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

Turlock, California
30 June 2020

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in regular session (via Zoom Webinar) on the 30th day of June 2020. Present 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 digitally recorded, and the Board Secretary is taking minutes as well. Materials presented will be made available online at www.tid.org. We encourage public participation during the Board meeting. Much like an in-person TID Board meeting, we’ll receive public comment during the ‘Public Comment Period’ portion of the agenda early on, as well as receive comment on specific agenda items. If you submitted comments by 3 pm yesterday, your comments will be read into the record during our public participation portion of the meeting. If you want to comment, please click the ‘raise hand feature’ on Zoom to do so. If you’re participating via phone, please press (Star) 9 to raise your hand over the phone.”

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 June 16, 2020.
B. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 394206 to 394549, inclusive, in the amount of $5,689,522.75.

All voted in favor with none opposed (Directors voted via teleconference). The President declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was none.
WEEKLY REPORTS

Chief Hydrologist Wes Monier reported on current water conditions. Accumulated precipitation measured at the three mountain stations in the Tuolumne River watershed from September 1, 2019 to present total 23.29 inches, or 64 percent of normal to date. Forecasted temperatures show an average of low to mid-90s for a high, and minimum temperatures at 50-55 degrees for the next couple of weeks. San Francisco reservoirs contain 651,147 acre-feet and the Water Bank is at 450,622 acre-feet of credit. CCSF releases for the past 7-days averaged at 710 cfs with 385 cfs in diversions. Don Pedro contains 1,695,925 acre-feet and is currently at 802.4 elevation. Average combined releases were 2,495 cubic feet per second with 1,546 cfs to TID canals, 825 cfs to Modesto Irrigation District and the remaining 124 cfs going to the Tuolumne River. Computed natural flow for the current water-year is averaging 1,494 cfs, and computed natural flow to date is 928,826 af or 53.8 percent of average. Turlock Lake contains 17,223 acre-feet of water. The updated weekly watershed report shows Don Pedro elevation decreased over two-feet when compared to the previous week.

Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian reported on activity from June 22-28. Water orders received during this time period totaled 2,601, with another 572 orders the previous day. Flows ranged between 1,625 to 1,220 cfs. Daily releases from Turlock Lake averaged 1,427 cfs, or 335 cfs above projections.

MOTION CANCELING THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 7, 2020

Moved by Director Frantz, seconded by Director Macedo, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District scheduled for July 7, 2020, be canceled.

All voted in favor with none opposed (Board members voted via teleconference). The President declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 24

RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT WARRANTS FROM JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 7, 2020

WHEREAS, because the Board of Directors will not hold its regular meeting on July 7, 2020; 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 1 through July 7, 2020 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 for payment.

2. At the Board of Directors’ regular meeting on July 14, 2020, the Treasurer or the Accounting and Finance Department Manager shall report to the Board all claims paid during that period pursuant to this resolution.

Moved by Director Alamo, seconded by Director Macedo, 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.

**ENERGY IMBALANCE MARKET UPDATE**

Trading & Scheduling Division Manager Bill Bacca presented an update on the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) Project. The current EIM allows for energy transactions on a 5-minute basis (versus hourly) though there is a day-ahead and hourly component. Energy transactions are automated dispatches of District generators (up or down). Mr. Bacca noted the District is in control of the dispatches. EIM participation includes the District as well as 7 other entities planning to go live on 2021. Milestones for 2020 include significant work completed with the CAISO on Track 2 (Agreements), and major work completed on Track 3 (Network Model and Data Templates). All three major areas of concentration (Marketing, operations and integration) with the EIM Software vendor have also been completed. The Project budget tracker shows the project will finish the year on track. Board members asked several questions including the hour-ahead trade process, net-generator prices, ISO costs and sustainability to which staff responded.

**LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN WORKSHOP**

Manager of Security and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Calvin Curtin presented a workshop on the District’s Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The LHMP assists in identifying natural hazards, strategies/tactics for mitigation, and used as a long range planning tool to minimize impacts to District customers when something happens. Special Districts are considered to be “local government” so expedited recovery funds and mitigation grant funds are available but only if the agency has an approved LHMP in place. There are several requirements within the LHMP including 1) conducting a District-wide threat analysis and mitigation strategy, 2) research and data to justify conclusions of proposed action plans, 3) documented community/stakeholder outreach, and 4) to address climate change as part of the plan. The LHMP must also be approved by California Office of Emergency Services, FEMA, and the District’s Board of Directors, and requires an update every five years (yearly monitoring and reporting of Action Plan progress). Risk Assessments include identifying
the hazard, vulnerability and probability of future events. Mr. Curtin also reviewed mitigation strategy such as determining goals, objectives, an action plan and cost/benefit analysis. Mr. Hicks then reviewed updates and maintenance plans including continued public involvement. The draft plan was distributed to several entities with comments received back. Currently, the draft LHMP is posted on the District’s website at www.tid.org.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager Michelle Reimers commended Director of Water Resources and Regulatory Affairs Steve Boyd, who will be retiring from the District after 34 years of employment on July 1. She stated that Mr. Boyd was significant to her career at the District and she considers him a “great friend” while noting it is bittersweet to watch him retire. She said Mr. Boyd was known for his great wit, ability to advocate while being instrumental on many projects and the point person for the Don Pedro Relicensing. Director Santos stated he grew up with Mr. Boyd noting “he always beat me in math tests.” He also stated Mr. Boyd has immense talent and knowledge and will be greatly missed. Director Frantz thanked Mr. Boyd for easing his nerves the day he was appointed as a board member in 2009 and wished him well in his retirement. Directors Alamo and Fernandes also commended Mr. Boyd stating it has been a pleasure to work with him and thanking him for his dedication to the Don Pedro relicensing. Mr. Boyd thanked Ms. Reimers and the Board for their kind words and looks forward to a time in the future when he can shake each of their hands at a regular in-person meeting. He stated “it has been a great journey and I’ve always loved the work I did for the District, this organization means more to me than you know.”

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Director Alamo reported on a California Farm Water Coalition meeting he attended in June. They discussed membership costs and various changes to current member participation during these difficult economic times. General Manager Michelle Reimers was asked if she felt the District is getting value from the membership to which she responded they are instrumental on the SED work, always the first agency to contact us to write Op-Eds and have been helpful on other water issues.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Director Alamo, seconded by Director Macedo, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned to closed session:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
   California Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
   Caudle vs. TID - Pegasus Claim Number – TID01-00042
   Vasconcellos vs. TID - Pegasus Claim Number – TID98-90020
   State of California, Division of Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board
   - Jorian Reed, Director of Human Resources
   - Joe Barlupo, Legal Counsel

   All voted in favor with none opposed. (Directors voted via teleconference). The President declared the motion carried.
REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The President announced there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, Director Alamo motioned, seconded by Director Santos, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors be adjourned.

All voted in favor with none opposed. (Directors voted via teleconference). The President declared the motion carried.

Tami Wallenburg
Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors