MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OF THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
Turlock, California
12 March 2019

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 12th day of March 2019. Present were: Directors Charles Fernandes (President), Rob Santos (Vice-President), Michael Frantz (Secretary) and Ron Macedo, General Manager Casey Hashimoto and Executive Secretary to the Board Tami Wallenburg. Absent was: Director Joe Alamo.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOTION APPROVING CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2019.
B. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 381784 to 381960, inclusive, in the amount of $8,632,071.43.

All voted in favor with none opposed (Director Alamo was absent). The President declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Director Santos commented on correspondence he received from customer Bill Daly thanking the board and staff for holding the evening board meeting on February 26th.

WEEKLY UPDATE

Energy Trader Wes Kellison reviewed operations for the week of March 1-7. The daily system peak, including partial required sales, reached 301.5 megawatts on March 7. 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 14 percent. The Tuolumne Wind Project (TWP) generated 1,371 MWh’s during this time period at the Willis Substation, averaging at 6 percent of capacity. Natural gas prices at Pacific Gas & Electric Company’s Citygate averaged out at $5.18/mmBTU. Electric operations for this period show Walnut Energy Center was online for the entire week; Almond ran four days for economics; Don Pedro Unit 1 will be out of service through May 24, Units 2 and 3 ran to meet river requirements and Unit 4 remains out of service until further notice. Director Fernandes questioned why the March return-to-service date was extended until May for Unit 1 and Mr. Kellison stated he did not know why the time was extended.
Utility Analyst-Hydrology Olivia Cramer reported on current water conditions and forecast. Accumulated precipitation measured at the three mountain stations in the Tuolumne River watershed from September 1, 2018 to present total 35.43 inches, or 132.7 percent of normal to date. San Francisco reservoirs contain 526,344 acre-feet and the Water Bank is at 587,730 acre-feet of credit, higher due to Don Pedro reservoir currently encroached but will drop back down to 570,000 af. Don Pedro contains 1,725,459 acre-feet, with average combined releases at 5,979 cubic feet per second with most going to the river. Computed natural flow is averaging 9,277 cfs, and Turlock Lake contains 24,529 acre-feet of water. The updated weekly watershed report shows Don Pedro increased by 5 feet when compared to the previous week.

Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian reviewed proposed plans to begin the 2019 irrigation season. Staff proposes March 28th as the first day for irrigation with orders starting on March 27. Staff has received no calls from customers desiring water with the ground still being relatively wet from the frequent rainfall. Director Frantz recommended an earlier start date so customers could take advantage of the surplus water year and avoid possible pumping. Mr. Kavarian responded stating it is a good way to clean the system out after winter maintenance is completed the following week but reminded the Board it was not their desire to allow early irrigation the previous year. Director Frantz asked if there were additional costs to the District for early irrigation needs and Mr. Kavarian stated there were none. Director Macedo stated he was in favor of providing water to farmers early as needed but reminded water distribution staff to be prepared for questions in today’s political climate. After further discussion the board concurred they were in favor of slowly filling specific areas of the canal system for early irrigation needs. Mr. Kavarian stated staff would put the information on the District’s website as well as getting the word out to growers as soon as possible. He also noted that multiple correspondence was sent to growers over the winter regarding the new billing system related to the passage of SBX7-7. Some growers will see large increases based on the new billing though some will only see slight increases. Mr. Kavarian then reviewed plans for the amount of water available to growers this season, gardenhead deliveries, pump rentals, and the availability of water for customers outside the District’s irrigation boundaries but within the Turlock Subbasin. Staff will return the following week to present the irrigation season resolution for board consideration. He also reviewed an incident which occurred on the Highline Canal near Merced Avenue on March 7 when the system was overwhelmed by the Wednesday night storm and caused a break in the canal. Crews responded immediately and the break was repaired without further damage.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 6

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SURVEY AND PREPARATION OF CHARGES FOR PROPOSED ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED INCLUSION INTO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 00520, KNOWN AS DELHI STATE LAND SETTLEMENT

WHEREAS, a petition for the inclusion of additional land into Improvement District No. 00520, having been received by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District, which petition was properly filed and signed by all the owners of the additional land in accordance with California Water Code Section 23875-23876.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY 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 Santos, Frantz, Macedo, Fernandes
Noes: Directors - None
Absent: Director Alamo

The President declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 7

RESOLUTION APPROVING ABANDONMENTS FROM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, the holders of title to land named in attached Exhibits A, B, and C desire to abandon their rights in improvement districts within the Turlock Irrigation District and have signed Agreements to Abandon Use of Improvement District Facility, which agreements are incorporated into this resolution by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District, acting as trustees for the improvement districts named in attached Exhibits A, B, and C do hereby approve the Agreements to Abandon Use of Improvement District Facility signed by the holders of title to land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Secretary or Deputy Secretary of the Board of Directors is authorized and directed to sign the agreements on behalf of the District and to record said agreements with the appropriate County Recorder.

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

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes: Directors Santos, Frantz, Macedo, Fernandes
Noes: Directors - None
Absent: Director Alamo
The President declared the resolution adopted.

GENERAL MANAGERS UPDATE

General Manager Casey Hashimoto had no new items to report. He followed up on an earlier question from Director Fernandes regarding Don Pedro Unit 1 and the extended delay in putting it back in service. According to AGM Power Supply Brad Koehn, staff is currently looking into different options to get the unit back into service sooner than originally estimated.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Director Santos asked General Manager Casey Hashimoto to direct AGM Water Resources Tou Her to provide a groundwater report to the Board. Mr. Hashimoto questioned what type of data he wanted included in the report and Director Santos responded stating he wanted it to include the District as a whole and for Mr. Her to be “creative”.

Director Fernandes reported on his attendance at the Don Pedro Board of Control Meeting on March 8. There were only two houseboat owners in attendance and staff provided an update on the rebuilding of the Visitor’s Center.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Macedo, 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: two potential cases
   - Michael Clipper, Risk & Investment Analyst
   - Sara Lima, Assistant General Counsel

All voted in favor with none opposed (Director Alamo was absent). The President declared the motion carried.

REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The President announced the following actions were taken in closed session:

Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Macedo, that the additional claim of Stephanie Fox be approved in the amount of $2,880. All voted in favor with none opposed (Director Alamo was absent).

Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Macedo, that the claim of Graciela Perez be approved in the requested amount of $7,440.29. All voted in favor with none opposed (Director Alamo was absent).
MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

All voted in favor with none opposed (Director Alamo was absent). The President declared the motion carried.

Tami Wallenburg
Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors