



**Minutes of Special Meeting, Board of Directors
March 27, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District met this day in special session at the District office located at 22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Borba called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Borba, Gisler, McCowan, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Chambers

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, District Manager
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, District Secretary
Alan Becker, Sun World International
Bill Wallace
Terry Schuler
Bill Morgan

AGENDA – Manager Geivet stated that we need to consider adding a Letter of Agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) for approval of temporary placement of diesel pump water lines over Friant-Kern Canal (FKC) bank. He noted that a district customer is ready to install temporary pumps in the FKC on the East side of the canal across from the Wood Central outlet for the purposes of recharge into a new basin where they would otherwise be unable to obtain surface water.

M/S/U McCowan, Witzel to amend today's agenda to include Letter of Agreement No. 19-LC-20-2499 – Porterville Irrigation District - Approval of temporary placement of diesel pump water lines over Friant-Kern Canal bank – Friant Division, Central Valley Project (CVP), California.

LETTER OF AGREEMENT NO. 19-LC-20-2499 – Review and consider authorizing a Letter of Agreement No. 19-LC-20-2499 – Porterville Irrigation District - Approval of temporary placement of diesel pump water lines over Friant-Kern Canal bank.

The Manager reviewed a letter from the Bureau as well as a draft resolution authorizing the Manager to sign the Letter of Agreement as presented.

Upon motion by Director Gisler, seconded by Director McCowan, the following Resolution was passed and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03-01

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF LETTER
OF AGREEMENT NO. 19-LC-20-2499 BETWEEN
U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION AND PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR
TEMPORARY PLACEMENT OF DIESEL PUMP WATER LINES OVER FRIANT-KERN
CANAL BANKS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District have met this day in special session; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of the District to accept the agreement between United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Porterville Irrigation District to approve a letter of agreement for temporary placement of diesel pump water lines over the Friant-Kern Canal – Friant Division, Central Valley Project – California; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Porterville Irrigation District does herewith accept said agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Porterville Irrigation District that Sean P. Geivet, General Manager, is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of March 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	<i>Borba, Gisler, McCowan, Witzel</i>
NOES:	<i>None</i>
ABSTAIN:	<i>None</i>
ABSENT:	<i>Chambers</i>

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I do hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Porterville Irrigation District, an irrigation district organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof duly and specially held at the office of the Porterville Irrigation District at Porterville, California on the 27th day of March 2019, at which meeting a quorum of said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in whole or any part thereof, and remains in force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Porterville Irrigation District this 27th day of March 2019.

/s/ Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher

PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Borba asked if there was any public comment. There was none at this time.

Bill Morgan entered the Board room at 15:08 p.m.

GROUNDWATER RECHARGE POLICY – Review and consider amending the District's Policy Principles for Landowner Groundwater Recharge Program.

Mr. Geivet brought the Board and guests up to date on current practices of other Eastern Tule Subbasin districts in regards to recognizing a percentage of irrigation deliveries as subbasin recharge while we are in flood release mode. He presented for their review and approval a revised policy with added language that would allow the Board the flexibility to make this determination while excess water is in the system to encourage surface water use by District customers. He noted that Saucelito ID and Lower Tule River ID are recognizing 75% and 50% respectively during current uncontrolled season status.

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to amend the District's Policy Principles for Landowner Groundwater Recharge Program to include an additional paragraph as included below; as well as to recognize 50% of all customer irrigation deliveries for March and April 2019 as recharge to the subbasin:

POLICY PRINCIPLES FOR PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
LANDOWNER GROUNDWATER RECHARGE PROGRAM

In furtherance of the District's project to manage surface and groundwater supplies available within the District, the District authorizes the delivery of District water supplies to Landowners for groundwater recharge purposes according to the following principles:

1. Subject to the District rules and regulations regarding the availability and pricing of District water supply, a Landowner may schedule with the District delivery of water for groundwater recharge on its lands located within the District.
2. At the sole cost of the Landowner, all water delivered by the District to the Landowner for groundwater recharge shall be measured and recorded with equipment furnished, installed, operated, and maintained by the District at the point or points of delivery approved by the District. The District shall use the information obtained from the meter to prepare a written statement, bill, and report of the water delivered by the District to the Landowner.
3. The Landowner shall be responsible for the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of water delivered by the District for groundwater recharge beyond the delivery points approved by the District.

4. The Landowner, at its sole expense, shall be responsible for maintaining accurate and complete accounting records for water delivered to a Landowner's groundwater recharge facility and the total net amount of water recharged to the groundwater aquifer within the District. Each month, the Landowner shall provide the District with a written report stating the amount of water the Landowner delivered to each recharge facility and the total net amount of the water recharged to the groundwater aquifer.
5. The Landowner, at its sole expense and risk, shall be responsible for the design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of groundwater recharge facilities, equipment, appurtenances, and any legal and regulatory compliance of groundwater recharge activities.
6. The Landowner may, at its sole discretion, extract the recharged water from time to time, at its sole expense, as the Landowner may desire for its farming operations or other purposes within the District.
7. **During flood periods as determined by the PID Board of Directors, landowner may, in its discretion, apply excess irrigation waters through normal irrigation facilities for purposes of recharge. The District recognizes 50% of such waters as a recharge to the subbasin. Pursuant to Section 6, Landowner may later extract such waters for beneficial use within the District at its sole discretion. Pursuant to Section 4, Landowner is responsible for all accounting.**
8. The Landowner shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its board of directors, officers, employees, agents, assigns on account of damage or claim of damage of any nature whatsoever for which there is legal responsibility, including property damage, personal injury, or death, and including attorneys' fees and other costs of litigation, arising out of or connected with the control, carriage, handling, use, disposal, or distribution of water for groundwater recharge.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.2 (RELATING TO ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA)

Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT –President Borba adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary