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

Turlock, California
20 August 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 20th day of August 2019. Present were: Directors Rob Santos (Vice-President), Michael Frantz (Secretary), Joe Alamo and Ron Macedo, General Manager Casey Hashimoto and Executive Secretary to the Board Tami Wallenburg. Absent was: Director Charles Fernandes.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOTION APPROVING CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Minutes of the regular meeting of August 6, 2019.
B. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 385949 to 386373, inclusive, in the amount of $20,184,810.67.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was none.

WEEKLY UPDATES

Line Division Manager Denver Hodges presented the report for the Electrical Engineering and Line Department for the month of July. The SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index) year-to-date figure is 24.4. (SAIDI totals the duration of each outage then divides it by the customer base, and is considered a commonly used formula in the industry). The July monthly average for customers without power was 4.2 minutes. Major outage contributors for the month show equipment failure at 55 percent, third-party (i.e. car/pole accidents) causing 22 percent, trees at 14 percent, and animals at 9 percent. Electrical Engineering Design received 68 job requests with 49 (customer and internal combined) sent to the Line Department for completion. Construction lead time in July for contracted crews was one week for customer jobs. The crew structure in July consisted of two 2-person crews and four 5-person crews. Capital work, customer jobs and maintenance remained balanced through the month of July.
Utility Analyst-Hydrology Jason Carkeet 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 45.65 inches, or 125.6 percent of normal to date. San Francisco reservoirs contain 627,647 acre-feet and the Water Bank is at 679,269 acre-feet of credit. Don Pedro contains 1,908,538 acre-feet, with average combined releases at 3,389 cubic feet per second with 1.675 to TID canals, 734 cfs to Modesto Irrigation District and the remaining 979 cfs going to the river. Computed natural flow is averaging 946 cfs, and Turlock Lake contains 28,951 acre-feet of water. The updated weekly watershed report shows Don Pedro decreased by almost three feet when compared to the previous week.

Director Frantz questioned if moving the below flood control date from October to November would have any significant impacts to water supply and Mr. Carkeet responded it would be minimal. He noted that Don Pedro staff targets the 801.9 elevation with inflow adjusted to maintain that level if possible. Mr. Carkeet continued stating that remaining below that level is desirable to have room in the reservoir to anticipate any October to November storms without much change to downstream river levels.

Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian reviewed irrigation activity for the period of August 12-18. Water orders for this period totaled 2,278. Flows ranged between 1,470 to 1,240 cfs. Total water requests by day of the week show Monday remaining the highest day for orders during this period. Average daily releases through Turlock Lake for this period were 1,382 cfs, which met projections. Director Santos conveyed a compliment he received from a customer regarding how much he appreciated Mr. Kavarian and “hope he stays at the District another 10 years.” Mr. Kavarian thanked him for conveying the compliment.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED ABANDONMENT**

Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian reviewed the proposed action for three parcels to abandon from two improvement districts. He stated there are numerous parcels in these specific improvement districts (IDs) and staff sent out eight letters to members but only received four responses to date. He also noted his department is working to clean up some of the smaller ID’s and have also sent letters to various ID members who may desire to abandon their use of improvement district facilities if the lines are no longer being utilized. Director Frantz expressed concern over the cost remaining members of smaller IDs would need to pay for any repairs to the line as these costs would be spread among less members. He suggested possibly creating a fund that would be a small $1 or $2 assessment to each ID member which could be used toward repairs on some of the smaller improvement districts as needed. The board discussed possible liability issues for the District and General Manager Casey Hashimoto suggested the matter be discussed with general counsel and other pertinent staff before making any decisions. Hearing no further comments, the Board of Directors took the following action:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 44**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING ABANDONMENTS FROM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the holders of title to land named in attached Exhibit A desire to abandon their rights in an improvement district 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 Exhibit A, 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 Macedo, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

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

The Vice-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 the SJTA Commission meeting he attended the previous week. He stated the budget was in good shape so no additional cash calls would be needed from member agencies this year. He also noted there are several matters involving the state water board that will ramp up after the beginning of the year.

Director Santos reported he and Director Frantz met for a Transparency Committee meeting the previous week. They reviewed the need to upgrade A/V equipment for board meetings and workshops with the possibility of live stream. They also discussed the draft CPRA Policy and the work being done to update the District’s Record Retention Policy. Staff hopes to have the CPRA and Record Retention policies completed by the end of the year.

Director Alamo reported on a Regional Water meeting he attended the previous day. The meeting was organized by the Modesto Mayor’s office and included representatives from the City of Modesto, City of Turlock, Modesto and Turlock Irrigation Districts. In regards to the regional water project, he noted the City of Modesto wishes to allocate a charge for debt service, and the City of Turlock questioned how that could be done and at what cost. The matter will be reviewed at a subsequent meeting once that information is available.
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 Fernandes was absent). The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Tami Wallenburg
Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors