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

Turlock, California
14 May 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 14th day of May 2019. Present were: Directors Charles Fernandes (President), Rob Santos (Vice-President – attending via teleconference), 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 Frantz, that the consent calendar consisting of the following be approved:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting of May 7, 2019.
B. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 383491 to 383683, inclusive, in the amount of $3,888,967.37.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was none.

WEEKLY UPDATE

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 40.03 inches, or 115.6 percent of normal to date. The statewide average snow course readings when compared to April 1 of last year is at 155 percent. The 8-day precipitation forecast is showing 6.6 inches on the Euro Model and 9.2 inches for the US Model. San Francisco reservoirs contain 483,048 acre-feet and the Water Bank is at 630,229 acre-feet of credit. The 7-day average for CCSF releases is 8,439 cfs with diversions averaging 377 cfs. Don Pedro contains 1,810,457 acre-feet with average combined releases at 6,733 cubic feet per second. Ms. Cramer noted that since yesterday it has increased another 500 cfs, with an additional 500 cfs today. Dependent on rainfall, increases will probably happen twice a day once the storm is here, with the possibility of going to 9,000 cfs. Computed natural flow is averaging 9,390 cfs, and Turlock Lake contains 29,193 acre-feet of water. The updated weekly
watershed report shows Don Pedro has gone up approximately 5-feet since this time last week, but is 7.2 feet lower in elevation when compared to this time last year. Ms. Cramer added that staff has been in steady contact with the Department of Water Resources and the Army Corp of Engineers regarding releases. The agencies appreciated TID being proactive by increasing flows incrementally.

Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian reviewed irrigation activity for the period of May 6-12. Water orders taken during this period totaled 1,874 with an additional 443 orders received the previous day. Flows ranged between 1,215 to 925 cfs. Daily releases from Turlock Lake averaged 1,091 cfs, or 115 cfs above projections. Mr. Kavarian noted that of the 1,874 orders received, 60.9 percent utilized flood irrigation, 29.5 percent micro-drip irrigation and 9.5 percent solid set. He stated 215 cfs was brought into the system the previous Tuesday, then cut back for the weekend. Staff continues to find better ways to manage irrigation by adapting to changes in the way customers irrigate. They will monitor Sand Creek and Mustang closely through the upcoming storm fronts as well as managing Upper Lateral 4 so the City of Turlock has capacity on their pumps above Golden State Blvd. Director Macedo asked about construction work going on near Monte Vista and Lester Road in Denair and Mr. Kavarian responded stating a new subdivision is going in on the large corner parcel. He also stated two water lines and a pump line are being installed in that area.

DISCUSSION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM

Director of Human Resources Jorian Reed reviewed steps leading up to today’s proposed action to approve an agreement with an executive search recruiting firm. After the Request for Proposal (RFP) was released, four proposals were received from various search firms and reviewed by the GM Search Committee. Director Macedo stated the committee chose CPS HR Consulting as they had all the qualifications and the committee felt confident in their handling of the new general manager recruitment. Hearing no further comments, the board took the following action:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 25
RESOLUTION ADOPTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT, EXECUTIVE SEARCH SERVICES

WHEREAS, the GM Search Committee recommends signing the Professional Services Agreement with CPS HR Consulting for Executive Search Services to assist the Turlock Irrigation District Board of Directors in selecting a new General Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District that the Professional Services Agreement, Executive Search Services, with CPS HR Consulting for assisting the Turlock Irrigation District to select a new General Manager is hereby approved, and the General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

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

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Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes: Directors Frantz, Macedo, Fernandes, Santos (attending via teleconference)
Noes: Directors - None
Absent: Director Alamo

The President declared the resolution adopted.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager Casey Hashimoto had no new items to report.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Director Frantz reported on his attendance as District representative to the SJTA Commission meeting the previous day. He stated the commissioners approved the filing of a lawsuit against the State Water Resources Control Board’s regarding the Wetlands policy. He noted the motion to file passed with a 4-1 vote with the City and County of San Francisco dissenting.

Director Macedo reported on his attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference the previous week. He stated it was well attended by many agencies.

Director Fernandes also reported on his attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference the previous week. He stated the conference has improved greatly since he had last attended, with a lot of good information and new ideas provided.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Macedo, 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