



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, Board of Directors  
January 13, 2026**

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:**

Blake Wallace  
Terry Schuler  
Robert Alvarez  
Seth Bowser  
Mike George  
Allan Lombardi  
Jason Guthrie  
Adam Mendoza  
Larry Suniga  
Matt Kidder  
Ed Farquharson  
Kathy Briano  
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.

Reviewed question by Drew Ketelsen-about opening with closed session.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:01 a.m. Regular meeting ensued at 10:00 a.m.

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

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### **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.

### **Flag Salute**

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

Terry Schuler asked about Probation Status and wells. Noted that those questions were a GSA meeting question. Allan Lombardi asked about Hubbs Minor contract. Discussion to be had later in the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of December 9, 2025 and Special Meeting of December 18, 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 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 November 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 December 2025.

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

**Administration Report:** GM Geivet reported that the District had received Special Recognition Awards from insurer ACWA JPIA for low claims rate commending the District on the hard work in reducing claims.

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

- **Deliveries:** 1,343 acre-feet were delivered in December before the shutdown on December 19th.
- **Current Allocation:** The Bureau made an allocation: 15% Class 2, water.
- **Recommendations:** Approve allocating .3 acre-feet per acre at a price of \$55 per acre for recharge or direct irrigation.
- **Usage Deadline:** The 5% Class 2 water must be used by the end of January or it will be lost.
- **Operational Note:** The system is "wetted up" and ready for delivery, with the district running about 30 CFS through the canals. This allocation is considered beneficial for securing Class 1 water for direct delivery in the upcoming summer.

M/S/U Gisler, McCowan, to approve allocation and sale of .3 AF per Acre @ \$55 per Acre Foot of water.

**Rainfall:** Rainfall is currently at approximately 140% of average, totaling between 5.7 and 6 inches.

- **Repairs:** Crews recently repaired several heavy washouts caused by storms.
- **Weather Station:** Plans are underway to install a weather station at the district office to provide public information via the website.

**Hubbs Minor: Contract (from public comment)**

**Expiration:** The 25-year contract with the Hubs company is set to expire in February 2026.

- **J Street Diversion:** Discussion was held regarding the repair of the J Street diversion point, which had an estimated cost of \$100,000.
  - Management will review the agreements for all three ditch companies to determine the next steps for renewal or modification.

**Status Report of Authorities: TRA & FWA:** TRA Sean Geivet stated that there was nothing new to report. FWA: Sean Geivet noted that FWA is currently searching for a new CFO.

**Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETGSA):** District Manager reported that the GSA is in the process of shutting down.

**Porterville Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (PIDGSA):** Staff is currently transitioning ETGSA accounts Basinsafe database and will begin billing once the transfer and evaluation are complete.

**Success Reservoir Enlargement Project (SREP) Update:** The enlargement project is progressing, though there are concerns regarding cost overruns and potential shortfalls for participants.

**Future Planning:** P1 Gravity Project: Engineering is ongoing; with a goal for completion by early next year.

**PID February Board Meeting:** Consider changing the February Board Meeting date to February 17, 2026 due to the conflict with the World Ag Expo.

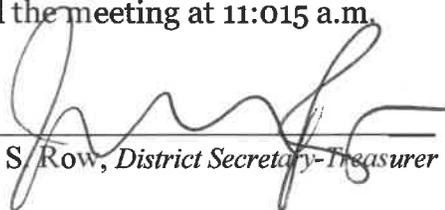
M/S/U McCowan, Gisler, to approve moving scheduled February Board Meeting to February 17, 2026 at 9 a.m.

**Northwest Pipeline Project:** Change order to existing Contract.

**Northwest Pipeline (SA4):** The board requested to approve a change order to upgrade the pipeline from 27 inches to 30 inches. The cost is approximately \$76,000, with half covered by grant money and the district covering the remaining \$38,000.

M/S/U Gisler, Witzel, McCowan abstained from the vote, to approve Change order to existing contract.

**ADJOURNMENT** – President Eric Borba adjourned the meeting at 11:015 a.m.

  
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Jeffrey S. Row, District Secretary-Treasurer