



**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OF THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

Turlock, California  
25 July 2017

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in regular session on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017. Present were: Directors Joe Alamo (President), Charles Fernandes (Vice-President), Michael Frantz (Secretary), Rob Santos and Ron Macedo, General Manager Casey Hashimoto and Executive Secretary to the Board Tami Wallenburg

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**MOTION APPROVING CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved by Director Fernandes, seconded by Director Macedo, that the consent calendar consisting of the following be approved:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2017.
- B. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 364804 to 365336 in the amount of \$18,088,544.59.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The President declared the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Customer Lisa Hughes expressed concerns over an alleged leak in Lateral 3 which she stated keeps her pasture wet and makes it difficult for her cattle to graze. She also stated that the Mosquito Abatement District informed her the leak needs to be repaired as soon as possible. The Board President stated he would direct staff to look into the matter and get back to her.

A customer commented on a confidential employee matter and General Manager Casey Hashimoto responded stating personnel matters are not open for public discussion.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

General Manager Casey Hashimoto reviewed the work history of Larry Gilbertson, AGM of Electrical Engineering and Operations. Mr. Gilbertson was hired at the District in 1988 as Electrical Engineering Division Manager with several promotions through the years and ultimately being awarded his current position of Assistant General Manager of Electrical Engineering and Operations in 2011. He has worked on numerous large projects for the District including the initial segment of the 115 kV line in 1996 to completion of the final loop in 2009. Mr. Gilbertson was also instrumental in the fiber optics communication project which was completed in 2003. He has

the distinction of passing several successful audits with no discrepancies or issues which shows his dedication to providing good, reliable service for our customers. He stated Mr. Gilbertson was an early riser like himself and they had many 7 a.m. discussions on district strategy. He said “Larry has always been a good friend and his experience at the District will be greatly missed.”

Mr. Gilbertson thanked Mr. Hashimoto for being such a good boss and friend, and for helping him transition into his managerial role. He also thanked the Board for their confidence in him through the years. He appreciates all the various staff he has worked with over the years and noted that although there were many different personalities, they shared the same concern for customers and fellow employees. He stated he felt very confident in his successor, Manjot Gill, ability to keep things running smoothly and will miss the many friendships he built over his career including recent retiree, Brian LaFollette, who was enjoying his retirement on a road trip and couldn't be present. Mr. Gilbertson expressed gratitude to his wife and family for their ongoing support and leaves the District with a lot of great memories.

The Board presented Mr. Gilbertson with a certificate of appreciation for 29 years and 2 months of dedicated and conscientious service to the District.

## **WEEKLY UPDATES**

Bill Bacca, reviewed operations for the week of July 14 through July 20. The daily system peak, including partial required sales, reached 612 megawatts on July 17. The load was met with TID Hydro, thermal generation, short and long-term firm, renewables and spot purchases. Total renewables of TID retail energy sales plus losses were at 31 percent. The Tuolumne Wind Project (TWP) generated 11,817 MWh's during this time period at the Willis Substation. Natural gas prices have been steady at \$3.28/mmBTU. Electric operations for this period show Walnut Energy Center was online, and Boardman had reduced output during light load hours; Almond ran seven days for operations and Don Pedro Unit 4 remains out of service until further notice.

Jason Carkeet, Utility Analyst, reported on current water conditions and precipitation forecasts. Accumulated precipitation measured at the three mountain stations in the Tuolumne River watershed from September 1, 2016 to present total 63.67 inches, or 177.5 percent of normal to date. Snow sensors are 12.8 percent of average to date. Computed natural flow is averaging 6,714 cfs. San Francisco reservoirs contain 553,115 acre-feet. Don Pedro contains 2,001,680 acre-feet. Average combined releases are at 6,525 cubic feet per second with 1,901 cfs going to TID, 1,038 cfs to Modesto Irrigation District, and the remaining 3,586 cfs going to the Tuolumne River. Don Pedro Water Bank is at 725,840 acre-feet of credit and Turlock Lake contains 30,052 acre-feet of water. Currently, 4,000 cfs is being released to the river, which will be reduced to 3,000 cfs by Thursday and adjusted as needed as staff continues to monitor inflow.

Mike Kavarian, Water Distribution Department Manager, reviewed irrigation activity for the period of July 17-23. Water orders taken during this period totaled 3,180. Activity for this period show flows ranged between 1,820 and 1,410 cfs. Daily releases from Turlock Lake averaged at 1,677 cfs, 51 cfs above projections due to increased temperatures. Several customers placed multiple orders for each parcel, causing a 20 percent increase in orders. Mr. Kavarian also noted that since water levels are running higher than normal, water distribution staff as well as canal security officers have been instructed to patrol the canals more frequently.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 49**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION  
FOR THE INCLUSION OF LAND INTO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
NO. 06630, KNOWN AS THE DAMAS, AND FOR THE  
LEVYING OF AN ASSESSMENT ON THE INCLUDED LAND**

WHEREAS, a petition for the inclusion of additional land into Improvement District No. 06630, has been properly filed with the Executive Secretary of the Turlock Irrigation District, and

WHEREAS, the required data on said inclusion has been prepared by the Water Resources Administration of the Turlock Irrigation District in accordance with California Water Code Sections 23626 and 23877 and said data has been properly filed with the Executive Secretary.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a public hearing on said petition shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2017, in the office of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District, 333 East Canal Drive, Turlock, Stanislaus County, California, and that proper and timely notice of said public hearing shall be given in accordance with California Water Code Section 23646 and California Constitution Articles XIII.C and XIII.D.

Moved by Director Fernandes, seconded by Director Frantz, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Directors Fernandes, Santos, Frantz, Macedo, Alamo
Noes:	Directors None
Absent:	Directors None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

**MOTION ACCEPTING TREASURER'S REPORT ON  
TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO  
AND SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT ACTIVITY**

Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Macedo, that the Investment Portfolio dated June 30, 2017 which was prepared by Public Financial Management, Inc. for the Turlock Irrigation District (District) and reviewed by the Board of Directors be hereby accepted, and that the Board of Directors hereby acknowledges the opinion of Treasurer Joseph E. Malaski, confirming the Investment Portfolio is in compliance with the District's Investment Policy and verifying the District has the ability to meet budgeted expenditures for the next six months.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The President declared the motion carried.

**MOTION CANCELING THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2017**

Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Fernandes, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District scheduled for August 1, 2017, be canceled.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The President declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 50**

**RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PAYMENT  
OF TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT WARRANTS  
FROM JULY 26 THROUGH AUGUST 1, 2017**

WHEREAS, because the Board of Directors will not hold its regular meeting on August 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 24600 states “No claim shall be paid by the treasurer until allowed by the board, and only upon a warrant signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary”; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the District that the District pay vendors in a timely manner.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District as follows:

1. For the period of July 12 through July 18, 2017 only, the Board of Directors delegates to the President and Vice President of the District’s Board of Directors and either of them, the authority to approve claims under Water Code Section 24600 for payment.
2. At the Board of Directors’ regular meeting on July 25, 2017, the Treasurer or the Accounting Department Manager shall report to the Board all claims paid during that period pursuant to this resolution.

Moved by Director Macedo, seconded by Director Frantz, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Directors Fernandes, Santos, Frantz, Macedo and Alamo
Noes:	Directors None
Absent:	Directors None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

## **WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Tou Her, AGM Water Resources, presented an update on recent activities of the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority (TID is a member agency). A special meeting is planned for August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. to discuss project size, cost and potential rate impacts.

Bill Penney, Associate Civil Engineer, who also served as project manager for the Palm Street Project, presented an update on the project. The District purchased the property from the City of Turlock in 2015 with the intent to consolidate the water distribution team and power operations center into the existing buildings. Each of the existing buildings were renamed in honor of individuals who played a critical role in the formation and history of the District. The refurbished Power Operations Center will include Power Control and the EMS Data Center. Much of the existing building's roof, interior walls, and floor were included in the demolition in order to accommodate the new floor plan and equipment (for security purposes, the proposed floor plan was not presented). A large area of the building will house the operator consoles and large video wall display, also providing a workstation for the transmission and distribution grid operators. The Water Distribution building will consolidate all of the Water Distribution Operators and will only need minor interior structural work as the existing floor plan met the future needs of the building. There will be a large room with offices and equipment for all the operators and managers as well as a separate pre-existing fitness room and lockers that will be available for all District employees. Beyond the renovation of the two building, other improvements include installation of a pre-fabricated communications building near the existing communications tower, an enclosure for an electric generator, new pedestrian ramps and handicap accessible parking stalls, seal and re-stripe the parking lots and landscape swales to collect and infiltrate storm drain run-off. Mr. Penney also noted that the project is currently on schedule and within budget.

## **GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

General Manager Casey Hashimoto had no new items to report.

## **BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

There was none.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Director Macedo, seconded by Director Frantz, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned:

### **1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)

Anticipated Litigation – one potential case

- Michael Clipper, Risk & Investment Analyst
- David Hobbs, Assistant General Counsel

All voted in favor with none opposed. The President declared the motion carried.

## **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

The President announced the following action was taken in closed session:

Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Fernandes, that the claim of Joseph Meirinho be approved in the requested amount of \$18,243.16. All voted in favor with none opposed.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by Director Santos, seconded by Director Macedo, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The President declared the motion carried.

*Tami Wallenburg*  
**Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors**