



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
May 08, 2018**

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Borba called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Borba, Chambers, Gisler, McCowan, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, District Manager
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, District Secretary
Michael Knight, City of Porterville
Michael DePaoli
Allan Lombardi
Terry Schuler
Kathy Briano
Bill Wallace
Armando Leal
Dave Dorrance, Sun World International
Deborah Stephenson

AGENDA – No changes or additions were made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Borba asked if there was any public comment.

Armando Leal entered the Boardroom at 9:04.

District landowner, Bill Wallace, stated that he has a question on the budget as approved for the 218 Election process. The Manager noted that we would discuss this topic under the Administration Report later in the meeting.

Deborah Stephenson and Dave Dorrance entered the Boardroom at 9:07.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held April 10, 2018 and the Special Meeting held April 20, 2018 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M/S/U Chambers, Witzel to authorize the Treasurer to pay all outstanding bills against the District as presented.

MONTHLY REPORTS – Financial Reports: Treasurer Griswold-Bratcher reviewed with the Board the March 2018 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. She noted that these reports are considered preliminary pending any additional year-end entries made as a result of the upcoming audit. BNY Mellon bank statement as of March 31, 2018 was also included in the meeting packet.

In response to a question about the balance in the Construction in Progress account is for the expansion projects. Manager Geivet stated that he would review in more detail with the Treasurer and report back next month.

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to accept the financial reports as presented and to place the reports on file.

Administration Report: The Manager included in the meeting packet for the Board's information the District's USBR Water Schedule as well as a recap of April 2018 water as ordered, although not necessarily taken, from FWA for USBR water as well as rainfall totals for the current year-to-date (October-September).

Director McCowan asked how the supplemental assessment would be billed if approved as a result of the upcoming 218 Election process. The question was posed if we would bill customers the additional \$66+ supplemental bill for 2018 this summer and then turn around and bill the new rate for 2019 this Fall. It was noted that the Engineer's report may allow enough flexibility to skip the 2018 supplemental and just start the new rate for the 2019 assessment this Fall.

Discussion was also held on how the City of Porterville (City) pays the assessment for parcels that fall under the agreement between the City and the District and how they tie into this proposed increase. It was noted that the City pays per acre, not by lot or parcel.

Customer Wallace asked for clarification on the water sales referenced in the budget that was approved for the Engineer's Report. His concern is the Tule River water, Sharewater and losses are being glazed over. This led to extensive discussion on Tule River water available and speculation on how the District needs to manage this year and every year while trying to maximize the balance of Tule River water and Friant/Bureau water.

Operations/Water Report: Manager Geivet informed the Board that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) has increased their official declaration to 100% Class 1 allocation noting that this figure is subject to change should conditions change once the reservoir is under control. It was also noted that the additional water made available in order to manage the levels in the Reservoir is nearing its completion. The District used all of its Unreleased Restoration Flow (URF) in April and is now working on the Uncontrolled

Class 2 water that must be used by May 10th. This means that the certified recharge water now being offered will end this Friday morning, May 11th. Customers may still recharge after that date, but the District will not provide an invoice stating that we recognize this water as recharge water.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: Manager Geivet noted that he shared with the Board earlier this month an update from Friant Water Authority CEO Jason Phillips which outlines ongoing tasks and projects of the Authority.

San Joaquin River (SJR) Settlement Implementation: Nothing new to report.

Groundwater Regulation: The Manager state that the next meeting of the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA) is coming up this Thursday.

Pipeline Project: Mr. Geivet updated the Board and guests on the pipeline project stating that Service Area 2 (SA2) passed the pressure test and we will notify those customers in the coming week that they can install and or connect their systems when ready. District staff will also prepare the billing for parcels in this project and water will be denied until the installment or balance in full is paid.

Allan Lombardi departed the Boardroom at 10:35 a.m.

All guests departed the Boardroom at 10:37 a.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] *City of Fresno, et al. v. United States of America*, Court of Federal Claims, Case No. 16-1276L

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board adjourned into closed session at 10:38 a.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 11:07 a.m.

No action taken.

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 11:09 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary