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

Turlock, California
9 February 2021

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 9th day of February 2021. Present (via Zoom) were: Directors Rob Santos (President), Michael Frantz (Vice-President), Ron Macedo (Secretary), Charles Fernandes and Joe Alamo, General Manager Michelle Reimers and Executive Secretary to the Board Tami Wallenburg.

Board President Rob Santos read the following statement:
“This meeting is being conducted via webinar, pursuant to Executive Orders signed by Governor Newsom related to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, including provisions regarding the Brown Act. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide public input via the webinar or phone features.”

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOTION APPROVING CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2021.
2. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 399864 to 400216, inclusive, in the amount of $11,445,329.64.
5. Approval of the following Resolutions Approving Agreements to Abandon Use of ID Facilities:
   - Resolution 2021-4 Abandonment of 38.96-acres from IDs 01980 and 03730 by G3 Enterprises (ID Rule Section 5.2.2.2)
   - Resolution 2021-5 Abandonment of 0.40-acre from ID 06940 by Stellios Papadopoulos (ID Rule Section 5.2.1)

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

Customer Milt Treiwieler commented on a local college program on the earth’s climate system and how to prepare for the future. He noted he would send the link to the District’s General Manager Michelle Reimers for informational purposes.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY REPORTS

Line Department Manager Denver Hodges presented Line/Engineering Report for the month of January. There was a total of 68 unplanned outages impacting 9,802 customers. Average outage time was five hours for the month. Major outage contributors for the month show equipment failures at 22 percent, third party (car/pole incidents) at 25 percent, weather at 40 percent and other causes at 12 percent. Unplanned outages in January show a lengthy outage in Ballico, five in Ceres, 22 in Turlock, eight in Modesto, six in Patterson, one in Grayson and two in La Grange with an average response time of one hour. Electrical Engineering Design received 96 customer job requests with 54 being sent to the Line Department for completion. Construction lead time for the month was 1.5 weeks for customer jobs. The crew structure for January showed three 5-person crews and three 4-person crews. Three crews focused on capital work while the remaining crews worked on customer jobs and maintenance projects through the month. Director Alamo commended staff for the information included in today’s report and also asked if the average time it takes on a relay or car/pole event can be added to the outage slides with AGM Electrical Engineering/Operations Manjot Gill responding they would include that going forward. The Board President asked for comments from the public and there were none.

Utility Analyst/Hydrology Olivia Cramer reported on current water conditions. Accumulated precipitation measured at the three mountain stations in the Tuolumne River watershed from September 1, 2020 to present total 12.24 inches, or 59.6 percent of normal to date (Note: The precipitation water year begins on September 1 each year). Forecasted precipitation for the next 16-days is showing the US Model predicting up to 1.7 inches in higher elevations and less than an inch locally. Snowpack is at 72 percent of average, following close to last year’s figures. Forecasted temperatures show the highs ranging from 54 to 63 degrees, and lows averaging lower than normal between 38 to 47 degrees. San Francisco reservoirs contain 400,445 acre-feet and the Water Bank is at 541,042 acre-feet of credit. CCSF releases for the past 7-days averaged at 316 cfs with 238 cfs in diversions. Don Pedro contains 1,377,390, acre-feet and is currently at 771.9 elevation. Average combined releases were 191 cubic feet per second with 01 cfs to TID canals, 13 cfs to Modesto Irrigation District and the remaining 177 cfs going to the Tuolumne River. Computed natural flow for the current water-year is averaging 586 cfs, and computed natural flow to date is 45,143 af or 10 percent of average. Turlock Lake contains 7,955 acre-feet of water. The updated weekly watershed report shows Don Pedro elevation increased less than a foot due to most being from snowpack and not watershed when compared to the previous week. The Board President asked for comments from the public, and there were none.

Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian presented an update on the upcoming irrigation season. Staff received no calls from growers due to the recent storm activity. Staff assisted the City of Turlock with storm water runoff noting the system handled the excess water very well. Canal maintenance projects have been moving forward with work done on several laterals including Laterals 1, 2.5, and 6 as well as a recoating of the Main Canal over the next few
weeks. The Board President asked for comments from the public, with customer Milt Treiwieler questioning where the storm water goes once it enters the system to which Mr. Kavarian stated the majority is released into the San Joaquin or Merced Rivers.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SURVEY AND PREPARATION OF CHARGES FOR PROPOSED ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED INCLUSIONS INTO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 09960, BAETSAHEN-RUDE PUMP

WHEREAS, a petition for the inclusion of additional land into Improvement District No. 09960, having been received by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District, which petition was properly filed and signed by the owner of the additional land in accordance with California Water Code Section 23875-23876.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED ORDERED that the Turlock Irrigation District's Water Resources Administration make a survey of the proposed inclusion. If, upon completion of such survey, the Water Resources Administration finds that the proposed inclusion is feasible, the Water Resources Administration is further ordered to prepare a statement of the proposed charge for such inclusion according to the benefits that will accrue to each parcel of land proposed to be included into the improvement districts.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any survey and statement of proposed charge prepared pursuant to this resolution be filed with the Executive Secretary of the Turlock Irrigation District and said documents shall be subject to the inspection of all interested parties.

