



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors
April 8, 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, McCowan

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
Kathy Briano
Allan Lombardi
Bill Morgan
Lisa McEwen
Jason Guthrie
Terry Schuler
Marvin Hughes
Douglass Jackson
Nick Gatti
David De Paoli
Jared Plumlee
Michael Knight
Jace Vanderham
Blake Wallace
Mike George
Armando Leal
Edward McKerverey
Stan Green
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.

City of Porterville Councilman spoke about the previous months GSA meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS

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

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION: Discussion was had relating to a Joint GSA with the City of Porterville. Discussion was also had relating to PID form a GSA apart from City of Porterville. A recommendation was made that PID form its own GSA.

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to authorize a Public Hearing scheduled for May 13th at 9:00 a.m. for the formation of a GSA.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Financial Reports: Controller Row reviewed with the Board reports in the meeting packet that included the February 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 March 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 that there was nothing new to report.

Operations/Water Report: Sean Geivet reported that the most recent report for water delivery from Friant is expected to be 100% of tier one. Allocation was set at 1-acre foot/acre with a June start date.

Status Report of Authorities: TRA & FWA: TRA Sean Geivet had nothing to report. FWA: Nothing to report.

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

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.

2025 BUDGET AND WATER RATES: 2025 Budget and Water Rates were presented for approval. Water rate for the year was presented at \$126 an acre/foot.

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve 2025 Budget as presented and the Water Rate of \$126 an acre/foot.

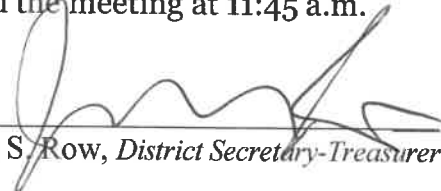
PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS: An updated Rules and Regulations Document was presented for discussion and approval.

M/S/U McCowan, Witzel to approve updated version of the Porterville Irrigation District Rules and Regulations.

CALIFORNIA FARM WATER COALITION: Presented for review, discussion, and approval.

M/S/U Witzel, McCowan to approve membership in California Farm Water Coalition.

ADJOURNMENT – President Eric Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.



Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer*