



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors  
November 17, 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 Board Room 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, Witzel, McCowan, Gisler

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sean P. Geivet, *District Manager*  
Michael L. Knight, *Assistant General Manager*  
Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer, Assessor/Collector*  
Chris Eriksen, *District Maintenance Foreman*  
Nick Keller, *District Engineer*  
Aubrey Mauritson, *District Legal Counsel*

**List of signed-in attendees:**

Matt Kidder  
Blake Wallace  
Terry Schuler  
Adam Mendoza  
Bill Wallace  
Nick Gatti  
Jason Guthrie  
Armando Leal  
Lisa McEwen  
Ed Farquharson  
Brian Kidder  
Nathan Magsig  
David Payne  
Robert Alvarez  
Seth Bowser  
Mike George  
Numerous guests via Zoom

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – President Borba asked if there were any public comments.

No comments

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:01 a.m. Regular meeting ensued at 9:45 a.m.

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.]

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)] Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU317284.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)] 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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)] Terra Bella Irrigation District et al. v. Friant Water Authority et al., Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCU327112

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation [Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2)] Cases: one

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

There were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Borba asked if there were any public comments.**

Comments were made on recharge credits. Also, a question about the legal items with Terra Bella in them: confirmed that they were PID's legal cases. A flag salute ensued before the start of regular business.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of October 17, 2025, as presented.

### **AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS**

Current bills and historical bills were presented for approval. The Board was informed that the bank had reversed the fraudulent charges at no cost to the District.

M/S/U McCowen, 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 September 2025 Balance Sheet, showing the status of the banking accounts, and Income Statements for the same period. Also included in the packet were the California Asset Management Program (CAMP) account statement and the LAIF account statement for October 2025.

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

**Administration Report:** General Manager Geivet stated there was nothing to report.

**Operations/Water Report:** Nick Keller reported on water operations.

**Recharge:** Water delivery efforts continue, targeting about 3,000 acre-feet for recharge until the end of February.

- **Canal Shut Down:** The Friant Kern Canal will likely go down between mid-November 2026 through the end of January 2027, providing a short window for construction.

- **Office Facilities and Maintenance**

- **Emergency Repair (P1 Pressure):** A leak in an old concrete junction box near Schuler Ranch was repaired, and a shutoff valve was installed to allow isolation of the water line. Total cost: \$34,800.

- **Office Building Condition:** Inspection revealed significant structural issues, including a free-floating floor, termite damage, and rot. It was noted that fixing the existing building could cost about three times as much as building new.

**Status Report of Authorities: TRA & FWA:** TRA Sean Geivet stated that there was nothing new to report. **FWA:** Sean Geivet noted that there was nothing new to report.

**Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA):** District Manager reported that the GSA was working toward the future while still maintaining current operations. They will be involved until legal issues are settled. Working with PIDGSA on transition.

**Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (PIDGSA):** Report was deferred to the Special GSA meeting held after the PID meeting.

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

**Future Planning:** District Manager reported SA4 (Northwest) easements are being worked through. SA3 (Southeast), see agenda item listed below.

**2024 Audit:** The independent auditor, Joe Mastro, presented the findings for the financial statements. Auditor's opinion is that the Financial statements are fairly stated in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler, to approve and accept the audited financials as presented.

**Board of Equalization:** Resolution was approved as presented. Copy is attached.

M/S/U McCowan, Gisler to approve Board of Equalization Resolution.

**Southeast Service Area Lateral Project:**

The State Clearing House approved the document, which will trigger a **30-day public review** period once posted.

M/S/U Gisler, McCowan, to approve and authorize Sean to set the hearing date once the State Clearing House posts the document.

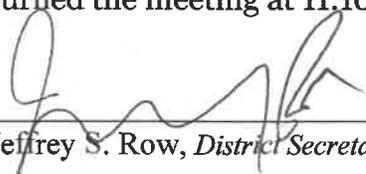
**Northwest Expansion, Pipeline Easement Agreement (SA4):**

Review, discuss, and approve Pipeline Easement Agreement.

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel motion was approved to authorize approval of all pipeline easements for the Northwest Service Area, including the Green Leaf Farms easement. The Luker agreement requires a commitment to build a decomposed granite road back in.

**Discussion and Direction on Current and Future PID Facility Needs:** It was **suggested** to obtain a quote/Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an architect to evaluate demolition and rebuilding options, providing a roadmap for future facility improvement costs. Concerns were voiced about office improvements before the three current water system projects were started/completed. A suggestion was made to perhaps purchase an additional modular building. The General Manager stated that we would conduct a fact-finding mission to assess potential future costs.

**ADJOURNMENT** – President Eric Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.



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Jeffrey S. Row, *District Secretary-Treasurer*