MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TULARE IRRIGATION DISTRICT HELD AT 6826 AVENUE 240, TULARE, CALIFORNIA 93274 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026 AT THE HOUR OF 9:00 A.M.

Call to Order and Roll Call:

Directors present at the meeting held on the date and time above designated were President David Bixler, Rick Borges, and Mike Thomas. Absentees: Dave Martin and Scott Rogers. Staff present at the meeting were Aaron Fukuda, Chief Executive Officer; Marco Crenshaw, Watermaster; Wayne Fox, Superintendent; Marc Limas, Chief Operating Officer; and Teresa Ortiz, Senior Accountant. Absent: Kathi Artis, Chief Financial Officer. The virtual participants were Jorge Munoz, Diana Zegarra, Stephen Dotta, and Allan Doud. Also participating was Liam Rose, a representative of Water One AI, who was introduced as a District consultant assisting with a new board management software platform. Mr. Bixler thanked everyone for attending and announced that a full quorum of the Board of Directors was present. President Bixler asked whether there were any changes, additions, or deletions to the agenda, and Mr. Fukuda reported that there were none. The meeting was thereupon called to order by President Bixler.

Public Comments:

Mr. Fukuda introduced Liam of Water One AI, who demonstrated a new board management and note-taking software platform being developed for the District to replace its prior board portal software. The demonstration included the platform's document search, meeting summary, and historical minutes query capabilities. There were no other public comments to come before the Board.

Approval of Minutes:

Director Bixler then noted that the minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of August 11, 2026 were distributed and asked if any errors or omissions were noted therein. By the motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Thomas, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the minutes of the Adjourned Regular Meeting of August 11, 2026 were thereupon approved with corrections.

Public Hearing - 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan:

President Bixler opened the public hearing to consider and approve the Tulare Irrigation District 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan. Mr. Fukuda reported that the draft Plan had been available for public review for approximately two weeks, both in hard copy at the District office and on the District website, and that no written or verbal public comments had been received. There being no comments, President Bixler closed the public hearing.

Resolution No. 26-07 - Resolution Approving the Tulare Irrigation District 2025 Agricultural Water Management Plan - Mr. Fukuda explained that the Plan is required under the District's water repayment contract with the United States and is updated every five years to meet Bureau of Reclamation and Department of Water Resources requirements. By the motion of Director Thomas, seconded by Director Borges, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, Resolution No. 26-07 was adopted as presented.

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 September 02, 2026, was 45 CFS, and the storage at Terminus Reservoir was 23,336 AF. He then reported that the daily release from Terminus was 79 CFS; Three-Rivers: 46 CFS; and Dry Creek: 0 CFS.

Next, Mr. Crenshaw reported that the total inflow to Millerton Lake as of August 31, 2026, was 1,044 CFS; Millerton Release - Friant & Madera Canal: 1,501 CFS; San Joaquin River: 385 CFS; and Millerton Storage: 239,737 AF.

Water Supply Outlook:

Mr. Crenshaw reported the District's 2026 CVP Supply Contract totaled 195 AF (100% Class 1 of 30,000 AF, 10% Class 2 of 0 AF, and 182 AF of 2025 carryover, net of transfers and exchanges). Total Kaweah River storage available to the District was 1,493 AF, bringing total supply to 1,688 AF, with an estimated projected supply of 1,088 AF after anticipated exchanges. Cumulative diversions to the District from January through August 2026 totaled 111,302 AF. Mr. Crenshaw noted a small amount of unanticipated tertiary water had been received and diverted, with roughly half of it sold.

Water Management Activities and Issues:

The Board discussed current water supply conditions and ongoing groundwater level concerns.

O&M Superintendent Report:

Routine Work - Mr. Fox reported on grading and mowing activities throughout the District, ongoing excavator work on Packwood Creek, and extensive bank armoring and erosion repair work. Turnout inspections were completed District-wide, and staff are now performing turnout and meter repairs, along with pipeline leak repairs at City Pump, Area 18, and Area 11. Shop staff completed backhoe repairs and are converting a retired truck into a pump service truck in preparation for the pumping season.

