

Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors March 11, 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: Borba, Gisler, Witzel

DIRECTORS ABSENT: McCowan

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

Jared Plumlee
Matt Kidder
Stan Green
Tom O'Sullivan
Mike George
Nick Gatti
Terry Schuler
Armando Leal
Bill Wallace
Michael Depaoli
Kathy Briano
Douglass Jackson

Jason Castle Alan Lombardi

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.

No comments

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:03 a.m. Regular meeting ensued at 9:53 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 – Existing Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)] Porterville Irrigation District, et al v. Friant Water Authority, Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. 314672.]; Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU317284; Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Haaland et al., United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:25-CV-00112-EPG

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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 took no action in closed session.

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

Comments were positive about landscaping and sidewalk improvements.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

 $\underline{M/S/U}$ Witzel, Gisler 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 January 2025 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 February 2025.

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

Administration Report: Sean Geivet reported on new modular building that the District will be installing to be used for the future Board Meetings. Anticipated length of project was projected to be 45 to 90 days.

Operations/Water Report: Sean Geivet reported that the most recent report for water delivery from Friant is expected to be between 60% of tier one. Lake water is expected to be at about 10,000-acre feet. Allocation was forecast at .9-acre feet/acre with a June start date. The District will make 10,000 acre feet available for recharge purchase, price was forecast at \$145/acre foot. Allocation policy was reviewed an updated policy will be presented at the March meeting.

Status Report of Authorities: TRA & FWA: TRA Sean Geivet reported that the TRA meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2025. **FWA:** Nothing to report.

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

New GSA: Sean Geivet reported that a meeting was proposed for March 27 @ 2:00 pm. Organization of the Board and GSA to be discussed. Also, a date will be set for a public hearing related to the formation of the GSA.

Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update: No new information to report.

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

ETGSA: Consider Approval of the First Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve F First Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

ADJOURNMENT - President Eric Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:32/2m.

Jeffrey S. Row, District Secretary-Treasurer