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, Frantz, Alamo, Macedo, Santos
Noes: Directors - None
Absent: Directors - None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DISTRICT’S REVISED AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Water Planning Department Manager Debbie Montalbano presented information on the need for a public hearing on March 23, 2021 to receive comments from the public on proposed revisions to the District’s AWMP. The Board President asked for comments from the public on the proposed action with Customer Milt Treiwieler asking why the groundwater elevation charts only appear for certain years and expressing the importance of using the latest data on dry years. Ms. Montalbano responded noting the information provided is taken from semiannual monitoring statewide with the latest available data being the spring of 2018. She stated she would provide a
RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 7

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO OBTAIN PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT’S AGRICULTURAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District adopted the existing Agricultural Water Management Plan in pursuant to the Water Code Section 10800, et. seq., Section 10900, and Section 10608.48 of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared an update to the Plan as required; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Board hold a noticed public hearing on adopting a revised Agricultural Water Management Plan to amend and supersede the existing Plan pursuant to Water Code Section 10841.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District that a public hearing shall be held to allow public comment on the amended Agricultural Water Management Plan which will supersede the existing Agricultural Water Management Plan at 9:00 a.m. on the 23rd of March, 2021 via webinar pursuant to Executive Orders signed by Governor Gavin Newsom (including provisions regarding the Brown Act), and that proper and timely notice of said public hearing shall be given in accordance with Section 6066 of the Government Code and Section 10821 of the Water Code. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide public input via the webinar and phone features. Instruction to access the meeting and the hearing will be included in the meeting Agenda posted on TID’s website (www.tid.org) prior to the meeting, and on the meeting Agenda posted outside the Turlock Irrigation District main office (at 333 East Canal Drive, in Turlock, CA).

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

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

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

The President declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PILOT PROJECT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT PROJECT TO IMPROVE HABITAT ON THE LOWER TUOLUMNE RIVER

WHEREAS, the attached Pilot Project Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between Turlock Irrigation District, Modesto Irrigation District (collectively “Districts”), the City and County of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (“SFPUC”), and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (“Service”) (collectively “Parties”) outlines the intention of the Parties for cooperation and funding, general implementation guidelines, and other matters related to habitat improvement work on the Tuolumne River prior to issuance of a new license for the Don Pedro Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) No. 2299 and an original license for the La Grange Project, FERC No. 14581 (collectively “the Projects”); and

WHEREAS, the Parties have worked together during the FERC relicensing process to develop mutually acceptable license conditions and habitat improvement projects that will support positive outcomes for Tuolumne River fisheries and natural resources while meeting the instream flow, water supply and flood control requirements of the Districts and SFPUC; and

WHEREAS, the Service submitted modified license conditions and habitat-improvement projects to FERC in a letter dated October 1, 2018 that had been agreed to amongst the Parties; and

WHEREAS, the Districts presented detailed descriptions of specific Tuolumne River habitat improvement projects to FERC in a letter dated August 15, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to move forward with cooperative selection and implementation of one or more habitat improvement projects in advance of FERC’s issuance of licenses for the Projects; and

WHEREAS, TID and its partners on the Tuolumne River have long been proponents of projects that provide immediate benefit to the Tuolumne River, and this MOU memorializes TID’s commitment such early implementation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District does hereby authorize the General Manager to execute a Pilot Project Memorandum of Understanding between U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Turlock Irrigation District, Modesto Irrigation District, and the City and County of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for Implementation of a Pilot Project to Improve Habitat on the Lower Tuolumne River.

Moved by Director Macedo, seconded by Director Fernandes, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Upon roll call the following vote was had:

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

The President declared the resolution adopted.

MOTION CANCELING THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Moved by Director Macedo, seconded by Director Frantz, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District scheduled for February 16, 2021, be canceled.

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

GENERAL MANAGER’S UPDATE

General Manager Michelle Reimers reported staff is planning an irrigation workshop during the next board meeting on February 23rd. She also reported she was a panelist for a recent scoping meeting put on by the California Water Commission stating it was a good opportunity for the District to explain our system and other issues impacting irrigation districts. Lastly, she wished to thank the many crews on both the power and water side for the great job they did during the recent storm and providing customers with great service.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Director Frantz reported his attendance at a Water Law Symposium on FERC. He stated the canals were not included on the initial study though there was discussion on fish passage and the future of the Tuolumne River, as well as other studies which have been completed. The meeting was well attended and he stated it was important for the District’s positions to be included in the discussion.

Director Alamo reported his attendance at the recent West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting. He noted he would remain as Chair for the GSA with the Hilmar representative remaining as Vice-Chair. A presentation by Todd Groundwater was also presented during the GSA meeting which he stated was very informative.

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 to closed session:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
   California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)
   Anticipated Litigation – one potential case
   - Amy Petersen, Rates and Risks Department Manager
All voted in favor with none opposed. The President declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The President announced no action was taken in closed session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, Director Macedo motioned, seconded by Director Fernandes, 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