Mr. Fox reported that the Vehicle Maintenance Crew has been busy maintaining and repairing construction and maintenance equipment. The maintenance issues addressed include daily equipment service and repair, yard equipment repairs, 90-day DOT inspections, and fleet truck repairs.

Lastly, Mr. Fox presented four options for a new field/ditch truck: Option A, a 2025 Chevrolet 1500WT 4x4 from Ed Dena's Chevrolet ($42,804); Option B, a 2026 GMC Sierra 1500 4x4 from Motor City GMC ($44,059); Option C, a 2026 Ford F-150 4x4 from Will Tiesiera Ford ($44,055, February delivery); and Option D, a 2026 Chevrolet 1500WT 4x4 from Three Way Chevrolet ($44,847). By the motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Thomas, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Board approved the purchase of Option B, the 2026 GMC Sierra 1500 4x4, in the amount of $44,059.

Treasurer Reports:

Approval of Financial Statements - Mr. Fukuda reported in place of Ms. Artis' absence presented the financial statements for the financial statements for August 2026 for the Board's review and consideration. He addressed first the revenue and expense statement, indicating that the total revenue for August 2026 was $3,310,939, which was approximately 67.02% of the revised budget. The Non-Operating Revenue was $3,643,021 which adds up to August Total Revenue of $6,953,960. Mr. Fukuda next presented the expenses, highlighting several items and reporting expenses totaling $8,459,430 which was approximately 76.19% of the revised budget. He then went on with presenting the total Net Income for August, which is ($1,505,470). Mr. Fukuda then presented the statements of cash flows and net assets, stating that the current

cash standing was at $14,132,459. Based on the Statement of Net Assets, Mr. Fukuda reported that Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows were at $9,892,656 and the Total Equity in the District stood at $43,645,394. Mr. Fukuda reported that Total Assets stood at $53,538,049. He thereupon cited investment return for the District's several holding accounts at 0.100% with Citizen's Money Market Fund. Lastly, Mr. Fukuda reported that the District has six months of funds to support operations.

Approval of Bill Payments - Mr. Fukuda 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 Borges, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried by all Directors present, accepted the financial statements and, by said motion, check nos. 60652 through 60685 totaling $1,727,891.46 were all either ratified or approved as paid, exclusive of any voided or withheld checks.

Engineer Report:

Update on Engineering Activities - Mr. Munoz reported on the Cameron Creek Linear Recharge Project. The easternmost structure, near Lovers Lane, had its walls poured on September 3, 2026, and is curing. At the furthest structure, the contractor is compacting and backfilling, with concrete liner and riprap work to follow, and construction of the outfall structure adjacent to the basin has also begun.

Management Staff Report:

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Matters - Mr. Fukuda reported that the Greater Kaweah GSA is discussing removal of overdraft allocations and transition to supplemental supply, which would largely be provided through credits from irrigation districts and ditch companies. He also reported a new partnership opportunity with the CVSALTS Program and the Kaweah Water Foundation to conduct a nitrate management plan pilot study for the subbasin.

Mid-Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA) - Mr. Fukuda reported on a landowner request for a long-term surface water credit accommodation, which staff recommended denying consistent with past practice; the landowner has since indicated intent to take surface water instead. He also reported that MKGSA is transitioning to a single invoice/true-up billing system, and that a proposed fallow field policy amendment was well received by the advisory committee but tabled for further review due to lack of agricultural member attendance. By the motion of Director Thomas, seconded by Director Borges, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Board approved the appointment of Marc Limas as an alternate director to the Mid-Kaweah GSA Board of Directors.

Friant Matters - Mr. Fukuda reported that a construction management contract has been awarded to Arcadis, the Phase 2A bid opening is scheduled for September 18, 2026, and pump station work is beginning on the Middle Reach. He reported on a Friant Water Authority reorganization, including the appointment of Eric Limas as Chief Operating Officer. He also reported on a presentation and funding request from the Great Valley Farm Water Partnership, which has requested a $1,000 contribution from member districts; staff will evaluate the request if a formal request is received.

McKay Point Reservoir/Seaborn Reservoir - Mr. Limas reported that West Coast Sand and Gravel continue site preparation at McKay Point and is awaiting Southern California Edison's Caltrans permit for the power line crossing; power poles have been relocated approximately 40 feet, and West Coast plans to test its own slurry wall installation process. On Seaborn, Mr. Limas reported that NRCS scoping meetings for the

watershed plan and environmental assessment were held on August 27, 2026, both virtually and in person, with the comment period closing later in the month; the project remains targeted for completion in May 2028, with potential funding of up to $25 million available through the federal watershed program.

TID Headquarters Modernization Project - Mr. Limas reported that construction on the office remodel began August 11, 2026, and is progressing well, with rough electrical and drywall work underway; door and window materials carry a five to six week lead time. The projected completion date has moved up to November 2026. A few change orders have been processed, including relocation of electrical conduit due to a load-bearing wall change. On the Annex, a 100% plan meeting was held August 27, 2026; JTS has begun construction of the building, District staff completed the demolition work, and on-site construction is out to bid, with an award anticipated at the October Board meeting. Building delivery remains targeted for December 2026, with occupancy anticipated around March 2027.

Legislation - Mr. Fukuda reported that AB 2026 (Streamlining of Recharge Permit Bill) was pulled with the close of the legislative session. He also reported on the state budget's Proposition 4 bond allocation, noting concerns that a portion of the SAFER drinking water program funding is being backfilled using Proposition 4 dollars rather than new funding.

Chief Executive Officer Report - Mr. Fukuda reported on his attendance at the Urban Water Institute conference, including remarks from Bureau of Reclamation's Acting Commissioner, and a presentation on the Texas Water Fund financing model. He also reported on a workshop addressing AI and data center water use, noting the District is developing an internal Artificial Intelligence usage policy for staff. Mr. Fukuda reported attending the California Water Plan Advisory Committee meeting in Southern California, with the next meeting planned in Tulare in November, including a tour of Terminus, the Middle Reach, and Seaborn. The District will also host a California Water Plan Advisory Committee regional meeting on November 4-5, 2026.

Matters for Consideration of Board Action:

District Contribution to Employee Health Savings Accounts - Mr. Fukuda presented options for the District's HSA contribution for the coming plan year, comparing contribution levels equal to the difference between the Consumer-Driven Health Plan and PPO deductibles ($1,550 single/$2,900 couple or family) against a reduced contribution level, noting that the higher contribution would still yield the District a net savings of approximately $2,194, compared to approximately $6,194 in savings at the lower level. By the motion of Director Borges, seconded by Director Thomas, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Board approved continuing the District's HSA contribution at the higher level, consistent with prior years.

Matheny Tract Community Enhancement and Sustainability Project - Collaborative Governance Agreement Worksheet - Mr. Fukuda presented the Collaborative Governance Agreement Worksheet for the Matheny Tract Community Enhancement and Sustainability Project, a renewed grant application led by the County of Tulare, with the Tulare Irrigation District and Proteus Inc. as co-applicants. The project would underground the Oakland Colony ditch from Paige Avenue to Addie Street and develop an adjacent multi-use trail, with the City of Tulare assuming trail operation and maintenance responsibilities. Mr. Fukuda noted the agreement commits the District only to participation in the grant application, due at the end of the month, with no financial commitment at this stage. By the motion of Director Borges, seconded

by Director Thomas, and unanimously carried by all Directors present, the Board approved the Collaborative Governance Agreement Worksheet and authorized its submission with the grant application.

Board Member Reports of Meetings:

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

Director Bixler reported attending the Mid-Kaweah GSA meeting on August 11th and the Wutchumna Water Company meeting on August 12th.

Director Borges reported attending the Kaweah & St. Johns River Association meeting on September 3rd and the Friant Water Authority meeting on August 27th.

Director Bixler then moved the meeting to Closed Session.

Closed Session:

The Board thereupon adjourned into closed session under §54956.8, §54956.9(d)), §54957.6, §54957, and 54956.95 of the Government Code.

Upon returning to Open Session, Director Bixler reported that no actions were taken.

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 13, 2026.

Secretary

David G Bixler
President