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

Turlock, California
3 November, 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 for staff and public) on 3rd day of November 2020. Present (in-person) 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 and 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 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.”

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
   - Tou Her, AGM Water Resources
   - Valerie Kincaid, Legal Counsel

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

RECONVENE - REPORT OF ANY ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

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 October 27, 2020.

B. Demands against the District represented by check numbers 397500 to 397680, inclusive, in the amount of $12,613,129.27.


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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was none.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY REPORTS

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 0.03 inches, or 1.1 percent of normal to date (Note: The precipitation water year begins on September 1 each year). Forecasted temperatures show they are approximately 10 degrees below average over the next 16-days ranging from 58 to 83 degrees for a high and averaging around 35-36 degrees for a low. San Francisco reservoirs contain 468,008 acre-feet and the Water Bank is at 526,604 acre-feet of credit. CCSF releases for the past 7-days averaged at 585 cfs with 314 cfs in diversions. Don Pedro contains 1,366,830 acre-feet and is currently at 770.8 elevation. Average combined releases were 729 cubic feet per second with 119 cfs to TID canals, 112 cfs to Modesto Irrigation District and the remaining 498 cfs going to the Tuolumne River. Computed natural flow for the current water-year is averaging 92 cfs, and computed natural flow to date is 5,270 af or 7.4 percent of average. Turlock Lake contains 5,910 acre-feet of water. The updated weekly watershed report shows Don Pedro elevation decreased approximately one-foot when compared to the previous week. Ms. Cramer wished to commend Aquatic Biologist Patrick Mahoney for how well fall pulse flows were executed. The Board President asked for comments from the public, and there were none.

Water Distribution Department Manager Mike Kavarian presented an irrigation summary for the 2020 season. Gravity releases from Turlock Lake totaled 435,798 af this season. Water orders received through the Water Call Center totaled 56,117. Pumping figures for the season were at 86 percent through gravity releases and 36 percent for pumped water. Water pumped from District drainage, rented pumps and Pumping for Credit totaled 68,692 af, noting a decrease in water spilled to rivers in 2020. Mr. Kavarian then reviewed total orders and hours for irrigation by service areas and irrigation type. He also commended Water Distribution staff for a successful irrigation season with minimal concerns expressed by farmers. Director Alamo recommended a future board workshop on working more with growers to reduce spills on the end of the line with Mr. Kavarian agreeing it would be a good time for a workshop as he has staff currently working on irrigation standards. The Board President asked for comments from the public with Customer Milt Treiwieler asking a question on whether customer-owned pumps were included in the figure presented today to which Mr. Kavarian responded.
RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 48

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR THE INCLUSION OF LAND INTO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 15610, KNOWN AS WOLFE PIPELINE, AND FOR THE LEVYING OF AN ASSESSMENT ON THE INCLUDED LAND

WHEREAS, a petition for the inclusion of additional land into Improvement District No. 15610, 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.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a public hearing on said petition shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 15, 2020, 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 Fernandes, seconded by Director Alamo, 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 49

RESOLUTION ADOPTING FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

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 Turlock Irrigation District provides the Turlock Irrigation District Deferred Compensation Plan to employees; and

WHEREAS, said deferred compensation plan was adopted in 1979, and as most recently amended and restated effective January 1, 2019 (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, said deferred compensation plan is 100% funded by the employee; and
WHEREAS, it is hereby amended pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Plan to modify Section 4.4 of the Plan, “Forms of Distribution,” adding Section 4.4 (c) language to allow partial distributions in amounts elected by the Participant. This amendment shall be retroactive and effective as of January 1, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District that the Turlock Irrigation District Deferred Compensation Plan, which has been amended to allow partial distributions in amounts elected by the participant as a form of distribution is hereby approved.

Moved by Director Frantz, 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.

MOTION CANCELING THE TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Moved by Director Fernandes, seconded by Director Frantz, that the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Turlock Irrigation District scheduled for November 10, 2020, be canceled.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 50

RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT Warrants FROM NOVEMBER 4 THROUGH NOVEMBER 10, 2020

WHEREAS, because the Board of Directors will not hold its regular meeting on November 10, 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 November 4 through November 10, 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 November 17, 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 Macedo, seconded by Director Alamo, 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.

**SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT UPDATE**

Director of Water Resources & Regulatory Affairs Michael Cooke presented an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Goals of the Act included formation of local ground water sustainability agencies (GSA) with the creation of a Ground Water Sustainability Plans (GSP), which will provide the pathway on reaching sustainability by 2042, avoiding undesirable results and sustainable yield. In the Turlock area, two groundwater agencies were created, the West and East Turlock GSAs, with the concept of developing one groundwater sustainability plan with a projected adoption date sometime in late 2021. The GSA will establish the minimum threshold at each representative monitoring well, a Measurable Objective and Interim Milestones. The minimum threshold is the quantifiable metric that, when exceeded, may cause an undesirable result. The GSA must also determine a quantifiable goal in the plan that is the Measurable Objective (MO). The MO is where the GSA would like to be at the end of the implementation phase. The implementation phase will be the 20-years after the plan is adopted and submitted to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), so the GSA needs to provide a reasonable path to achieving the MO through Interim Milestones. These are benchmarks that the GSA defines that hopes to achieve through implementation of the plan. Every five years, the GSP must be reviewed by the GSA and DWR. These milestones might change as things progress and data gaps are filled. After the 20-year point, groundwater management will continue but will need to adhere to these values past 2042. Next steps include a projected water budget (mid-November), Sustainable Management Criteria (currently underway), projects and programs (beginning stages), monthly virtual TAC meetings, and chapters available for public review and comments (spring/summer of 2021). Customer Milt Treiwieler asked questions regarding the monitoring timeline and expressed concern over the amount of water being pumped by irrigation customers causing a negative impact to groundwater levels. Mr. Cooke responded stating some years there will be surplus water but noted the goal is not to allow pumping indefinitely but to encourage a decline while researching additional sources of supply. The Board President asked for further comments from the public, and there were none.
GENERAL MANAGER’S UPDATE

General Manager Michelle Reimers reported the District will be sending out letters mid-November to customers who have remained in delinquent status through the non-collection period caused by the pandemic shut-down. Additional employees have been allowed back on flex schedules in various departments while continuing the use of masks and social distancing throughout the District. Director Santos encouraged diligence in testing employees as more schools are opening and case numbers could be increasing due to get-togethers through the holidays. Ms. Reimers stated the District will continue to follow CDC guidelines by having employees who may have been exposed to remain at home and will continue to move forward with caution on the re-entry process.

CFO/AGM Financial Services Brian Stubbert provided a brief summary on overall customer past due amounts during the non-disconnect period implemented during the pandemic. The delinquent total is approximately $2 million.

Customer Service Department Manager Nancy Folly provided an update on the successful launch of the C2M Project which went live on November 2. She also reviewed the proposed timeline for delinquent letters and billing statements going out to customers carrying a past due amount, as well as phone calls being made by Customer Service staff to offer assistance or providing referral to agencies that may provide monetary assistance. Director Frantz asked if she felt confident in the new billing system or anticipated any issues to which she responded there have been no issues and once all holiday/weekend dates were inputted into the new system she noted there would be no disconnects until after the first of the year.

BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Director Alamo reported on a virtual West Turlock Subbasin GSA meeting on Thursday, November 5.

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. The President declared the motion carried.

Tami Wallenburg
Executive Secretary to the Board of Directors