



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
February 18, 2025**

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: McCowan, Borba, Gisler, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean P. Geivet, *District Manager*
Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer, Assessor/Collector*
Chris Eriksen, *District Maintenance Foreman*
Nick Keller, *District Engineer*
Aubrey Mauritson, *District Legal Counsel*
Matt Kidder
Brandon Sargent
Jesse Martinez
Dennis Porcari
Marvin Hughes
Kathy Briano
Jared Plumlee
Terry Schuler
David DePaoli
Jason Guthrie
Nick Gatti
Jace Vanderham
Mike George
Mike Smith
Jarred Hughes
Larry Wilkinson
Stacie Ann Silva
Blake Wallace
Adam Mendoza
Mark Shepard
Allan Lombardi
Bill Wallace
Numerous guests via Zoom

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Borba asked if there was any public comment. Kathy Briano asked about the timing of closed session. Was informed that the need for public session at the beginning of the meeting was necessary due to availability of required participants. Matt Kidder asked if the GSA Agenda item could be moved to the top of the agenda. Request was granted.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:06 a.m. Regular meeting ensued at 10:00 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

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding the above listed existing litigation.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)]

The Board of Directors, while in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), met with General Counsel Aubrey Mauritson regarding two potential items of anticipated litigation.

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

The General Manager reported the board unanimously approved the initiation of litigation. The details will be disclosed once filed.

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

No Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U McCowan, Witzel to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of January 14, 2025 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel 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 December 2024 Balance Sheet, showing status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. Also included in the packet are the California Asset Management Program (CAMP) account statement and the LAIF account

statement for January 2025. Board also request the Controller review make up of investments in LAIF and CAMP Funds.

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

Administration Report: Sean Geivet reported that the well readings for the first half of 2025 were presented.

Operations/Water Report: Sean Geivet reported that the initial report for water delivery from Friant is expected to be between 25% and 30% of tier one. Lake water is expected to be at about 10,000 acre feet. Staff is in the process of completing draft of Allocation Policy. Chris, District Maintenance Foreman updated the group on ditch cleaning. Ditch cleaning is mostly done and focus will pivot toward ditch maintenance (correcting erosion, removing trees and debris).

Status Report of Authorities: TRA & FWA: TRA concrete pouring at the dam is complete. Still working on securing some easements. Target date for completion is the summer of 2025. **FWA:** Nothing to report.

Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA): District Manager had no information to report.

Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update: Most property required for the enlargement has been procured. The lake will be filled incrementally in order to verify structure integrity.

Future Planning: District Manager reported SA3, SA1 and P1 projects our progressing. Funds have been set aside for the future funding.

NEW GSA –

Discussion of Forming a new GSA and Review letter/request from Growers

Discussion was had on the formation of the GSA and how that new entity would look. Many growers voiced their opinions and concerns. The formation of a Stakeholder Committee was discussed.

Consider Agreement to Form a Joint Powers Authority

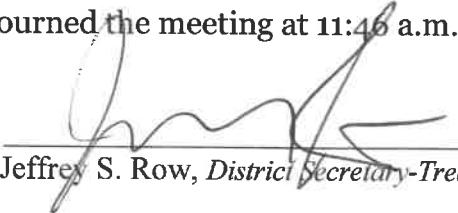
Attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Agenda Item #13c is a copy of the Joint Powers Agreement as presented to the board.

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve the Joint Powers Authority Agreement as presented in the agenda packet, with Directors Borba and McCowan as representatives and General Manager Geivet to be the alternate. Direction was provided to staff to continue to explore the formation of stakeholder committees for further representation of landowners in the potentially future GSA.

URF Agreement – Review and approve new URF Agreements with the Bureau of Reclamation.

M/S/U Gisler, McCowan Approve new URF Agreements with the Bureau of Reclamation.

ADJOURNMENT – President Eric Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.



Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer*