



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
July 10, 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 9:04 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
Larry Harris
Matt Sarr, Porterville Recorder
Allan Lombardi
Clifton Lollar, Sun World International
Dave Dorrance, Sun World International
Mackenzie Burnett
Kathy Briano
Bill Wallace
Ray Chrispens
Liz Ingraham

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

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

District Landowner Larry Harris asked about the voting process for parcels less than five (5) acres in the current 218 Election. Manager Geivet reminded that the Board determined early in the process to limit the initial voting to parcels that were five acres or more as the smaller parcels are primarily residential. He further stated that if the proposed supplemental land-based assessment passes next week, that the option to be included in the supplemental assessment will be given to those parcels less than five acres. The benefit of being included in the supplemental assessment would be seen in dry years when the District would allocate any supply to those paying the higher rate.

Director Gisler entered the Boardroom at 9:07 a.m.

Mr. Geivet also noted that those landowners only paying the \$29.00/acre/year assessment get the benefit of some of the loss water in District ditches that also recharges groundwater supplies and in turn helps their private wells.

Ray Chrispens departed the Board room at 9:12 a.m.

District Landowner Kathy Briano inquired about the raised spillway at Success Lake and also asked if it will increase PID supplies. The Manager responded that the project is being funded by those that benefit the most from more storage. As a reminder, PID has opted not to fund the project as the District's water rights are covered and additional storage would not be a benefit unless PID were to obtain more water rights.

Liz Ingraham entered the Boardroom at 9:17 a.m.

Landowner Briano also asked about the District's recharge policy. Manager Geivet explained the policy also stating that water recharged in the District's boundaries falls under District rules.

Landowner Briano then inquired about 218 Election costs for the Engineer. Mr. Geivet responded that the costs are included in the 218 budget.

Director Witzel brought up the P1 pipeline replacement that is scheduled in coming weeks and asked that it be considered that we postpone the work until later in the season. The Manager will try to hold off the replacement until September.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held June 12, 2018 as presented.

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting held June 19, 2018 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M/S/U Gisler, McCowan 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 May 2018 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. She reminded the Board 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 May 31, 2018 was also included in the meeting packet.

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

Administration Report: Nothing new to report.

Operations/Water Report: Manager Geivet shared that running as we are now, we may have in the neighborhood of 3,000 acre-ft extra. He also noted that he has plans to sell 750 acre-ft of Tule River (Tule) water to the City of Porterville (City) at the Class 1 rate and will replace that water to Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID) with Friant-Kern Canal (canal) water since we do not otherwise have a way to deliver canal water to the City.

The Manager also stated that he hopes to save about 1,700 acre-ft of Tule water to run Poplar East after LTRID shuts off. He wants to maximize Tule use in PID while they are running. At present, they still speculate they will run until August 20th.

Manager Geivet reviewed a proposal from Sun World International LLC to take 1,500 acre-ft to bank @ \$175.00/acre-ft that they may transfer out of the basin at a later date, when they would be subject to the 30% leave behind. He also mentioned a deal has been sent out to Pixley Irrigation District (PixID) at \$200.00/acre-ft, but has not yet received a response.

Direction from the Board is to see how PixID responds as well as review the budget and reach out to District customers to see if we are able to sell as recharge within the District at \$85.00/acre-ft, then add agenda item to the Special Meeting/Public Hearing scheduled for July 16th.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: Nothing new to report.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Manager Geivet noted that the ETGSA meeting schedule as well as shared there are still issues to be resolved such as agreeing on safe yield.

Matt Sarr departed the Board room at 10:16 a.m.

Pipeline Project: Nothing new to report.

Michael DePaoli and Bill Wallace departed the Board room at 10:23 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. respectively.

Clifton Lollar, Dave Dorrance and Mackenzie Burnett departed the Board room at 10:38 a.m.

2019 ASSESSMENT – Consider postponing the implementation of a potential passing “218 Election” from the stated 2018 Assessment year until the 2019 Assessment year

As discussed at the last regular Board meeting, the Manager reviewed the timeline of the Proposed 218 Election and asked that the Board consider surpassing collection for the 2018 tax year and start in 2019 instead. This recommendation is to relieve the burden on landowners to come up with additional funds for both years. He also noted that the higher water rate in 2018 will help balance some of the 2018 budgetary needs.

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler in the event that the proposed 218 Election passes at the ballot count scheduled for July 16, 2018, to waive the 2018 supplemental assessment as scheduled and commence collection beginning with the 2019 Assessment year.

INITIATIVE – Consider adopting a resolution in support of the initiative to enact the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07-01

***RESOLUTION OF THE PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
IN SUPPORT OF THE INITIATIVE TO ENACT THE WATER SUPPLY
AND WATER QUALITY ACT OF 2018***

- WHEREAS,** the Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District have met this day in regular session; and
- WHEREAS,** California's recent historic drought raises serious questions about the long-term reliability of our current water supplies; and
- WHEREAS,** California's water situation requires implementation of measures that would provide for the water needs of people, agriculture and the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the effects of the drought are still being felt in many areas throughout the state, including the San Joaquin Valley, which saw a significant rise in groundwater pumping as a means to replace reduced surface supplies during the drought; and
- WHEREAS,** groundwater pumping lowers groundwater tables, which in turn causes wells to go dry and land to subside, and the east side of the San Joaquin Valley has been particularly hard hit by land subsidence and drying of wells; and
- WHEREAS,** the Friant- Kem Canal has lost 60% of its capacity to convey water for both consumptive uses and groundwater recharge due to subsidence. Unless addressed, the subsidence will only continue to get worse and further adversely affect agriculture and those local communities, including disadvantaged communities, who largely rely on groundwater to serve their citizens; and

WHEREAS, a ballot initiative has been drafted that would authorize the sale of bonds and add a new Division 38 to the California Water Code entitled the “Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018,” which would govern how the proceeds of the bonds would be used to provide for the water needs of people, agriculture and the environment; and

WHEREAS, if approved by voters, the measure would appropriate from the bonds issued and sold the sum of \$750,000,000 to the Department of Water Resources for a grant to the Friant Water Authority for water conveyance capital improvements, including restored and increased conveyance capacity to and in the Madera and Friant-Kern canals, resulting in greater groundwater recharge, improved conveyance and utilization of flood waters, and for water conservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District formally supports the ballot initiative that would place the Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018 on the November 2018 ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of July 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:	<i>Borba, Gisler, Chambers, McCowan, Witzel</i>
NOES:	<i>None</i>
ABSTAIN:	<i>None</i>
ABSENT:	<i>None</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 regularly held at the office of the Porterville Irrigation District at Porterville, California on the 10th day of July 2018, 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 10th day of July 2018.

/s/ Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary
Porterville Irrigation District

WATER TRANSFER – Consider authorizing a transfer of up to 1,500 acre-ft of Class 1 water to a water banking facility

This item was discussed and tabled earlier in the meeting.

Manager Geivet noted that we do not need to adjourn into closed session.

**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**

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 10:50 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary