



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
August 13, 2019**

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 9:03 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, District Manager
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, District Secretary
Michael Knight, City of Porterville
Dave Dorrance, Sun World International
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Terry Schuler
Mike George, Sun Pacific Farming
Bill Wallace

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

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

District customer Bill Wallace requested a clear written statement of our water policies with respect to allocation of channel loss water and banking/recharge leave behind water.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, Chambers to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting held July 9, 2019 as presented.

Terry Schuler entered the Board room at 9:06 a.m.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

Director Chambers inquired about the numerous charges at Wiesenberger's. Manager Geivet discussed the recent emergency shutdown on ID#2 pipeline where staff found thick trees roots obstructing water flow. He touched on the challenges that task incurred as well as a visit from Cal-OSHA. He noted that District staff has training scheduled later today for confined spaces and heat illness topics as well as updates to our Heat and Injury and Illness Prevention Programs in the works.

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 June 2019 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. She reminded the Board and guests that these reports are considered preliminary pending any additional year-end entries made as a result of the upcoming audit scheduled for next week. BNY Mellon bank statement as of June 30, 2019 was also included in the meeting packet.

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

Administration Report: Mr. Geivet brought the Board's attention a request from a new landowner to the District to waive the penalties on the 2nd installment for two properties he recently purchased. The customer told District staff that he did not receive the original bill in the Fall and also stated that the June reminder went to the wrong address, as provided to the District by the Title Company at escrow closing, so the reminder took quite a bit longer to reach the new owner. He submitted payment for the 2nd Installments without the penalties and asked the Manager to waive. The Board did not object to the Manager waiving those penalties in this instance.

Operations/Water Report: Manager Geivet read an update from Nick Keller that prepares our water use reports to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) stating with the 2,899 acre-ft of pre-use delivered in February, PID was able to deliver 100% of its Class 2 Contract supply. This also allowed the District to take delivery of an additional 13,150 acre-ft of URF, RWA, LTRID return water and Section 215 supplies. With the scheduled delivery of all the Class 1, the District will deliver approximately 123% of its total contract supply. Depending on actuals for August and September, we could be out of water sometime in October.

The Manager also touched on some City of Porterville (City) projects and other ways we can maximize deliveries in heavy water years like this in the future.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA, TRA, VAWC & FWA: Mr. Geivet directed attention to a recent Friant Water Authority (FWA) mailing regarding two upcoming open house events to familiarize affected landowners to the Friant-Kern Canal Middle Reach Capacity Correction Project (Project) as hosted by FWA on August 27th in Delano and August 28th in Porterville.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Mr. Geivet informed the Board and guests that the current Executive Director is on his way out. The Manager noted that we expect to see a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) out by early September to put out for 90-day public review. He also shared that the current game plan is to find an interim director to get through the next few steps of the agency until a replacement director is sought.

Future Planning: Manager Geivet noted a couple items in future planning. One being a meter system update. Another exploring ways to expand our service area. He noted that there are lands in the northwest area that have expressed over the years a desire for District water service. He suggested performing a feasibility study so that one or more projects are ready to take to the landowners and/or be ready when grant money becomes available. The Board gave the nod to do some initial studies in one or two areas to present to landowners to decide if they want to proceed.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION – Consider setting a date and time for the Board of Equalization meeting

M/S/U McCowan, Chambers to set the Board of Equalization meeting for September 10, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m.

TULE RIVER-FRIANT KERN WATER BANK PROJECT –

- a. Status Report on Tule River-Friant Kern Water Bank Project**
- b. Consider Approval to Post the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and to Set the Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Mr. Geivet reviewed the purpose of the project as well as the steps involved. He asked the Board to approve the Notice of Intent as presented and set a date for the Public Hearing.

M/S/U Chambers, Witzel to approve posting the Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration and to set the Public Hearing on the Adoption of the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for September 17, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the District office.

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 10:35 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, Secretary