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

Turlock, California
27 February 2018

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 27th day of February 2018. Present were: Directors Charles Fernandes (President), Rob Santos (Vice-President), Michael Frantz (Secretary), Joe Alamo and Ron Macedo, General Manager Casey Hashimoto and Executive Secretary to the Board Tami Wallenburg.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOTION APPROVING CONSENT CALENDAR

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

A. Minutes of the special and regular meetings of February 20, 2018.
B. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 371457 to 371624, inclusive, in the amount of $8,288,670.02.

All voted in favor with none opposed. The President declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Customer Alan Marchant expressed his gratitude for staff during a recent new irrigation line project near his property. He had expressed his desire to keep the line off his property to Supervising Civil Engineering Technician Todd Troglin and after the matter was discussed with his district manager, the line was relocated. Mr. Marchant commended staff for taking the time to listen to his concerns and completing the project in one day.

Customer Candito Borges expressed dissatisfaction over a recent project which included the installation of a power pole on the edge of his property. He stated he was assured by staff that the pole would not encroach his property though it was installed there the next day. Upon questioning staff as to why the pole was placed there, he was allegedly told it was a district right-of-way and would remain at its current location. General Manager Casey Hashimoto responded noting he felt there may have been some miscommunication though he had personally reviewed the design and agreed it was the best location with the least financial impact to the ratepayers. Mr. Borges fervently argued that the district “only hires young kids now with no common sense” and also that the Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian was the “only employee who ever answered his phone at the District.” After further discussion it was determined that the
morning Mr. Borges attempted to call about the pole placement, an overnight update to the phone system had caused several phone trunks to not work properly but the issue was resolved within hours. Board President Charles Fernandes stated they would look into the pole matter and get back to the customer.

WEEKLY UPDATES

Utility Analyst-Hydrologist Jason Carkeet reported on current water conditions and precipitation forecast. Accumulated precipitation measured at the three mountain stations in the Tuolumne River watershed from September 1, 2017 to present total 12.3 inches, or 50 percent of normal to date. Computed natural flow is averaging 628 cfs. San Francisco reservoirs contain 345,945 acre-feet. Don Pedro contains 1,680,181 acre-feet. Average combined releases are at 879 cubic feet per second with 301 cfs going to TID, 248 cfs to Modesto Irrigation District, and the remaining 330 cfs going to the Tuolumne River. Don Pedro Water Bank is at 556,365 acre-feet of credit and Turlock Lake contains 22,018 acre-feet of water.

Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian presented a brief update regarding the start of the 2018 irrigation season. The call center will officially open on February 28 with irrigation orders fulfilled beginning March 1. Several orders had already been received though staff expects many of those to be cancelled due to the heavy storm anticipated over the next few days. Mr. Kavarian stated his department would work closely with the districts hydrology department to determine how much the anticipated precipitation will impact Turlock Lake storage and the canal system overall.

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 10

RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING SALE AT DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF WATER RESOURCES AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District (‘Districts’) are required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to perform studies as part of the La Grange licensing process; and

WHEREAS, a used sonar imaging unit was purchased to complete a portion of a required study; and

WHEREAS, the required study is now complete and the sonar imaging unit and related equipment is no longer needed by the Districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District that (one) ARIS 1800 Sonar Head Serial Number 1084, (one) Getting Started Manual, (one) command module, (one) 15 meter cable, (one) 60 meter cable, (one) AC adaptor, (one) Ethernet cable, (one) 28 degree spreader lens, (eight) lens attachment screws, (one) thumb drive with software, (twenty) silt plugs, (one) silt plug extruder, (one) star wrench, (one) connector lubricant, (four) mounting screws, (one) rectangular plastic case, and (one) 2015 Panasonic Toughbook CF-53 laptop computer are now declared surplus to the Districts needs and
authorization for the Director of Water Resources and Regulatory Affairs to sell said property as
deemed appropriate are hereby approved.

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

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes: Directors Santos, Frantz, Alamo, Macedo, Fernandes

Noes: Directors - None

Absent: Directors - None

The President declared the resolution adopted.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACTION TO PROCEED WITH THE
RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DPRA VISITOR’S CENTER/HEADQUARTERS

AGM Water Resources Tou Her presented an overview of the proposed project to rebuild
the Visitors Center/Headquarters at Don Pedro. The original building was destroyed by fire in
2016 and a steering committee was formed to determine what type of building would be
reconstructed and if it would be placed in the same location or in an area more visible to visitors.
Mr. Her noted that after much recent discussion, it was the consensus of member agencies (TID,
Modesto ID and the City and County of San Francisco) to reconstruct the building on its original
site utilizing the proceeds from the insurance policy. He also stated that the existing location would
be exempt from CEQA, has existing utilities and a parking area in place as well as having the best
view of the reservoir. Director Santos clarified that the steering committee initially agreed on
a higher cost at a more visible location in the campground and also that it would include an
educational aspect. Since that time, discussion among the member agencies revealed a conflict in
what percentage each agency would need to contribute above insurance pay-off, thus leading up
to today’s proposed action to rebuild in the same location. Further discussion continued regarding
a possible future education building either at Don Pedro or in a different district facility such as
the CC Wright Hall (former War Memorial building). Director Fernandes suggested incorporating
an educational aspect to the reconstructed building, utilizing interactive computer screens and
modern technology. After repeated questions from Director Santos on whether Director Frantz
supported the educational concept, Director Frantz stated he was in support of educating youth but
due to the short insurance timeline to get the project started, he felt today’s action item could not
address that. Director Macedo stated he appreciated Director Santos’ passion for the education
project and suggested working with the member agencies to raise money in the future for such a
project. Director Santos expressed sadness over CCSF backing out of the expanded project as a
large percentage of visitors to the reservoir are from the Bay Area. Director Alamo felt there are
many different ways to educate the public on the history of the dam and the irrigation district’s
that need to be discussed in the future but he wished to proceed with the vote on today’s proposed
action as recommended. Hearing no further comments, the Board took the following action:
RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 11

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRICT STAFF TO PROCEED WITH RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY HEADQUARTERS AND VISITOR’S CENTER AT THE SITE OF THE ORIGINAL BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Don Pedro Recreation Agency Headquarters and Visitor’s Center was destroyed by a fire on May 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the Turlock Irrigation District, Modesto Irrigation District, and City and County of San Francisco have been collaborating on reconstruction of the DPRA Headquarters and Visitor’s Center; and

WHEREAS, consensus of this group is to reconstruct the new facility, to be of like “kind and quality” construction of the original facility, at the site of the original facility; and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction of the DPRA Headquarters and Visitor’s Center is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, entitled “Replacement or Reconstruction” (“Class 2”); and

WHEREAS, the Turlock Irrigation District believes it prudent to move forward with reconstruction as quickly as possible; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District that:

1) The Board finds that the reconstruction of the DPRA Headquarters and Visitor’s Center is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15302, entitled “Replacement or Reconstruction” (“Class 2”); and

2) The Board approves reconstruction of the DPRA Headquarters and Visitor’s Center; and

3) District staff is authorized to proceed with reconstruction of the Don Pedro Recreation Agency Headquarters and Visitor’s Center at the site of the original building and to be of like “kind and quality” construction of the original facility; and

4) District staff is authorized to work directly, through the authority of the DPRA Board of Control, with the insurance agency, engineers, architects, and other agencies as necessary to reconstruct the new facility with funds available from the proceeds of insurance; and

5) The General Manager and his designee are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary to carry out this resolution, and to file a Notice of Exemption.
Upon roll call the following vote was had:

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

The President declared the resolution adopted.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION REPORT

CFO/AGM Financial Services Brian Stubbert presented an overview of current financial services activities. The annual audit performed by PriceWaterhouseCoopers will begin on March 5th with several auditors onsite. The final audit report will be presented to the board in April. Fieldwork for the annual Engineer’s Operating Report will be begin on March 8th and 9th. The Engineer’s Report is a bond requirement per Board Resolution 86-164. Director Frantz noted this was his favorite district report and he looked forward to reviewing the final product. Mr. Stubbert also noted that the official kick-off for the Customer Information System project is Wednesday, March 7 and Oracle representatives have been onsite assisting district staff with set-up. Other topics discussed included the WECA Commercial Paper expiration in September of this year and Senate Bill 2, Building Homes and Jobs Act changed the tax-lien recording fees which has caused an increase in calls from customers. The tax lien fee was increased by $75 on January 1st of this year. This is not an increase in revenue to the District, as the respective counties increased their fees $75 when the District files the lien. Director Frantz noted he had received a call from a constituent questioning the assessment bill noting he doesn’t receive irrigation water. He asked staff to make the billing statement easier for customers by noting it is not a water or energy bill but an invoice related to property tax assessments. Director Alamo questioned if it would be beneficial for the district to look into a new auditing firm due to the length of time the auditor had performed the audit and Mr. Stubbert noted that PriceWaterhouseCoopers has been the auditor for the District for a number of years and has done a good job and will rotate their staff to allow different auditors to conduct the annual audit bringing in a fresh set of eyes, but he would be happy to look into the matter.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager Casey Hashimoto reported on a meeting he has with Scott Furgerson, General Manager of Modesto Irrigation District, to discuss relicensing matters including the possibility of a national campaign. Director Santos stated a national campaign would be in the millions of dollars and questioned if there would be clear objectives. Director Alamo said he would be in agreement on coordinating a national campaign if the American Public Power Association (APPA) was on board representing all relicensing projects nationally.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

There was none.
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. The President declared the motion carried.

Tami Wallenburg
Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors