



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
July 11, 2023**

The Board of Directors of the Porterville Irrigation District met this day in regular session both in person and by teleconference from the District office located at 22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, California.

CALL TO ORDER

President Borba called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, *District Manager*
Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer, Assessor/Collector*
Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, *District Assistant Secretary*
Larry Suniga
Matt Kidder
Bill Wallace
Terry Schuler
Numerous guests via Zoom and One tap mobile

AGENDA – There were no changes or additions made to the agenda.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Chambers, Witzel to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Reports: Controller Row reviewed with the Board reports in the meeting packet that included the May 2023 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. He noted that he has another meeting scheduled to see about reimbursement for flood expenses.

Director McCowan inquired about the accounting regarding expenses incurred for District bankers. Manager Geivet and President Borba noted that the expenses for specific banking projects are reimbursable by the bank that incurred the charge. The fees charged to bankers, both the annual \$500 administrative fee as well as the \$5.00/acre-ft fees billed for recharge and extraction of banked water are in place to cover staff time.

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

Administration Report: Included in the meeting packet was the “Monthly Google Analytics Report” on the District’s website for June 2023 (Enclosure #5.B.).

Operations/Water Report: Water is still running strong in the basin. The Manager noted that Success Reservoir is going out of flood control flows today. He also shared that he is still working on that meeting with Lower Tule River I.D. (LTRID) staff to isolate the Tule River water that belongs to PID. After that is identified, District staff will be able to calculate and allocate, if necessary, groundwater recharge credits to those customers that have requested additional recharge and/or that may not have access to the distribution system to recharge on their own the abundant water available this year. He shared that he needs to give staff some numbers for water running to a few City of Porterville recharge ponds via the Porter Slough for the past few months for billing as well.

Mr. Geivet stated that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR or Bureau) operations are still in uncontrolled season probably through the end of this month. Although earlier allocation declarations stated 100% for Class 1 and 70% for Class 2, he explained that the flood control water that is running will essentially come out of the 70% Class 2 figure. The meeting packet included a new Bureau water schedule that reflects an additional block of Unreleased Restoration Flow (URF) water for July. This water schedule anticipates having water in the system through October.

A preliminary Water Bill Recap included in the meeting packet reflects over 10,000-acre feet of water billed. Of that water, just over 6,000-acre feet were from CVP supplies.

After some discussion, it was decided that we would continue operations as they are, including irrigation, recharge and banking at least until the August Board meeting. At which time we will decide how to manage remaining water supplies.

Status Report of Authorities: DCTRA/TRA/VAWC/FWA: Manager Geivet and President Borba briefed those in attendance on the various authorities.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): Mr. Geivet shared that they hired a controller and believe it is a good fit.

Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update: Nothing new to report.

Future Planning: The Manager noted that he shared a District Water Project List with the Board earlier this week that lists several projects in the works and their progress. He noted this will be a living document that will be updated with project status and additions as needed. He would like to have District legal counsel review the document and then he hopes to add it to the District’s website

BANKING POLICY – Discussion on a revised Banking Policy

Nothing new to report.

Mr. Geivet suggested that we adjourn into closed session. All other guests departed at 10:36 a.m.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, the Board adjourned into closed session at 10:37 a.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 11:07 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

No reportable action.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9] (1 Case)

No reportable action.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)] *Arvin-Edison Water Storage District v. PID, PID Board and Homer LLC*, Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-22-100617

No reportable action.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – Report Action Taken in Closed Session Required by Government Code Section 54957.1

Any reportable action was noted under the appropriate agenda item above.

ADJOURNMENT –President Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m.



Jody A. Griswold-Bratcher, *Asst. Secretary*