Board of Equalization will remain seated and open for 10 days to collect written comments relevant to the levy of the District assessment for the next year.

Resolution No. 21-08 SJVAPCD E-Mobility Grant - Mr. Fukuda presented the subject resolution and described grant funding for upgrades in technology to reduce the need for travel to public meetings. Mr. Fukuda noted tha the District was looking to purchase new Board Room equipment. By a motion of Director Martin, seconded by Director Thomas, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, Resolution No. 21-08 was approved.

Resolution No. 21-09 Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)Vice

President nomination. Mr. Fukuda recommends and presented Resolution No. 21-09 Nomination and Support G. Patrick O'Dowd as the candidate for the office of ACWA Vice President. By a motion of Director Rogers, seconded by Director Thomas, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, Resolution No. 21-09 was approved.

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 gave reports on the Kaweah & St. Johns Rivers Association, Friant Water Authority, and the Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association.

Director Martin also reported attending the Kaweah Basin Water Quality Association.

Director Thomas reported attending two Wutchumna Water Company Board of Directors meetings.

Closed Session:

Thereupon, Mr. Fukuda noted that the Board of Directors was going into Closed Session.

Upon returning from Closed Session, Director Bixler reported that there were no actions taken in Closed Session.

There being no other items to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was then adjourned to the Regular TID Board Meeting scheduled for October 12, 2021.

Secretary

David G Bixler
President