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

Turlock, California
9 July 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 9th day of July 2019. Present were: Directors Charles Fernandes (President), Rob Santos (Vice-President), Joe Alamo and Ron Macedo, General Manager Casey Hashimoto and Executive Secretary to the Board Tami Wallenburg. Absent: Director Frantz (arrived late).

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOTION APPROVING CONSEN T CALENDAR

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

A. Minutes of the regular meeting of July 2, 2019.
B. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 384977 to 385166, inclusive, in the amount of $1,173,762.00.

All voted in favor with none opposed (Director Frantz arrived late). The President declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was none.

WEEKLY UPDATES

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 45.62 inches, or 126.2 percent of normal to date. San Francisco reservoirs contain 658,915 acre-feet. The 7-day average for CCSF releases is 4,054 cfs. with diversions averaging 421 cfs. The Water Bank is at 714,989 acre-feet of credit. Don Pedro contains 1,979,977 acre-feet with average combined releases at 3,153 cfs, with 1,565 cfs to TID canals, 1,006 cfs to MID canals and 582 cfs to the Tuolumne River. Computed natural flow is averaging 6,129 cfs for this period, with computed natural flow to date at 147.1 percent of average. Turlock Lake contains 28,315 acre-feet of water. The weekly watershed status report showed an increase of over a foot elevation in the past week. Ms. Cramer noted there will be lower river flows in August due to downstream scheduled maintenance.
Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian reviewed irrigation activity for the period of July 1-7. Water orders for this period totaled 2,394 with almost 500 orders received the previous day. Flows ranged between 1,575 to 1,425 cfs. Water orders for this period show flood irrigation being utilized 65.6 percent of the time, micro-drip at 27.2 percent, and Solid Set (rain-bird type) at 6.9 percent. Mr. Kavarian noted that 2,500 cfs was brought into the system today to accommodate the forecasted higher temperatures towards the end of the week.

**MOTION CANCELING THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JULY 16, 2019**

Moved by Director Macedo, seconded by Director Santos, that the regular meetings of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District scheduled for July 16, 2019, be canceled.

All voted in favor with none opposed (Director Frantz arrived late). The President declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - 36**

**RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT WARRANTS FROM JULY 10 THROUGH JULY 16, 2019**

WHEREAS, because the Board of Directors will not hold its regular meeting on July 16, 2019; 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 10 through July 16, 2019 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 under Water Code Section 24600 for payment.

2. At the Board of Directors’ regular meeting on July 23, 2019, the Treasurer or the Accounting Department Manager shall report to the Board all claims paid during that period pursuant to this resolution.

Moved by Director Alamo, seconded by Director Santos, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.
Upon roll call the following vote was had:

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

The President declared the resolution adopted.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS
ADMINISTRATION REPORT

AGM Electrical Engineering and Operations Manjot Gill reviewed plans to adopt a Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) as required by the California legislature. SB 901 was signed into law by Governor Brown in 2018 and requires all utilities to develop a WMP by January 1, 2020. The law addresses aspects of cost recovery from customers for damages resulting from a utility’s equipment which causes a wildland fire. It also puts additional requirements on the CPUC relating to wildland fire mitigation measures and the sharing of fire prevention, safety and vegetation management data. The law makes comprehensive changes to forestry management and fuel reduction, and allocates $200 million per year for five years from the state’s Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to provide funding to Cal Fire for forest health, fire prevention, prescribed burns, and other fuel reduction activities. Mr. Gill then reviewed fire zone requirements for State Responsibility Areas (SRAs) and Tier 2 by comparing the differences between Cal Fire and CPUC regulators. In reviewing the TIDs fire zone it was determined there is a high fire risk on the west and east ends of the District and includes SRAs under the jurisdiction of Cal Fire, and Tier 2 High Fire Threat District that has requirements from the CPUC. The District applies the most conservative requirement to all facilities with the SRA and Tier 2 areas. TIDs Fire Zone is comprised of 192 sq. miles of SRA and 146 sq. miles with the CPUC Tier 2. In 2019, the District’s wildfire mitigation activities included 1,350 trees trimmed, 206 non-exempt fuses replaced, several lightning arrestors and non-exempt switches removed, and three non-exempt locations required vegetation removal around the base of structures. Other changes for 2019 include work rule and non-reclosing during red flag warnings and landowner communication regarding their responsibility to clear vegetation from services among others. SB 901 also requires utilities to develop protocols for de-energizing the electric system, otherwise known as the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). TID is prepared for a PSPS but only as a last resort under unprecedented conditions. The District currently has 16 customers that are served via a PG&E line at the far west end of Stanislaus County so a PSPS ordered by PG&E would impact those customers. Mr. Gill noted the draft Wildfire Mitigation Plan will be posted on the District’s website on August 1 and will address public comments and input in September. A board workshop is scheduled for October 8th during a regular board meeting with a request for approval at the November 5th Board Meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager Casey Hashimoto had no new items to report.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

There was none.
Director Frantz arrived for the meeting.

**MOTION ADJOINING TO CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Director Alamo, seconded by Director Santos, 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)  
   Fox vs. TID, Pegsus Claim Number TID01-00031  
   State of California, Division of Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board  
   - Jorian Reed, Director of Human Resources  
   - Joe Barlupo, Legal Counsel

2. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**  
   California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)  
   Anticipated litigation: two potential cases  
   - Michael Clipper, Risk & Investment Analyst  
   - Joe Fagundes, Legal Counsel

3. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**  
   California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)  
   Legal Counsel Review of four (4) Existing Cases:  
   Renteria vs. TID, et al, Case Number CV-18-003689, Stanislaus Co. Superior Court  
   Lopez vs. TID, DPRA, et al, Case Number 2026534, Stanislaus Co Superior Court  
   Nationwide vs. TID, Case Number CV-18-002767, Stanislaus Co. Superior Court  
   Dempsey vs. TID, Case Number CV-18-004171, Stanislaus Co. Superior Court  
   - Michael Clipper, Risk & Investment Analyst  
   - Joe Fagundes, Legal Counsel

4. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**  
   California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
   Case Name: TID Petition for Change Involving Long-Term Water Transfer, Point of Rediversion, and Purpose of Use Transfer under License 11058 (Application 14127) before the State Water Resources Control Board.  
   - Roger Masuda, General Counsel  
   - Sara Lima, Assistant General Counsel

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

**REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

The President announced no reportable action was taken in closed session.
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Director Alamo, 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