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 23rd day of February 2021. Present (via Zoom) were: Directors Rob Santos (President), Michael Frantz (Vice-President), Ron Macedo (Secretary), and Joe Alamo, General Manager Michelle Reimers and Executive Secretary to the Board Tami Wallenburg. Absent was: Director Charles Fernandes.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2021.
2. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 400217 to 400586, inclusive, in the amount of $20,043,391.23.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no public comment.

POWER REPORT

Trading and Scheduling Department Manager Bill Bacca reviewed power operations for the month of January 2021. The Balancing Authority Area daily estimated system peaks averaged
344 megawatts for the month. The load was met with Thermal at 42.1 percent, ACS Specified at 39.9 percent, Spot purchases at 3.2 percent and Wind Exchange at 7.7 percent. The Tuolumne Wind Project (TWP) generated 18,569 MWh’s during the month of January at the Willis Substation, averaging at 18 percent of capacity. Natural gas prices at Pacific Gas & Electric Company’s Citygate averaged out at $3.53/mmBTU. Thermal generation and implied heat rates for January show Walnut Energy Center at 89,191 MWh and Almond 2 Power Plant at 8,929 MWh. Mr. Bacca also reviewed Powerdex pricing for the month using the hour-ahead market index and CAISO’s day-ahead and hour-ahead market selling prices. Electric operations for this period show Walnut Energy Center Unit 1 on line the entire month, with Unit 2 on line beginning January 25. Unit 2 was out of service from October 7 thru January 4 for extended maintenance; Almond ran for 16 days, a combination of operations and economics; Upper Main Canal remains out of service from December 11 to February 28; EIM Parallel operations began on January 27; and Rosamond Solar was reduced to 78 percent capacity. The Board President asked for comments from the public, and there were none.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 9

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR THE INCLUSION OF LAND INTO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 09960, KNOWN AS BAETSAHEN-RUDE PUMP, AND FOR THE LEVYING OF AN ASSESSMENT ON THE INCLUDED LAND

WHEREAS, a petition for the inclusion of additional land into Improvement District No. 09960, has been properly filed with the Executive Secretary of the Turlock Irrigation District, and

WHEREAS, the required data on said inclusion has been prepared by the Water Resources Administration of the Turlock Irrigation District in accordance with California Water Code Sections 23626 and 23877 and said data has been properly filed with the Executive Secretary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED ORDERED that a public hearing on said petition shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 23, 2021, in the office of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District, 333 East Canal Drive, Turlock, Stanislaus County, California, and that proper and timely notice of said public hearing shall be given in accordance with California Water Code Section 23646 and California Constitution Articles XIII.C and XIII.D.

Moved by Director Alamo, seconded by Director Frantz, 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 President declared the resolution adopted.
RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 10

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Turlock Irrigation District (“TID”) is a public entity duly organized and existing pursuant to the Irrigation District Law (California Water Code Section 20500, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the District has determined an Enterprise Risk Management policy is a prudent course of action to address significant risks to the Districts’ mission of providing reliable and affordable electric and water service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District that the Enterprise Risk Management Policy is hereby approved.

Moved by Director Alamo, seconded by Director Frantz, 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 President declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 11

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCIES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY & CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Turlock Irrigation District is required to designate representatives to submit documents to FEMA and California OES on the District’s behalf for reimbursement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District, to designate Jesse Kirschner, Finance Manager; Brian Stubbert, Chief Financial Officer (CFO); and Michael Clipper, Risk & Investment Analyst to execute for and on behalf of Turlock Irrigation District, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the Federal Department of Homeland Security and subgranted through the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services. This Signature Authority is universal and is effective for all open and future disasters up to three (3) years following the date of approval below.

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 President declared the resolution adopted.

2021 IRRIGATION SEASON WORKSHOP

AGM Water Resources Tou Her presented information on the current water year noting it is the 6th driest year to date and follows a previous dry year in 2020. Hydrological conditions have been volatile and change quickly. He stated the March snow survey will take place the following week which will assist staff in making final decisions on the upcoming irrigation season.

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 14.19 inches, or 60.8 percent of normal to date (Note: The precipitation water year begins on September 1 each year). Forecasted precipitation for the next 8-days show very little if any precipitation with a slight chance appearing in the 16-day forecast on both the US and European Model. Snowpack is at 45.3 percent of average, following close to last year’s figures. San Francisco reservoirs contain 400,445 acre-feet and the Water Bank is at 541,042 acre-feet of credit. Computed natural flow to date is 67,216 af or 14 percent of average. Ms. Cramer also reviewed the dry, average and wet year scenarios and projected carryover storage in Don Pedro for each. The historical data for previous water years show the 2013 water year is close to where water figures are today and customers were allowed a 34-inch allocation at that time. Ms. Cramer stated staff is currently making the assumption the District will move forward with a 34-inch available water allocation for the 2021 irrigation season due to no significant precipitation in the forecast.

Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian presented an overview of the proposed 2021 irrigation season outlook. Anticipated start date would be March 18 and would run for 223 days, ending on October 27. Available water would be 34-inches operating on a dry year schedule. Garden head rotations would every two weeks. A combination of Pumping Programs (Pumping for Credit and Rented Pumps with additional water) would allow no more than 48-inches available, and Water Transfers would allow the transfer of water from parcels owned or rented per Irrigation Rule 6.8.1.2. The Water Transfer deadline would be December 20. Turlock Lake would be operated in conservation mode with storage between 15,000 to 21,000 af. Spills will be minimized to five percent or lower and no replenishment water would be available for parcels outside District boundaries. All sidegates are required to be closed when not in use and all parcels are required to order on each parcel, lateral and sidegate. He also noted customer irrigation summary statements are being sent this week and Irrigator letters will be mailed after the season is set.

Mr. Kavarian continued with a review of ongoing Irrigation Capital Projects which include the Ceres Main Reservoir, Lateral Heading Automation and possible Pump Automation for rented private and improvement districts noting this is still being vetted to determine cost effectiveness and benefit. Staff continues to study a possible Drought Transfer Program and plan to have focus group
discussions with customers before making any long term decisions. Board members had several comments regarding the proposed 34-inch available water figure, a possible relaxation to the Irrigation Rule which would allow farmer-to-farmer transfers, SBX7-7 compliance, mobile-friendly online usage and planning, and the need for long-term drought planning and conservation efforts. General Manager Michelle Reimers stated the 34-inch available water number was determined based on Don Pedro storage and elevation data but was open to any recommendations the Board could provide. Ms. Reimers requested direction from the Board on how they would like to proceed and if a board meeting would be needed the following week to look at those numbers and also set the start of the irrigation season. Director Macedo recommended waiting until the March 9th board meeting to see if the forecast changes and also commended staff for the information provided so the board can make the best decision possible for customers. Board President Rob Santos asked for comments from the public with Customer Milt Treiwieler recommending the need for water flow meters on all canals which would provide real time information on each gate. There were no further comments from the public.

MOTION CANCELING THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2021

Moved by Director Macedo, seconded by Director Alamo, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District scheduled for March 2, 2021, be canceled.

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

GENERAL MANAGER’S UPDATE

General Manager Michelle Reimers reported Director Alamo and staff met with Assemblymen Adam Gray and Heath Flora to discuss current water issues. She also conveyed a recent meeting on February 18th with two board members and representatives of the Eastside Water District to discuss a future vision and working together collaboratively noting it was a very good discussion. Lastly, Ms. Reimers reported on a Water Manager’s meeting organized by Senator Costa’s office. The group reviewed a presentation by Wade Crowfoot, and discussed several topics including water operations and hydrology, with future plans to meet twice a year.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Director Macedo reported on the Don Pedro Board of Control Meeting he attended the previous week. He stated items of discussion included ongoing negotiations on the new Visitors Center and a slight increase to some of the rates. Overall, he said there have been a lot of improvements and the concessionaire is doing a good job.

Director Frantz reported he attended the Eastside Water District meeting with TID Board President Rob Santos and General Manager Michelle Reimers.

Director Santos reported he also attended the Eastside Water District meeting.
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 to closed session:

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
   California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)
   Anticipated Litigation – one potential case
   - Michael Cooke, Director of Water Resources and Regulatory Affairs
   - Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel

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

Directors Alamo and Santos left closed session prior to adjournment.

REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Vice-President announced no action was taken in closed session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Hearing no further business, Director Frantz motioned, 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, Director Alamo and Director Santos had left the meeting). The Vice-President declared the motion carried.

Tami Wallenburg
Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors